

Headteacher's Newsletter

May 2018



Dear Parents

We have come to the end of a busy term and although I often write that, this one has been particularly so. The children in year 2 and year 6 have completed their statutory tests and the class teams are very pleased and proud with their efforts. The younger children took the tests in their stride and, as well as scoring highly, produced excellent animal projects over the couple of weeks in which the tests were administered. The older children also applied themselves admirably and we feel confident that the results will reflect their ability. Of course we never know but can instead reflect upon the hard work of the children and adults over the year.

GDPR

As you may be aware by now the data protection regulations are changing for businesses and organisations. You will have received a great deal of emails from companies explaining this and asking you to confirm that you are happy to continue receiving marketing material from them!

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is a piece of EU-wide legislation which will determine how people's personal data is processed and kept safe, and the legal rights individuals have in relation to their own data. It is statutory from the 25 May 2018. As a school we are governed by the same rules and although already follow very careful data protection rules we do need to make some changes. It's similar to the Data Protection Act (DPA) 1998 in many ways and most of the differences involve the GDPR strengthening the principles of the DPA.

One key area is that of consent. The GDPR brings in stricter rules around consent and this must be freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous, and a positive affirmation of the individual's agreement. In other words you need to 'opt in' to consent. **Two different consent forms have been sent home today and these will need to be completed and returned to us. It would help us a great deal if we could receive these back by Friday 8th June.**

Another new rule is that we must have a designated Data Protection Officer and Jo Cottenden is delighted to have taken on this role. Also our Privacy Notices have been attached to our website along with a GDPR page.

BuB News

Term dates for the next academic year can be found on the front page of our website. Alternatively the office can let you have a paper copy if needed.

At this time of year we tend to ask for any donations of bedding plants that can be used to brighten up the school grounds. We are of course extremely grateful for everything we receive.



Our lost property table is expanding. Please can you check the table for any missing items. Please make sure school uniform is labelled.

On Thursday 7 children took part in a netball tournament at Simon Langton Girls' School. They came 3rd out of 16 which was a fantastic achievement.

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from 11th to 14th June. We will be selling books (3 for the price of 2) before and after school.



Our PTFA will be holding a sponsored bounce during the day on Friday 8th June. Don't forget to start collecting sponsors on the form coming home tonight.



Have an enjoyable half term break and remember that we will be having a training day on Monday so the children's first day back is **Tuesday 5th June.**