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Covid guidance

Despite recent changes related to the Government's road map out of lockdown, the guidance provided to schools remains much the same. We will therefore be keeping all current measures in place over the next few weeks. This includes the one way systems, the use of bubbles in each class and the use of face coverings for adults at the beginning and end of the school day. **We do ask that each child is picked up by just one adult – we must keep the number of adults on the playground to a minimum at this stage.**

One change that has been made concerns school visits. We are pleased to now be allowed to continue with our Year 6 residential, which takes place in June. Classes will also be allowed to go on school trips from 17th May. Covid measures will form an important part of the risk assessment for each trip and they will only take place if we feel it is safe to do so.

Easter events

We'd like to say a huge thank you to Friends for organising the egg rolling activity before the Easter holidays. Every class seemed to thoroughly enjoy this fun event. We appreciate the time and effort spent organising this, as well as the gift given to each child.

We also had the opportunity to visit St James' Church on the final day of term to remember and celebrate Easter. A number of children shared parts of the Easter story and Father Malcolm shared with us an important message. Some children in Falcons Class also helped to put the Easter garden together, which was then shared during the Good Friday service for people in the wider community.

Collective worship (assembly)

This term we will be focusing on the value of Friendship. This includes a lot of work on the qualities of a good friend and how children can resolve conflict, when it does occur. We ask that you reinforce this message of kindness at home with your children and talk to them about how they can be a good friend to others.

Each Friday, during our celebration service, we will be meeting outside on the school field. This will give us the opportunity to bring the whole school together once each week in a safe way.



Parking

Now that the pub has reopened, we are reminding all families that parking will be much more limited. Please do walk to school if you can. If you live too far away, you are encouraged to park slightly further away and walk from there. The owners of The Lamb have asked that their car park is only used if absolutely necessary, so as not to take up space that might otherwise be used by their customers.

We also ask that you do not park or pull up across the front of the pub next to the planters. This will ensure that those crossing the road can do so safely.

Please note: we will be continuing with walk to school Wednesdays so please do use this opportunity to park at the Parish Hall and take a 5 minute walk in each Wednesday morning.

Staffing update

After 30 years of service to the school, our caretaker and cleaner – Pat Taylor – has now retired. Pat began her role in 1991 and has worked tirelessly to keep the school clean and well cared for over such a large number of years. Her dedication and commitment has been exceptional and we are incredibly grateful to her for consistently going above and beyond in the interests of the school. She will be very much missed by the team and we wish her all the best for her retirement.

The Pinnacle Schools Federation (Iron Acton & Hawkesbury) runs to the Olympics!

This year the Olympics is being held in Tokyo, Japan. That's approximately 5985 miles from the UK. There are roughly 55 days left at school this year, meaning our Federation would need to run 108 miles a day from Monday 26th April, until we finish for the summer.

There are 54 children in KS2 at Hawkesbury and 53 at Iron Acton, meaning if all children run, walk, skip, hop a mile a day starting Monday, WE CAN REACH TOKYO!

Therefore, from Monday we will be asking all children in Buzzards & Golden Eagles (Iron Acton), Buzzards & Hawks (Hawkesbury) to take part in the Daily Mile for 10 minutes every day during school time. The children will count their laps of the field and teachers will total them. We will update you on our journey...

Tae Kwon Do for all

Each Friday afternoon over the next few weeks, our resident martial arts expert – Karen Parker – will deliver sessions to each class as part of the PE curriculum. Each year group will receive 2 sessions over the course of the term starting with Falcons class this week.



Dates for your diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Year 6 residential visit information session	27.04.21 5.00pm	A Teams link has been sent directly to parents of children in Year 6.
May Bank Holiday	03.05.21	School will be closed to children.
INSET day	21.05.21	School will be closed to children.
World Book Day	26.05.21	Children will be invited to dress up this year.
Books at bedtime event	26.05.21 4.00pm	Children will be invited back into school to share some stories with their class wearing their pyjamas if they choose.
Last day of Term 5	28.05.21 3.15pm	
First day of Term 6	07.06.21 8.55am	
Year 6 residential	14.06.21 – 16.06.21	
INSET day	21.06.21	School will be closed to children.
Health week	22.06.21 – 25.06.21	
Class photos	28.06.21	
Sports day	02.07.21, pm	This date has changed once again to ensure our Year 6 children can attend.
Golden Eagles performance	07.07.21 1.30pm	A decision will be made nearer the time about how this will be shared with families; we hope to have a small audience in the Parish Hall.
Angel Heart Theatre visit (in the Parish Hall)	12.07.21	All children will be invited to watch this performance during the school day.
Year 6 leavers' service	16.07.21 2.00pm	
Last day of Term 6	21.07.21 3.15pm	

Please note: these dates may be changed or cancelled if necessary. We will try to provide as much notice as possible if this is the case.

