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TERM 5 - 29th April 2022

Dear All.

Welcome to the start of term 5. I do hope you all had a relaxed and restful break over the Easter holidays.

Things are always busy at school, and we are straight into it with new learning themes for each class. Overviews of what the children will be learning about will be sent out next week.

This time of year also means SATs assessments for our Year 6 and Year 2 children. These are statutory assessments in English and maths. The children are ready for these and we are doing everything we can in school to reassure them and prepare them for these assessments. It is important when supporting these children that it is a positive and calm environment, which is something that will help them at home as well as in school. If your child is worried, please come and talk to us – there are lots of things we can suggest to them.

As always, if there is anything you need us for please call us on 01278 684151 or drop us a line at info@ppsa.theplt.org.uk

Emma Barker

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

We are so excited to share with you all that the school raised a fantastic £1632.06! A percentage of the money will be used to help GB Athletes inspire the next generation of athletes. The remainder of the money will be gifted to the school to use on sporting and education tools.

The wrist bands and posters (depending on how much money each child raised) are in the post and each child will receive their gift when they have arrived.

PRELOVED SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you have any old school uniform bagged up in the wardrobe or taking up room in your chest of drawers, we would love to take it off your hands! We want to help cut the expense of school uniform by providing you with good quality, second hand uniform. This can include school jumpers, cardigans, skirts, trousers, summer dresses, tights, coats, shoes...

At the end of term 5 and term 6 we will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale where you can pay whatever you can afford for items of uniform and all money raised will go towards The Priory Learning Trusts charity of the year, Brain Tumour Research.

PTFA

Would you like to help the PTFA raise money for the school that will help fund trips and new educational tools? Perhaps you would just like to meet some other parents/carers at the school?

The PTFA are looking for new members to join them. Their next meeting is **Thursday 5**th **May at 2pm** in the school hall. Please pop in to the school office if you would like to find out more or have any questions.

STEMWORKS

On Wednesday, Kestrel and Buzzard class took part in a National Grid workshop with STEMworks. Kestrel class investigated where energy comes from and how we can use sun light to produce energy. Buzzard class explored electricity and designed and produced their own electronic buzz wire game. All of the children were really invested in their learning and got really involved with the activities – Great work everyone!

SPORTS SLAM

The school is really grateful to Sports Direct for sending us a BIG box full of brand new active equipment as part of their Sports Slam scheme. From tennis rackets to track and field, we cant wait to dive in and do some more lunchtime sports with our brand new equipment!!



QUEENS JUBILEE

The Pawlett Pavilion have kindly asked the children of the school to help them plant a tree for the Queens Jubilee. This is a great opportunity for the school to get involved with the local community and to celebrate the Jubilee with the community.

We are also going to have a school community celebration day for the Queens Jubilee on **Thursday 26th May** where families will be invited into the school for a picnic on the field and to take part in a Jubilee themed sports day (weather dependent). More information will be released soon.

HOT CHOC FRIDAY AND LEARNING CHAMPIONS

A huge well done to our first Hot Chocolate Friday of Term 5 – Lola-Grace L, Jack S and Leo P.

Learning Champions this week are Darcie C, Ava H and Bethany P. Your hard work and dedication really does pay off. Keep being YOU!

TERM DATES

Term 5: Monday 25th April 2022 to Friday 27th May 2022

Term 6: Monday 6th June 2022 to Wednesday 20th July 2022

(Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd July are INSET days)

IMPORTANT DATES

2nd May – Bank Holiday Monday **School** closed

 $16^{th} - 20^{th}$ May – Walk to school and eating healthy week

26th May – School community Queens Jubilee celebration day

29th June – 1st July – Year 6 residential trip 12th July – Carymoor whole school trip

SAFEGUARDING

Emma Barker and Sally Jeffries are our Safeguarding Leads. If you have any concerns

or worries, please feel free to grab them on the school gate or pop into the office to arrange an appointment.

National Online Safety have put together some really useful guidance and advice - please read and heed!

Group chats are an easy way to stay in touch with friends and family – but how safe are they for children and young people? Our #WakeUpWednesday guide looks at the #OnlineSafety risks.

www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/groupchats

SATS

Year 6 SATs is for a week – starting Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th May. We will be offering a 'prep breakfast' for all Year 6s from 8am every day (apart from Friday when it will be a celebratory breakfast from 9!)

Year 2 will be taking their SATs throughout the month of May.

If there is anything about SATs that you would like to talk to us about, please get in touch.

2022-2023 TERM DATES

The new term dates for the next academic year were emailed out to all parents this week. If you would like them printed out please pop into the school office where we will be happy to help.

ECO COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

Term 5 presents lots of opportunities for our Eco Committee to get to work in getting the school, and all of the staff and pupils, to think and behave in a more sustainable, eco friendly way. From better weather conditions for doing more learning outside in our superb forest school and gardening area to our "walking to school and eating healthy week", we really hope that this term will be a successful one for the Eco Committee.

GARDENING CLUB

Every Thursday lunch time our gardening club meets up by the learning lodge with Mrs Moffatt and Mrs Hills. This week they have been planting their sunflowers, pea plants and pumpkin plants that they grew from seeds last term. Don't they look great!?





WALKING TO SCHOOL AND EATING HEALTHY WEEK

Monday 16th till Friday 20th is our Eco Committee led "Walk to school and eat healthy week". We would love it if we could get as many people as possible to walk to school. If you don't live in the village and don't have any other option but to drive, perhaps you could park somewhere in the village so that you still have to walk through the village to get to school? Even better, could you arrange to car share with someone to the village and then walk? This is to raise awareness of rising CO2 emissions levels due to the amount of vehicles on the road. It also to promote healthier lifestyles by getting in daily exercise and fresh air. We will also be promoting and exploring healthy eating that week to improve our physical and mental health.

CARYMOOR ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

Next week you will receive a letter regarding a school trip to Carymoor in Term 6. This trip will be lots of fun as we round up the school year but also incredibly educational for our pupils as they spend the day learning about landfill sites and the natural world. Landfill sites don't need to be all about rubbish and waste and this is exactly what Carymoor is all about as they create a haven for wildlife to thrive.

PLANT BASED RECIPES

Super Simple Muesli

- 1. Fill a large jar halfway with raw rolled oats.
- 2. Add ¼ to ½ cup of additional toppings
- 3. Mix to combine by rolling the jar in your hands.
- 4. When serving, top with plant milk, bananas, and berries for sweetness.



Cinnamon
Sunflower Seeds
Pumpkin Seeds
Puffed Amaranth
Flaked Wheat
Oats

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Why not give making your own muesli a go? Add lots of fresh fruits on top to make sure you are getting your 5-a-day!

