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Remaining dates and events for the rest of the term

Art day

We will be holding an art day on **Monday 23rd May**. The theme is 'Our big beautiful blue planet'. The children will engage in a range of art opportunities throughout the day to help them develop their art skills further and to give them the chance to provide some high quality art.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on **Friday 27th May**. Children will work in their house groups (mixed with children from across the school) to take part in activities related to the Queen's reign. Integra Catering have adapted the lunch menu to help us celebrate. We would like to invite families into school for an assembly at **2.30pm on Friday 27th May** to hear more about the children's learning from the day.

Please note: this is also the last day of Term 5. We return to school on **Monday 6th June**.

Staffing news

Interviews were held for a new teacher to join Ms Bagnall in Golden Eagles from September 2022. We had a strong field of candidates and put them through their paces with a range of activities to show their skills as a teacher. Mrs Kelly Stanley was appointed to join the team for 3 days per week. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Stanley to meet the children over the coming weeks.

Here is a message to introduce Mrs Stanley:

I am so excited to be joining the lovely Iron Acton family in September. This will be my 20th year of teaching and I cannot wait to work with the fabulous year 5 and 6s in Golden Eagles Class.

I am married and have 2 sons. One is at secondary school and one is about to begin his year 6 experience. I enjoy long walks with my 2 golden retrievers, reading, running, and having coffee with friends.

I am passionate about promoting a love of reading and cannot wait to share fabulous books with the class. Maths is my absolute favourite subject to teach and I love making maths engaging and fun.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming months.

Kelly Stanley



Active travel

Thank you to all who have been able to get involved in Walk to School week. We encourage you to continue if you can! Children who participated in the initiative have received prizes today.

We are also pleased to have seen a huge increase in the number of children scooting and cycling to school as part of our Golden Lock initiative. The number of children scooting increased from 2 at the lowest to 17 at the peak. The number of children cycling increased from 1 at the lowest to 7 at the peak.

Whilst the Golden Lock has now ended, we encourage you to continue to walk, cycle or scoot to school when you can. It makes such a difference to your child's health and gives them a hugely positive start to the school day.

Lunch staffing arrangements

We are pleased to inform you that Lilly Parker has been appointed as our new kitchen manager. Lilly has been working at the school for several weeks since Mrs Wilding's departure; prior to this she was part of the catering team at Brimsham Green Secondary School. The kitchen assistant role has recently been advertised and we hope to see this position filled on a permanent basis in the near future.

Please note: the catering service is provided by Integra Schools, which is part of South Gloucestershire Council. If you have any feedback on anything to do with the catering service, please do let a member of staff know and we will ensure this is passed on to the area manager.

Online pupil survey

Every few years, the Local Authority asks schools to carry out an online pupil survey with all children in Years 5 and 6. This year, an additional shorter version of the survey will be carried out with this group of children. The purpose of this specific survey is to gain children's thoughts and perspectives on their experiences in the context of the pandemic. Questions focus on areas such as healthy eating, sleep and internet use as well as how happy they are and what they would do if they didn't feel happy.

Mrs Detzler and Mrs Bagnall will be asking the class to complete the survey before the end of Term 5. If you have any questions, please do speak to a member of staff.

Music across the school

To support our music curriculum, we provide additional music lessons across the school each year. Earlier in the year, children in Golden Eagles learnt to play the cello and now Buzzards are learning to play a variety of brass instruments over the next 10 weeks. Children in Barn Owls and Falcons are currently being joined by a singing teacher each Friday, who is taking them through a singing programme called 'Let's Sing'.

We are hoping to provide a short music concert during Term 6 in which those in Buzzards Class can share what they have learnt. We also plan to invite other children who are learning an instrument to perform. More details to follow.

Our next local area orchestra takes place on Tuesday 24th May. Those who are a part of this series will travel by minibus to Old Sodbury School with Miss Fareham for the morning. Please bring instruments along.

Children and Young People Mental Health Awareness – Parents and Carers Session

The Local Authority has organised two parent information sessions about Children's Mental Health. Please click below to access information and to book.

Friday 17 June (10.00 – 11.30) - [View Details | South Gloucestershire CPD Online \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Tuesday 6 December (19.30-21.00) - [View Details | South Gloucestershire CPD Online \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Sports fixtures for Term 5

Mr Brown has arranged the following sporting opportunities which will take place next week:

1. Year 5/6 netball against Hawkesbury (at Hawkesbury)
2. Year 3/4 football against Hawkesbury (at Iron Acton)

Individual children have been invited to join the team. Please do let the school office know if they can participate.

INSET days 2022-2023

Our INSET days for the next academic year are as follows:

Monday 26th September

Friday 25th November

Tuesday 3rd January

Monday 6th March

Friday 30th June

Courage to care awards

The following children have been celebrated this week and last week:

Barn Owls – Iyla and Mylo for improvements with their handwriting

Falcons – Rory and Nathaniel for their positive 'can do' attitudes

Buzzards – Ruby for her perseverance with maths

Golden Eagles – All Year 6 celebrated their success last week completing SATs. This week we celebrated Evie and Lucy's willingness to help

House awards

Our house captains will also be selecting one child each week from their house (Diamond, Emerald, Amethyst and Sapphire) who has demonstrated our current school value. They will present them with a certificate during celebration collective worship each Friday.





Term 5 & 6 dates for the diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Art day	23.05.22	See above
Platinum Jubilee celebration including picnic lunch	27.05.22	See above
Last day of Term 5	27.05.22	
First day of Term 6	06.06.22	
Year 1 phonics screening checks begin	06.06.22	
Year 4 multiplication tables checks begin	06.06.22	
All age service at St James the Less in Iron Acton	12.06.22 10am	All families are invited to join.
Health week begins	13.06.22	
Sports day	17.06.22 1.15pm	All families are invited to join us on the field.
Key Stage 2 performance	29.06.22 5pm	This will take place in the Parish Hall.
INSET day	01.07.22	School closed to all children.
Year 5/6 residential	05.07.22 – 08.07.22	
All age service on the field at school	10.07.22 10am	All families are invited to join.
Year 6 Leavers' service	20.07.22 2pm	
Last day of Term 6	21.07.22	

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/news/>

