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Staffing news

Last week, we shared the news that we had appointed Kellie Stanley to teach in Golden Eagles from September, as Mrs Detzler is retiring from teaching at the end of the year.

This week, we would like to let you know that we have appointed a new teacher to work in Buzzards Class (Y3/4) from September, as Mr Brown will be moving on from Iron Acton after 5 years. He will be heading off to Grove Primary School in North Somerset and we would like to wish him all the best. Our new teacher is Mr James Taverner; he will be coming in to meet the children later in Term 6.

Mr Brown will begin his paternity leave straight after half term. We will be welcoming Mrs Nandini Banerjee to Iron Acton to teach Buzzards Class for those two weeks.

Term 5 events and activities

Many different things have taken place at school this term and we wanted to remind you of some of our highlights.

Travelling Kitchen have visited Buzzards and Golden Eagles Classes for a day of feast preparation linked to their enquiries.

Buzzards Class started their whole class brass lessons with a teacher from the music hub.

Barn Owls and Falcons Classes took part in a 5-week programme of singing activities called 'Let's Sing'.

May Day on the Green was a fantastic opportunity for many children at our school to get involved in an important community event.

Children in Year 6 and Year 2 took part in their end of Key Stage SATs tests. They demonstrated excellent attitudes and did a fantastic job.

Walk to School week took place and many had an active start to the school day.

All children took part in an art day. The quality of art that was produced was fantastic. We hope to share some of this with families soon.

Children from Key Stage 2 took part in our local area orchestra, where they came together with a number of children to share their talents as musicians.

Falcons Class went on a trip to Bannerman Road Synagogue and Bristol Museum.

We celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee!

Thank you to all families for your support and getting involved in our events this term. Below you will find more information about what we have in store during Term 6.

Things to be aware of for Term 6

Phonics screening checks – week 1

Miss Patten will administer these phonics checks with all Year 1 children in the first week back. They should take between 10 and 20 minutes each. Results will be shared as part of end of year reports.

Multiplication tables checks – weeks 1-3

These are new tests carried out with Year 4 children. They will take place on a computer during the first three weeks of term.

Health week – 13th June

Mr Brown has organised a range of activities and events for health week. There will be sporting activities as well as sessions designed to help children understand the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Sports day – 17th June

All families are invited to join us on the school field from 1.15pm. You might like to bring a chair. We ask that adults stay on the opposite side of the track to children.

Arts and crafts activities for Iron Acton Horticultural Show – w/c 20th June

The children will spend time in the Marshall Rooms (community building next to the church) creating entries for the show, which takes place on 10th September.

Key Stage 2 performance – 29th June

All children in Buzzards and Golden Eagles will be participating in our annual performance in the Parish Hall.

INSET day – 1st July

School will be closed to children. The staff will be reviewing the effectiveness of our curriculum at the end of a two-year cycle.

Residential – 5th-8th July

Children in years 5 and 6 will be heading off to Morfa Bay in Pembrokeshire for 3 nights. This location is used every other year.

Moving up morning

This will take place towards the end of term. It provides an opportunity for children to get to meet their new teachers. In addition, teachers will spend time speaking to the children's previous teachers to find out as much as they can before they move up in September. We will confirm who is teaching each class from September in early June.

End of year reports

Teachers are currently busy writing an end of year report for each child. These will be shared before the end of the school year. There will be an opportunity to meet with the teacher to discuss the content of the report, should this be helpful. Any statutory test results will also be shared along with the report.

