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Dates and events

Talent show

Our fantastic Year 6 children have been busy organising this year's talent show. The format will be slightly different this year – there will be a class based talent show on **Tuesday 29th March** from which a number of entries will go through the whole school talent show on **Wednesday 30th March**. This is a great opportunity for the children to develop the skill of performing in front of others and we hope as many children as possible will get involved.

Understanding faith day

On **Wednesday 6th April**, Father Malcolm and his team will lead a series of age-appropriate workshops for children across the school, focusing on the theme of Easter as part of our RE lessons.

Easter service

Our Easter service will take place on **Friday 8th April at 2pm** in the church in Iron Acton. Each class will be sharing something Easter themed and Mrs Lyall has been preparing the school to share a range of Easter songs. We are incredibly pleased to be able to accommodate two adults per family at the service, so please come along if you can. If Covid cases are too high nearer the time, we will hold the service on the school field instead.

Iron Acton May Day

It is with great pleasure that we are once again able to get involved in the annual May Day celebrations on the Iron Acton Green this year. Children in Buzzards and Golden Eagles have begun preparing their may pole dances with Ms Bagnall on a Wednesday afternoon. The younger children will be preparing a 'fish and chip' dance with Mrs Jones in preparation, too. Friends will be organising a tombola stall and will need offers of help to run the stall. On **Friday 29th April**, there will be a non-uniform day at which we ask for tombola prizes to be donated.

Additional adults in school

We currently have two teacher training students working alongside Mr Brown in Buzzards class. The students are called Miss Toy and Miss Saxby. We are also very pleased to have several volunteers, who have recently joined the team; Mrs Rona Wright has returned having been away for a while and both Mrs Jan Connor and Mrs Pauline Horne have recently joined us and are supporting with various activities, such as hearing readers.



Lent lunch

Thank you to everyone who was able to support last week's lent lunch which was organised by our amazing school council. Over £210 was raised for Save the Children, a charity supporting children affected by the war in Ukraine.

Health and safety practices

Each year, we are required to carry out a number of emergency evacuation and lockdown practices.

An emergency evacuation is to help the school prepare for an emergency, such as a fire. This involves all children and staff congregating on the playground when the fire alarm sounds whilst a register is taken and all accounted for. Evacuations are timed and logged then checked by governors and our health and safety provider; most evacuations take approximately 3 minutes to complete. Our next one will take place before the end of the term.

An emergency lockdown helps everyone know how to respond to a threat from outside the building, e.g. a bomb scare or an intruder. They are initiated by three short blasts on the fire alarm which signifies that all windows and doors must be locked and all children accounted for. We held a practice for this last week. We are always very careful to give children an age-appropriate explanation as to the purpose of these practices so as not to cause unnecessary alarm, but to ensure children understand the risks and are prepared as much as possible.

Parent questionnaire

Thank you to all for completing our annual parent questionnaire. The results are incredibly helpful in helping us to evaluate our strengths and any areas for improvement. We will now spend some time reviewing any patterns and trends as well as looking at the individual comments and responding as appropriate. In the meantime, a summary of results has been attached along with this newsletter. We have a highly committed team of staff at Iron Acton who care about your child's experience at the school and we ask that you speak to your child's class teacher if you ever have any issues or concerns – we are always ready and happy to respond. **If you ever feel a concern has not been responded to appropriately, please speak to Mr Riches or contact the school office.** Thank you for your support of our school.

Active Travel

Thank you to everyone who has been able to get involved in our Golden Lock initiative. Prior to starting, 3 children cycled to school and 4 children scooted to school on average each day. This week, the number of children cycling has increased to 6 and the number scooting has increased to 17 on average. We will continue to use the Golden Lock over the next few weeks to promote active travel.

Well done and thank you to Vinnie (Y6) and Alfie (Y5) for taking responsibility for organising this daily initiative.

Next active travel initiative

Walk to school week begins on **Monday 16th May**. We encourage as many families to walk, scoot or cycle to school as possible. The Parish Hall car park is a 5 minute walk away – families are welcome to walk from there. Alternatively, for a longer walk, you may decide to park at the White Hart pub – this is a 10 minute walk.

Please see the active travel page on our website for more information about ways to get involved in active travel <https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/school-info/travel-to-school/>



Milk

Nationally, all children under the age of 5 receive free milk from the Government. As soon as a child turns 5, parents will receive a letter from the milk service inviting them to pay for milk should they choose to. If you would like any further information, please contact <https://www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk/parents>

Courage to Care certificates

Since the last newsletter, the following children have received recognition for their learning through our Courage to Care certificates:

Barn Owls

Iyla – caring for her class mates; Evelyn – wonderful presentation, particularly with orientation of numbers

Falcons

Jasper – creating a super fact-file about an animal; Reeva – making excellent progress in writing

Buzzards

Lola – fantastic improvement in presentation; Caiden – asking excellent questions and supporting peers

Golden Eagles

Gracie-Mae & Sienna – working well to achieve great things on a computing project; Chloe – commitment to learning

Friends of Iron Acton Primary School Update

The next set of dates for Friends events are as follows:

Spring disco on 1st April, 6-8pm, Parish Hall (please see poster attached)

Algars Manor Open Garden (in Iron Acton), 24th April, Friends provide refreshments – we need as many people as possible to help

Summer disco on 15th July, 6-8pm, Parish Hall

Please let Katy Shackleford know if you have any questions and if you can help at the open gardens event. If you haven't already done so, you can join the Friends Facebook page to keep up to date with any Friends news.



... and finally, here is one of our class prayers from Falcons.

Falcons Class Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for our friends and family,

Thank you for the food we eat

Thank you for the water we drink

Thank you for our families who take care of us everyday

Thank you for all of the animals

Amen.



Mothering Sunday

COME & JOIN US
at a
MOTHERING SUNDAY
CELEBRATION
at
St James Church
Iron Acton
Sunday 27 March at 9.30



Term 4 & 5 dates for the diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Family service at St James' Church in Iron Acton	27.03.22 9.30am	All are welcome to come and join this Mothering Sunday service.
Talent show	30.03.22 pm	Children will have the opportunity to take part in a class event before going forward to the whole school event.
Spring disco	01.04.22 6pm	Takes place at the Parish Hall. Tickets are £3 per child.
Travelling Kitchen working with Buzzards Class	04.04.22 2:45pm	Parents of Buzzards Class invited to visit exhibition of Enquiry work from Term 4
Understanding faith day	06.04.22	Focus: How do Christians celebrate Easter?
Easter service	08.04.22 2pm	This will take place at the church. Two adults per family can attend.
Last day of Term 4	08.04.22	
Family service at St James' Church in Iron Acton	10.04.22 10am	All are welcome to come and join this Palm Sunday service.
Algars Manor Open Garden	24.04.22	Helpers needed for Friends refreshments.
First day of Term 5	25.04.22	
Non-uniform day	29.04.22	Please bring a tombola prize for the Friends stall at May Day on The Green.
May day	02.05.22	School is closed to all. Everyone invited to join in with May Day on The Green in Iron Acton.
Class photos	03.05.22	
Year 6 SATs week begins	09.05.22	
Walk to school week begins	16.05.22	
Platinum Jubilee celebration including picnic lunch	27.05.22	
Last day of Term 5	27.05.22	
First day of Term 6	06.06.22	

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

