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The Big Pedal

Our school has registered for The Big Pedal Challenge 2019. The challenge will run from 25 March - 5 April.

On each day of the challenge schools across the country compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents cycling, walking and scooting to school. A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Pedal Trophy.

Last year, a staggering 1,179kg of nitrogen oxide was avoided as a result of the 10-day challenge. Almost 46 million calories were burned from participants cycling and scooting to school.

So whatever the weather, let's all help to combat climate change and keep fit and active at the same time!

If you live too far away to walk, scoot or cycle to school, we ask that you park in The White Hart car park at the opposite end of the village and this will count towards The Big Pedal.

If you have any questions please speak to Mr Brown.

Parent feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback at the recent feedback session with Governors. Where appropriate and possible, this feedback will be used to shape how we continue to move forward as a school.

Thank you to those who completed a questionnaire at parents evening. The results are attached to this newsletter.

Friends fundraising

Well done to all those (Sonya, Rachel, Anna, Pete, Ben, Paul, Mr Brown, Olly, Amy and Lou; and Heather for organising) who abseiled down a rather high cliff on a wet and windy Sunday morning earlier this month. Due to their bravery over £3000 was raised for the school outdoor area. Options for this are currently being considered and we hope to see something in place as soon as possible. Thank you also to everyone who was able to donate so generously.

Please note: all parents are invited to attend the Friends AGM this evening at 7.30pm upstairs at The Lamb pub.

Star learners

Last week's star learners were:

Kestrels – Victor

Falcons – Jasmine

Eagles – Evan

Golden Eagles – Tilly

Well done to all of our star learners for your hard work and perseverance.

Sporting events

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 children who recently played football against Hawkesbury. Iron Acton won 3-1.

Today our Year 6 children will play a netball match against Silverhill in Winterbourne. We will let you know how they get on for their first match as a team.

Mr Brown is currently working alongside the other PE leaders from the small schools to set up a football league after the secondary school who led this in the past stopped doing so.

Languages survey

As part of our learning and exploration about languages, Eagles Class will be conducting a survey about the languages spoken in the local area.

The survey will be live from the 25th March until the 23rd April 2019, and you can find it at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8GSCT2Q>, or pick up a copy from the school office. If completing a paper copy of the survey, please return to the school office. Any information you can share with us would be extremely useful!

Thank you, Miss Abley and Eagles Class

Boundary fence

We continually monitor security and safety at our school. Any improvements or changes must be considered within the constraints of our location in a conservation area and whilst trying to keep the school looking like a friendly and welcoming place for people to come.

Several weeks ago, a meeting was held with the Local Authority to look at improving and upgrading some of the fencing around the school field area. We hope to see some changes taking place this year and will keep you updated on any progress.

SATs information sessions

The following parent information sessions will take place in the hall:

Key Stage 1 (Year 2) – 4th April, 2.45pm

Key Stage 2 (Year 6) – 30th April, 2.45pm

If your child is in these year groups please come along to find out more about end of key stage SATs.

Easter service

Reminder: our Easter service will take place at St James the Less Church in Iron Acton on Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm. All children will be taking part in some way and Falcons Class will be sharing the Easter story. Please do come along and support us.

Comic relief

Last week's non-uniform day and nose painting raised £112 for comic relief. Thank you for your support.

New classroom!

You may have heard that the council have recently agreed to spend money on providing us with a new classroom. This will enable us to provide the best we possibly can to the children at this school.

The aim is to have a temporary solution in place by the summer holidays with a view to a more permanent solution being in place during the next academic year.

This should enable us to structure the school more appropriately ready for September.

SIMS pay

From the beginning of Term 5, we will be asking parents to complete all permission slips for clubs and trips using the online SIMS pay system. To help make our systems more efficient, we would also encourage any payments to be made using this method, however, you will still be able to pay by cash if necessary. Please contact the office if you require any further details.

Parent questionnaire 2019

