



April 2017 - Newsletter



The Easter holidays are behind us and we are already one fifth of our way through term 5. These two summer terms are always busy so please make a note of any relevant dates (see page 2) and keep an eye on your emails!

The drier - if not warmer - weather has allowed us to spend our playtimes on the field and it is lovely to watch the children enjoying more space and freedom. We are all looking forward to doing more of our learning outside and to using the field for PE. When the sun does decide to return, please apply the sun cream and make sure your child has a sun hat - named please! Please be aware that staff cannot apply sun cream to the children.

You may have noticed that Mrs Harnden has not been around this week. She needs to take a little bit of time away from school for personal reasons but hopes to be back with us very soon. The dedicated Holt team will take good care of the school in her absence and I will be increasing my hours to accommodate an increased leadership role.

Mrs Jo Hodge
Deputy Headteacher

SPORTING NEWS

As you will have seen in the Week Ahead, last term was a busy one for our school teams. At the start of the term Willow class represented the school at the West Wilts dance festival in Bath - a distant, brilliant memory but it was last term! Our hockey team won the West Wilts tournament and went onto compete in the Wiltshire finals, finishing a fantastic 4th in the county. The Y6 tag rugby team played in two tournaments, performing brilliantly in both while the Holt swim team won the Trowbridge small school swimming gala at the end of March. Plenty of sporting events coming up in term 5 and look out for pictures of the children wearing our new team kit.

PARKING

There have been an increasing number of parents parking on school grounds in order to drop-off/pick-up their children for school and pre-school. This causes many problems for staff trying to get to and from school and is a risk to pedestrians on site. Parents are politely reminded not to use the school car park and not to stop outside the school gates.

NIT ALERT

Please be vigilant and treat head lice immediately. There have been quite a few cases around recently. <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

MEDICAL NEEDS

We are currently reviewing our register of children with medical needs - this includes allergies and asthma. If your child has medical needs, please ask Mrs King for a medical form to complete so we can ensure our records are fully up to date. Please could parents/carers also ensure that any medication held at school, eg inhalers, are in date and current.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SUMMER TERMS

3 rd May	Mrs Rhodes to speak to St Laurence children in Y6
5 th May	Michelle Donelan MP visit Ash Class cake sale
Wk. Beg. 8 th May	Year 6 SATs
15 th May	Little Oaks Magic Maths visitor
26 th May	School closed to children - TD day
29 th May - 2 nd June	Half term holiday
5 th June	School closed to children - TD day
7 th June	Little Oaks begin forest schools sessions
9 th June	Elm Class cake sale
17 th June	Summer Fayre
19 th June	Little Oaks trip to Westonbirt
28 th June	Sports Day and family picnic
30 th June	Willow class cake sale
14 th July	School disco
21 st July	Last day of term 6 Leavers Assembly

NB Children in Y5 and Y6 will be involved in taster days and transition days at local secondary schools over the summer terms. Not all of these dates are confirmed but we will inform you as soon as they are.