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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. This week we had the last of our tennis lessons this year. It has been great to see the progress the children have made in the 6 weeks. Sadly the year 3 striking and fielding event had to be cancelled due to storm warnings. We hope to run an in-house event with the sports coaches who were running the event so that the children don't miss out.

We had some very exciting news from our 'Young Engineers' entries. The following children were shortlisted for the winning entry:

Maida
Hubert
Bella
Tamsin
Noah
Jude



We also had 5 children who were highly commended :

Tomas
Bodie
Henry
Henry
Vivi

Congratulations to everyone who took part. This was the first time the competition was opened up to the whole school and it is wonderful to see the success across all year groups.



Year 1 and 2 visit from an artist

Today, Fran Quinlan came to complete her first workshop with us. Today Voyagers were creating representations of the Great Fire using card sculpture and collage. They had a great time and produced some impressive artwork.



Sports Day

I have attached a letter explaining in greater detail the format for sports day. As usual we will be on the sports pitches by the village hall. There is also a letter for Y4 parents about the 'slow bicycle race' - relevant sign-up forms will be sent separately via parentmail.

Summer Reading Challenge

The summer reading challenge flyer from the library service has been sent to schools. The online launch is on Thursday 3rd July and we would encourage as many children as possible to take part in this event. The theme this year is 'Story Garden'-Adventures in nature and the great outdoors'.



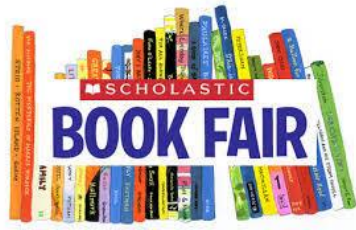
Father's Day

Next Thursday and Friday the P&F will be selling Father's Day gifts for your child to purchase in school. The cost is £3.00 per item.

Thank you to those parents who have signed up to help at the summer fair - we could do with a couple more helpers on the evening if you could spare half an hour or so to help man a stall.



A final reminder about the Year 3 and Year 4 Athletics Festival at St Michaels' Middle School on **Monday 16th June**. Parents need to register their own child and bring them as an individual to the event. Whoever brings the child is expected to stay on the school site and be on hand if needed. This was a very successful event last year for our children and no experience is necessary. Please scan the QR code to register.



We have booked a scholastic fair for 18th – 23rd June. There will be a wide selection of books available at competitive prices. Purchases allow the school to earn free books for our classrooms. The book fair will be open after sports day.



Open farm weekend

Rawston Farm is hosting an Open Farm on Sunday, June 8th, from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM. This annual event is a free opportunity to explore a working family farm, learn about local farming, and connect with the food production process. Visitors can expect to see cows being milked, meet farm animals, experience tractor and trailer rides, and visit a Love Local Trust Local Farmers Market.

A snapshot of learning for this week:

In Explorers we have been learning about honey, identifying where honey comes from and how it's made. We have used different senses to explore honey.



In Adventurers we have been thinking about Summer and why we have seasons. We have used a globe to help us understand the earth tilting to give us longer and shorter days and made our own season spinner and what months of the year fall in each season. We have also spoken about the weather in summer and what we need to do to keep ourselves safe in hot weather. In our maths learning we have been practising writing the digits 0-9 and counting beyond 20.



In Voyagers we have been continuing their work on materials, focusing on what properties they have and what makes them good for certain jobs. We also had a guest who helped them create some masterpieces using different paper skills. Their work was inspired by The Great Fire of London and creating a burning cityscape.

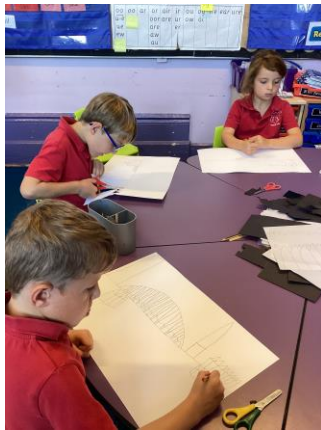
In Navigators we have been practicing our reading comprehension skills by retrieving information from the text, making inferences and exploring the vocabulary. We have also begun reading our new Favourite 5 book 'Leon and the Place Between'. We have been discussing our business plan ideas for the Entrepreneur Project and have also been learning how to programme a screen turtle with accurate commands using Logo.

A snapshot of learning for next week:

Explorers will be focussing their learning on hay!

Adventurers will be preparing to take part in a mini Olympics event with the other schools in the academy trust and continuing to practise for sports day, so our theme for the week is ready, steady, go...!

Voyagers will be reading Samuel Pepys' diary and seeing what we can learn, directly from the source, about the Great Fire. We will then be having a look at the role King Charles II played in the Great Fire. While continuing to prepare for our sports day events in the coming weeks.



Navigators will be writing a detailed setting description including powerful adjectives, similes, metaphors and prepositions linked to 'Leon and the Place Between'. We will also be writing our business plans as well as continuing with learning the Christian ideas about 'mission' and how its shown in how people of the Christian faith live their life.

Upcoming Dates (new dates added)

[Please note that dates for the year ahead are on the school website including Christmas performance/ sports day and the calendar will be updated regularly as new activities/events become available to us]

Tuesday 10 th June	Julia's House Assembly Launch of teddy bear appeal
Thursday 12 th Friday 13 th June	Father's Day Sale (gifts priced at £3)
Thursday 12 th June	Reception class mini Olympics
	New intake link group 1:30pm
Thursday 19 th June	New intake link group 1:30pm
Friday 20 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 26 th June	Y3 and 4 Entrepreneur Event
Friday 27 th June	Transfer Day
Wednesday 2 nd July	Larmer Tree Project (visiting musicians)
Thursday 3 rd July	Y3 and 4 visit to Paultons Park
Monday 7 th July	HAT music experience for KS2 (visiting musicians from Royal College of Music) hosted at Sixpenny
Thursday 10 th July	Y4 swimming gala (8 chn Y3/4)
Friday 11 th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 15 th July	Y3 and Y4 Larmer Tree Festival
Thursday 17 th July	Explorers Leavers' Party (3:30pm - 4:30pm)
Friday 18 th July	Forest Adventures on the Rushmore Estate (Reception to Year 4)
Tuesday 22 nd July	Leavers' Assembly 9:15am
	Leavers' party 3pm -5:30pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Final day of school. School finishes at 1:45pm. Year 4 will exit last at the end of the day onto the playground so we can applaud them as they leave us for the next stage of their learning. Nursery will remain open for those parents who need it till 3pm. There is no wraparound provision on the final day.

We hope you have a very enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd June.

Kind regards,



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