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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is proving to be another joyful term with our children constantly impressing us with their positive attitudes to learning, kindness to each other and thirst for knowledge. Swallows class in particular is delighting us with their enthusiasm for vocabulary. Tobias impressed us with his accurate use of the words 'raucous' and 'surreptitious' (apparently he is sometimes raucous at home!). Lucas meanwhile was 'flabbergasted' and the rest of us are going to find out what Charlotte's suggestion of 'mellifluous' means! (adj. of a sound 'pleasingly smooth and musical to hear').

Huge thanks go to everyone for supporting our Book Week so enthusiastically. It was wonderful to see children and parents at our Pyjama Party and our thanks go to the Friends of Horton for providing and serving all the cookies and hot chocolate for children and mince pies and wine for adults. It was widely acknowledged by parents how challenging the expectations are for reading in the curriculum now so feedback to Miss Casley was very positive in the information provided about what our children do and how to help at home. If you were unable to attend please see our website for a copy of the presentation.

Our school priority this year is to promote a love of reading and it is fabulous to see this in action both at home and at school. Whilst we know that

reading with your child is a responsibility for parents and carers, we enthusiastically promote reading at school. Our children enjoy class books that focus upon a different literary feature each term and get engrossed in guided reading texts that continue to stretch their vocabulary range.

Thank you so much for supporting the book fair, we raised £413 and the children were so excited about their new books. The £165 commission raised means we will be able to select new books for classes - thank you! Congratulations also go to the Eco Club who organised a very successful book swap. People kindly donated additional books so no child was left without a new book to take home.

Finally, we hope you enjoyed seeing the children's costumes reflecting their favourite book characters. Eden impressed us all with her Jasmine costume from Aladdin. She even had a flying magic carpet! Check out the photographs in the library of where we have been caught reading. There were some very interesting places including: on horseback whilst going over a low jump, upside down in various places, in a dog bed and in the bath. Miss Casley had the tricky job of judging what she thought was the winning photo and it was of Sam caught reading at the barbers whilst having his hair cut.



Book Recommendations. Our thanks this week go to Airlie who recommended the infants read, 'Cat in the Hat'; Olivia shared one of her favourite books, 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' and Amelia suggested 'Pig Heart Boy' for upper juniors to enjoy. Mr Thomas Powe, Foundation Governor, recommends 'To Kill a Mockingbird' for adults as it is one of his favourite books.



Zoe Drew from Yate Heritage Centre visited Robin's class on Monday to lead a craft session making traditional toys whilst learning about the Victorians. The children learnt a great deal about toys from that period and Zoe was incredibly impressed with how well behaved our children are:

'The children were such a credit to you. I've never worked with such an attentive and well behaved class! I had such a great time....and no, I don't say that to all the teachers!'

Diary Date: Residential Trip Sept 2020

There has been a huge and positive response to the residential trip for next year's Year 5 and 6 children. If you are not sure about whether your child will go please discuss your concerns with Mrs Wootton or Mrs Taylor.

Our value this term is **PERSEVERANCE**.

Congratulations to our **Maths Super Stars** who have achieved their number clubs recently: Eden, Roshan, Jasmine, Lotty, Jack H, Jamie D, Marcus P and Charlotte W.

Reading Awards

Keeping with the rocket theme, well done to all our readers whose rockets have left Earth to planet Venus (30 Reads): Eden, Lucas, Amelia, Emma, Jasmine, Ceri, Sophie, Jack H, Millie, Sophie and Bethany. At this time of year we would be hoping to be landing on Mars for 60 Reads so congratulations to our reading explorers: Harriet, Seth, Daisy, Eva, Oliver G and Daisy. We can really see the impact of regular reading at home in your children's work at school and the vocabulary choices they make in discussions.

A special **WELCOME** to Marcus and Olivia who joined us recently, we hope you will be very happy here. You have settled in so quickly it is like you have always been here!

Congratulations to Millie C, Henry, Marcus and Jack who have been nominated for **Stars of the Week** for their positive attitudes and great efforts in learning. The children have shown our school values and we have been impressed with their perseverance and joyful attitude to life and learning. It has also been incredibly heartening to hear so many children have been put in the Book of Values recently for their kindness and thoughtfulness towards others; it really ensures our school is a happy, positive place to be.

A big **WELL DONE** to Lexi, Seth and Charlotte who competed in their 2nd cross country race recently. Mr Baglow reports that whilst the conditions were much tougher than last month the children did really well. All finishing well up the field for their age range (Seth 9/101 boys, Charlotte and Lexi 22/114 and 30/114. As Mr Baglow states, 'SUPERB!' and he, as we all are, is very proud of them all.



Academic Year 2019/2020

02.12.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
07.12.19	Victorian Day - Chipping Sodbury High Street
09.12.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
10.12.09	Christmas Party at Village Hall run by FOHS
12.12.19	Carol Singing Village Hall 6.00 p.m. run by FOHS
15.12.19	Village Carol Service at Church 6.00 p.m.
18.12.19	Christmas Service at St James the Elder - 6.00 p.m. School Christmas lunch for children
16.12.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
20.12.19	End of Term 2
06.01.2020	Start of Term 3 INSET day for staff only
06.01.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
07.01.2020	Start of school for children
13.01.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
20.01.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
27.01.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
03.02.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
08.02.2020	Winter warmer Indian Ball run by FOHS
10.02.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
14.02.2020	End of Term 3
24.02.2010	Start of Term 4
24.02.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
02.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
09.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
16.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
23.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
30.03.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
02.04.2020	Easter Service at St. James the Elder
03.04.2020	End of Term 4
20.04.2020	Start of Term 5
20.04.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
27.04.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
04.05.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
11.05.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
18.05.2020	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
22.05.2020	End of Term 5
01.06.2010	INSET DAY (staff only)
02.06.2020	Start of Term 6 for children
08.06.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
15.06.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
22.06.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
29.06.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
06.07.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
13.07.2020	No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
17.07.2020	Last day of term 6 for children
20.07.2020	INSET DAY
20.07.2020	End of Term 6

