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Dear Parents and Carers,

Where does the time go? It doesn't seem that long ago that we were embroiled in all things Christmas and here we are, almost at half-term. This half-term seems to be dominated, in a very positive way, with double weekly, class assemblies. It's been lovely to welcome you in to school and for you to share in your child's learning, presented in rather unique and wonderful ways.



Bermuda's class assembly



Science in action with Mr Goodens
exploring gravity



Qatar class enjoying their current
Listen2Me violin lessons

We're almost at the end of our Cross Country season and our runners have been doing magnificently well in representing the school in what many of you might see as the hardest of sports. For many of us, we might not have such positive memories of cross country running, whilst at school. I am happy to add, that that won't be the case for our current crop of enthusiastic athletes. Currently, as things stand after Race 5 with one race to go, our boys team sit in 2nd place and our girls in 3rd. Both positions are competitively fought and they will need to run at their best if they are to secure the silver and bronze medals respectively as those behind, fiercely chase us!

I am very much looking forward to this coming week, as we welcome in school on Wednesday, a space visitor, which is slightly different from a visitor from space – although, technically speaking, we all are!

Dan Whalen, is a Senior Lecturer in Cosmology at the Institute of Cosmology and Gravitation (ICG), at the University of Portsmouth. He and his research group help develop supercomputer models of the formation of the first stars, supernovae, and supermassive black holes in the Universe. His simulations have laid the groundwork for the hunting of primeval transients and quasars with the next generation of telescopes, such as the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), Euclid and the Extremely Large Telescope (ELT). That last name is a real name of a telescope; I haven't just made it up because I can't remember its real name!



Hopefully, you'll be receiving very soon, the curriculum newsletters from Mrs Marks and Mr Stapleton respectively, so you can view the curriculum that we will be teaching throughout this term, so that you can support your child at home.

The best way you can support your child at home, is to continue to show a keen interest in your child's learning, to continue to be positive with them, to encourage them to read and to complete the GoRead (Boom Reader) App and to help your child access the fantastic Doodle Maths App. And for you Year 6 parents, if you can encourage your child to continue to work through their CGP SATs revision books.

Although my newsletters are extremely readable and informative (I like to think!?!), please keep an eye out for the next PTA newsletter, which will update you on all the events they are currently planning and how you can possibly help and support, if you are able.

Finally, on the theme of special days, Friday is/was Carrot Cake Day, which if you 'Google' it, the first search result asks the question, 'Why is National Carrot Cake Day celebrated?' – a question I asked myself throughout Friday, when I was told about the occasion by Mrs Burton, who currently has a strange fascination with national days.

Wishing you a wonderful (and cake filled) weekend!

Kind regards,



Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

REMINDERS:

- Lower school Rivers Trip consent form link [HERE](#)
- Upper school Mary Rose Trip consent form links: [YEAR 5](#) & [YEAR 6](#)
- Deadline for Year 5 places on October Stone Farm Trip ****TODAY****

COMING NEXT WEEK:

- Class assemblies @ 2.40pm for Panama (Tuesday) and Cape Verde (Thursday)
- Half term House winners non-uniform on Thursday (Winners announced on Weds)
- ****INSET DAY on Friday 10th**** before half term the following week.

PTA NEWS:

The joint PTA Summer Fair date has been announced for **Saturday 1st July 12-3pm**. We sent out a newsletter on Wednesday with more details - link [here](#). In the meantime, we're also excited to share these other events and activities:

Friday 10th March – parent & staff quiz
Thursday 23rd March - film night for children

On top of this, we will also be selling potted bulbs in time for Easter AND organising a creative fundraising activity to celebrate the King's Coronation, so look out for more details in due course!



PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class	Child	Reason
Aruba	Bode	<i>For trying extremely hard with all his learning but especially with his fractions work! He has been able to provide some great answers in class and should be really proud of himself.</i>
Egypt	Oliver	<i>For inspiring others with his love of learning. Oliver asks thoughtful questions and provokes exciting discussions that promote curiosity in Egypt class. Well done Oliver.</i>
Qatar	Kaizer	<i>23/1/23 – For being absolutely excellent throughout the week by positive and discussing how he is feeling with adults in the class. Well done Kaizer!</i>
	Jason	<i>30/1/23 – For being a positive role model in PE by not talking and showing me he ready to start the lesson. Also, Jason has been working extremely hard in all lessons to concentrate and complete his work. Great job Jason!</i>
Indonesia	Erin	<i>She is always polite and respectful to all staff and other children. She is determined to finish every piece of work.</i>
Panama	Maxwell	<i>For fantastic effort and improvement in his handwriting practice this week. Maxwell has listened to feedback and has tried his hardest to improve his handwriting and is now eager to practice at home too!</i>
Seychelles	Isaac	<i>For improved use of metacognition to complete a range of learning independently.</i>
Djibouti	Katie	<i>For showing positivity and determination in her tag rugby lesson last week. She listened attentively to feedback and was unafraid to take on that advice to succeed in her matches. A real excellent example of hard work and determination Katie, well done!</i>
Philippines	Ella	<i>For fabulous effort in all lessons and being an active learner. Always offering ideas, giving things a go and trying her best. A great role model – well done!</i>
USA	Faith	<i>For showing resilience and determination in her maths, even when she found her work challenging.</i>
Bermuda	Ethan	<i>Ethan has shown an improvement in his focus which has resulted in better outcomes when faced with tricky maths problems. Well done for showing determination to be your best.</i>
Cape Verde	Sidney	<i>For using feedback to develop his understanding in all subjects and for 'having a go' at all the learning that is offered to him. A wonderful work ethic!</i>
Mongolia	Kyan	<i>For showing a high level of grit and determination when persevering in violin lessons.</i>



CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red & * indicates more details to follow):

FEBRUARY	
10 th	INSET day
13 th	Half term week
27 th	Day 1 – Lower School Rivers Trip
28 th	Day 2 – Lower School Rivers Trip In-person Parents' Evening*
MARCH	
1 st	Day 3 – Lower School Rivers Trip Virtual Parents' Evening*
3 rd	World Book Day* now moved to FRIDAY 3 rd
7 th	Sibling & class group photos*
8 th	Year 6 Trip to Mary Rose
9 th	Year 5 Trip to Mary Rose
31 st	Last day of term
APRIL	
3 rd -16 th	Easter Holidays
17 th	First day back
26 th – 28 th	Year 4 Calshot residential week
MAY	
1 st	Bank Holiday
8 th	New Coronation Bank Holiday
w/c 8 th	SATS week – tests from Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May inclusive
w/c 30 th	Half term week
JUNE	
26 th	INSET day
JULY	
21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish tbc

OUTDOOR LEARNING SCHEDULE:

	UPPER: MONDAY & TUESDAY						LOWER: THURSDAY & FRIDAY					
	Mongolia	Bermuda**	Cape Verde	Philippines	USA	Djibouti	Qatar	Aruba	Egypt	Indonesia	Panama	Seychelles
w/b 6 th February									All day Thursday			



WRESTLING

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Saturday 18th

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CLASS ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE:

LOWER SCHOOL: 2.40pm on TUESDAYS

Egypt	7th March
Qatar	14th March
Aruba	21st March

UPPER SCHOOL: 2.40pm on THURSDAYS

USA	NEW DATE: Weds 8th March
Philippines	16th March
Djibouti	23rd March

