

Great Bedwyn C.E. School

April 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exciting and busy start to the new term. I have been getting to know the children and have particularly enjoyed awarding Headteacher certificates to many pupils who have been nominated by their teachers for the progress they are making in a variety of aspects of their learning.

Rural Arts Animation Project

At the beginning of this term, the Paper Cinema Company came to work with years 4&5 thanks to Rural Arts Wiltshire. The Company use the language of animation, music, theatre and film to lead the viewer through a variety of stories. The children created intricate pen and ink illustrations that were then manipulated in front of a video camera and projected in real time onto the big screen alongside live music. The stories they portrayed were inspired by local Wiltshire ghost stories, of which there seem to be plenty!

Tag Rugby Festival

Last Friday, our Year 6 pupils took part in a tag rugby festival in Hungerford. The focus was on participation and team work and our pupils did brilliantly in both regards. Well done to all of you!

St John's Junior Maths Challenge

Today, a team of Year 6 mathematicians attended St Johns to take part in the junior maths challenge. We shall hear all about how they got on next week.

Year 6 SATs

Children in year six are preparing for their end of key stage tests which will take place during the week beginning 9th May. All the children (and their teachers!) have been working hard so stay calm, do your best and all will be fine! A good nights sleep and a hearty breakfast will also help you to perform at your best. 😊

Year 2 SATs

An information session for parents of children in Y2 was held this week. As Mrs Disley explained, the tests at the end of Key Stage One have to take place during May. They are marked by the class teacher and are used only to help inform the teacher's assessment of your child's attainment. The teacher's assessment will be finalised by 30th June and reported in the end of year report to parents which will be sent out early in July.

Reminders

If your child needs to leave school for any medical appointments during the school day, please inform the school office in advance giving a reason for the early collection. Please wait in the reception area while a member of staff collects your child from their classroom or the playground.

Any other absence requests will require a leave of absence form to be completed and will need to be authorised by the Headteacher in accordance with school policy.

Thank you to all parents who routinely collect their children from school and clubs on time. We fully appreciate that occasionally circumstances arise that may mean you are going to be late. Please contact the school if this happens so that we know you are on your way. There is also now a Late Collection Policy which Governors have adopted which sets out the school procedures in the event that children are frequently collected more than 15 minutes late. The policy is available to be read on the school website.

Finally, please remember it is a Bank Holiday weekend so school will be open again on Tuesday 3rd May.