

Thursday 3rd May 2018

**Please don't forget tomorrow is a non-pupil day for staff training.
We will see you back next Tuesday, 8th May. Have a lovely long bank holiday weekend.**

Dear all,

It's been lovely to have some sunshine this week, the children have had a great time outdoors and hopefully this will help the newly planted herbs in Class 3 and 4 start to grow!

Magdalen

Maple Class had a wonderful time on residential this week. They fed chickens, goats and pigs, they went down mudslides and they sang around a campfire, as well as lots of other games and activities. They had lots of fun and many thanks to Mr Edmunds, Miss Fisher and Mrs Kingston-Banks for making it possible.

Parent activity sessions

Thank you to all those who have attended the parent activity sessions in class. They have been run by Lorna from WaterShed and have been all about how we are hoping to start harvesting our rainwater and the ways in which the children are going to be involved. It sounds very exciting and I'm looking forward to seeing the next steps with the project.

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, from year 3 onward, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

Income Support (IS).

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBSJA).

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).

The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs that does not exceed £16,190).

Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply:

Apply through the Citizen Portal - you will find this link at the bottom of our school website. This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019 and they can process it.

PTA

This year, instead of the usual Summer Fair, the PTA are organising more of a Summer Festival which is on Friday July 6th, 3.30-6pm. It will involve lots of stalls and activities from the local community. There is a disco dome, football dart board, bungee run, balloon making, magician, pizza van, ice cream, face painting etc etc. It should be a fantastic event so please book it into your diaries now. The PTA would really like to have a couple of 'home grown' stalls. They are asking for donations of homemade items such as jam, chutney, pickle, marmalade and similar and donations of plants, seedlings etc. from your gardens. Please give any donations to a member of the PTA or leave them at the office.

Also, on the day of the sponsored bounce (Friday 15th June) we will be having a mufti day. Instead of sending in a £1 donation please send in a jar of sweets that can then go on a stall at the Summer Festival.

The new event sounds like it should be really fantastic with lots of new activities and stalls this year so your support is very much appreciated.

Next week:

Monday 7th May – Bank holiday

Wednesday 9th May – FSU parent activity session 2.30-3.15pm

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend

Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support

Mrs Taylor-Bashford

Headteacher's Awards: FSU – Chloe, Rowan – Alicia B, Cherry – Alfie, Summer, Nicole

Silver Award: FSU – Maria, Finlay M, Harry H