Kilve Court Residential

Year 4 have been away at Kilve Court this week and will arrive back to school this afternoon. The children have had an amazing time practising our archery skills and navigating the Fantasy Trail, blindfolded! We have shown off and built on our fabulous teamwork skills solving problems and challenges. Some of us also built shelters in the forest, whilst others had their turn down on Kilve beach fossil hunting.

The staff here have been great and worked brilliantly with the children to encourage them to push themselves to achieve as much as they can. We are really proud of all the children’s willingness to have a go and ability to push themselves to achieve their goals.

To see more of what the children have been up to, please visit our website.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival Celebration will be held at 9:15am on Friday 4th October, in the school hall to which all parents/carers are invited. We would be grateful for any contributions of produce, especially non-perishable foods e.g. tins, pasta etc. The Rev Vincent Carrington does a lot of work through his church in the town with the homeless, elderly and families who are struggling. Donations we make will support these causes. We ask that they be brought to the school office on the Friday morning, where the Friends of Parkfield volunteers will display the produce.

Parent/Carer Meetings

Parent/Carer consultation meetings are on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October.

To enable children to make the greatest progress, it is important that school and home work in partnership, and that we keep you informed of your child’s progress. The parent/carer consultation meetings, therefore, fit into a cycle of verbal and written progress reports:

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The online booking system for our first parent/carer consultation meetings will be open on School Money soon. We will send out a message with a link to follow to book your appointment. If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to the school office. As always, if you have concerns you wish to discuss in between these times, you can contact the office to make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher.

Reading Update

We are focussing on reading this year and have lots of exciting things to tell you.

As part of our continued effort to motivate and engage children to read for pleasure and information, we have a monthly reading gazebo being delivered which is linked to our school

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curriculum; so far the children have thoroughly enjoyed exploring the books!

There will also be an opportunity throughout the year for enthusiastic readers to take part in a weekly book club, where children can enjoy reading for pleasure and to discuss books they’re reading.

Clive Pig, an author and story teller, will be visiting school throughout the year to run story telling and writing workshops with all year groups linked to their curriculum.

We have two book fairs scheduled for November and March- which will tie in nicely with World Book Day! More information will be sent nearer the time.

The Year 5 librarians have been busy sorting the fiction books in the main library to replenish books in the classrooms. The school library will now be a reference book library and all fiction books will be based in classrooms for children to enjoy, in addition to books from our Gold Resources for Learning subscription. We are also going to extend our book band scheme beyond ‘Lime’ and these books will replenish and be in addition to the books in Year 3 and 4. This is to ensure children are on the correct stage book so that the word level is providing enough challenge, but that they are reading age appropriate content.

Finally, we fully appreciate your commitment to supporting reading at home and understand that this can be a challenge for some households due to other commitments. We have decided to focus on celebrating reading within school by doing a half termly ‘Reading Role Model’ certificate and book token prize for one nominated child per class. The rationale behind this is that all children will have the opportunity to be able to demonstrate the qualities of being a fantastic reading role model and gain a certificate and book token, rather than it being based around how many times they have read at home per week- as for some children this can put them at a huge disadvantage. That said, we still fully support and encourage every child to read at home as much as possible!

We will keep you updated on further developments, so watch this space!

Supporting the Conquest Centre - A charity that welcomes the community, embraces the family and engages with nature.

As part of our on-going efforts to support charities in the local community we will be collecting empty crisp packets at lunchtime which we will deliver to the Conquest Centre to support their fundraising efforts. This also supports our Eco School initiative.

Pupil Data Collection Forms

All data collection forms have now been sent out. Once you have read through the form and amended please sign to say the information is correct and return to the school office as soon as possible.

It is important that the information we hold on our School Information Management System (SIMS) is kept up to date to enable us to contact you at all times. In addition, under the terms of the Data Protection Act 2018, the school must ensure that the information held about our pupils is accurate and up to date.

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To ensure that this is the case, please check the information that we currently hold about your child. Please check that the information is correct and amend, add or delete details as necessary, paying particular notice to mobile numbers and email addresses to ensure that these are correct. In the event of an emergency we will text or email you and incorrect information could result in a delay.

You will find our Privacy Notice for 2019-2020 on our school website.

Please can Data Collection forms be returned to the school office by Monday 30th September

Year 5 Wessex Water Trip
Last Thursday, the children of year 5 went to visit the Wessex Water learning centre at Ashford. They had a lovely day experiencing water and rivers to support their geography topic for this term and enjoyed discovering how water is cleaned for the residents of Somerset. They were also thrilled to see both real life herons and swans living on the reservoir harmoniously!

Walking home after school
If you are happy for your child to leave the school unaccompanied at the end of the school day or at the end of after school club sessions, please confirm this with the school office by email or letter. We would only recommend that children in year 5 and year 6 walk home but the decision is a parental one.

Love Musgrove
On Tuesday, three of our students were lucky enough to meet the Countess of Wessex and present her with a posy of flowers during her visit to Musgrove Park Hospital. Jacob Firth (Year 1), Carter Taylor (Year 3) and Rhys Appleton (Year 4) proudly represented our school after we were invited by ‘Love Musgrove’ as a thank you for raising money towards the £1,000,000 target for the purchase of a third MRI Scanner at the hospital. The MRI Scanner is now in place. As part of the Parkfield Civic Award, we helped to raise money towards this wonderful cause. It was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to meet Royalty and they were rewarded with a delicious lunch afterwards.

Parkfield Sport

Year 3 and 4 Football
A fantastic squad of players were selected to play in our first sports event of the year. We played four matches which resulted in two victories and two 0-0 draws. Well done and THANK YOU!! Squad: Frankie, Cameron, Jay, Monty, Dexter, George, Andre, Callum and Croyde.

Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby
Our newly assembled squad performed for the first time in three game at Bishop Fox’s School on a wet Wednesday afternoon. Our promising players earned two victories and a defeat (or draw, depending on who you ask!) and the signs are encouraging for further events. A GREAT effort!! Squad: Megan, Tristan, Zach, James D, Taleb, Eva, Alex C, Mali, Freddie, Louie B and Marcel.

Again, thank you to the pupils who took part as well as the supporting parents / carers.

**School Meals**

Please ensure you have logged on to School Money and ordered your child’s meals. If you miss a cut-off date, we cannot guarantee a hot meal for your child and a packed lunch will need to be supplied. If you have any problems accessing School Money, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

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**Tempest Photos**

Tempest photographers were in on Tuesday, all children brought home their photo order forms. You can order photos online with a range of products available. You can alternatively return the completed order form along with any money owing in to the school office by Friday 4th October.

**School Applications**

Information for parents and carers of children due to start school for the first time in September 2020

The application portal on the Somerset County Council Admissions website is now open and you can apply online via [https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/](https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/apply-to-start-school/) The closing date for applications is **15th January 2020**.

Information for parents and carers of children due to transfer to secondary school in September 2020

If your child is in Year 6, please note you must apply for a place in a secondary school by **31st October 2019**.

**E-mail & Texts**

So much of the correspondence with you will now be via e-mails & texts. Please ensure we have an up-to-date e-mail address and phone number and it is checked on a regular basis. If you require hard copies of any information which has been sent out, do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will be more than happy to provide you with one.

**Bikes and Scooters**

If your child comes to school on a bike or a scooter, please remind them to dismount at the school gates and walk them when they are on school site. As you can appreciate it is extremely busy at the beginning and end of the school day and this will help to ensure nobody will get hurt. Also, please wear helmets and be careful at all times when riding to and from school.

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Clive ‘Pig’
Clive Pig visited us this week and wowed the children with both a Christopher Columbus and Vikings story telling session for year 2 and 5. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed it!

Class News
Let’s see what Robin & Wren class have been up to this week!

The children have settled into school very well. They have been learning about themselves and their senses and they have enjoyed taking part in our smell and taste tests. The children have been reading The Gruffalo, learning about the setting and the characters in the story. They have also been learning about how to stay safe online.

Head Boy and Head Girl
Congratulations to Vihaan Parakala and Amelia Turner who are Parkfield’s Head Boy and Head Girl this year. We look forward to them representing the school in this very important role. Well done and Good luck!

School Council
Congratulations to all the pupils who have been chosen by their peers to be the representative on our School Council. Well done to you all.

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Aldi Vouchers
Can you help? We have the opportunity to receive free “Kit for Schools” from Aldi supermarket. As part of its promotion for TEAM GB’s participation at the 2020 TOKYO OLYMPICS each customer will receive one sports sticker for every £30 they spend. We have a chart with 300 spaces to fill with the stickers, and so any stickers that you can donate will result in free sports kit for our school as well as the chance to win £20,000 to create a health legacy at Parkfield for future generations. Who knows, perhaps even a future Olympian!
A collection box will be placed by the office reception area.
Thank you!

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