

10/5/2019

Diary Dates

Monday 13th May – KS2 SATs week
Thursday 16th May—Mexican themed lunch. No pick n Mix this day. See office for menu
Friday 24th May—Half Term
Monday 3rd June—Back to school
Monday 10th June – Phonics Screening Week Year 1
Friday 14th June—KS1 sports day 9.15am
Friday 14th June—KS2 sports day 2pm
Wednesday 19th June—UWMAT Olympics event
Thursday 20th June—Reception trip to Redditch 360
Monday 1st July—Year 6 GANGS workshop
Wednesday 3rd July—Change over day
Tuesday 16th July—Year 6 rounders and BBQ
Wednesday 17th July—End of Year assembly
Thursday 18th July—Year 6 leavers assembly
Friday 19th July—Children’s last day of the year
Monday 22nd July—TEACHER DAY



NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the latest edition of our
Academy Newsletter.

**May's Value:
Respect**

Best Class Attendance



Team Point Winners



‘To support each and every child to love learning and become the very best that they can be.’

I can hardly believe that we are now in the summer term. This year really is flying by.

With the (*apparent*) sunshine that the summer term brings, comes the assessment period for our children. Over the next few weeks, children in Year 1 will complete the phonic screening test, our Year 2 children will complete their SATs and Year 6 will also take their final tests of Primary school next week.

This can be a very stressful time for the children as well as families, particularly our Year 6 children. Whilst these tests are important, it is also good to remember that they form only a small part of the children’s education and do not at all, measure pupils who may be musically, artistically or athletically gifted. As long as the children do their very best, that is all that matters ultimately.

To somewhat ease the pressure for our Year 6 children, we are inviting them in to school at 8.20am from Monday—Thursday next week, for breakfast. Please make sure that your child comes in for this as it is always a really nice, calm way to start the day for them.

Have an enjoyable weekend,
Mrs Carrier

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COMMUNITY EVENT

We are very lucky to have support in school from members of St Bartholomew's Church each week. They have informed us of a community event taking place during the May half term week, that is FREE for children to attend. All the information you need is on the flyer opposite:

RECYCLING PROJECT

Mrs Flynn and Mrs Addis are looking to create an art project based on recycling. We want children from all year groups to get involved including bringing in items that would normally be recycled or thrown away at home. We are looking for bottles, materials (old clothing too) tights, wool, buttons, all different coloured carrier bags and other items along this line. Your support is greatly appreciated and we can't wait to get started.

SUMMER TERM CLASS NEWS

It has been a great start to the new term with every class starting their summer term topics. Here is how some classes have started their new topics:

Reception

This half term the children are learning about Space. They are learning about the Solar System and this week they were visited by Alan the Alien who needed their help to get back to space. It's all very exciting! The children are loving the topic and they have already made a 2d rocket picture, painted a rocket, measured aliens and next week they will be writing facts about the planets.

Year 2

Year 2 Topic of the term is Roald Dahl. We have begun in Literacy by looking at the story of The Twits, and have looked at the vile, cruel tricks that Mr and Mrs Twit play on each other. Last week the children had a go at creating their own which were just as horrible. Kevae decided that Mr Twit would put gorilla glue on the top of some homemade cakes that Mrs Twit would eat, as this would seal her mouth and stop her from talking!!!

Year 4

Our topic in Year 4 is The Savage Stone Age. We will be learning about the importance of The Stone Age, and how this shaped the world, putting The Stone Age in time with other historical periods. We have completed our first topic lesson identifying what we already know about The Stone Age. Following this class discussion, we then looked at different pictures and artefacts and created "What I want to Learn about The Stone Age" questions using various sources to piece together a picture about the past. Year 4 have settled in really well, ready for the final term!

St Bartholomew's Church Event
Leyhill Community Garden
at the corner of Holloway and Leyhill Farm Road B31 1TT

Children's Activity session Tuesday May 28th from 2-4pm

Come and dig, plant, find the treasure, make a spider's web or a collage and make new friends

FREE session but all children must be accompanied by an adult, refreshments provided

