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Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodness this term has whizzed past and we are already beginning to look forward to Term 6 of the year. Let's hope for some lovely sunny weather for the bank holiday and half term week! We look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> June!

### **MAYFAIR!**

What a superb day, thank you all very much for your support. It was wonderful to see so many of your there. Many thanks if you were able to help out on the day, particularly to the Mayfair Committee and all volunteers who managed to find a spare half an hour or so ... to set up, man a stall, tidy up or count the monies. We really cannot do it without you!

A special thank you must be made to the Year 2 May Pole dancers and to the Year 2 team who supported them so very well. They really were brilliant and danced with such enthusiasm. So many people come to the fair just to see the May Pole, for some it is the start of their summer and they are so grateful we keep the tradition alive.

### **STAFFING**

We are now just beginning to get used to our newlywed Mrs Bishop's change of name. Many congratulations from us all! We will also be bidding a temporary farewell to Miss Ross at the end of the summer as she takes maternity leave.

### **SCOOTERING AND CYCLING**

I have been requested by parents to give a reminder that scootering and cycling are not allowed in the campus. This includes early mornings too.

### **SUN SAFETY REMINDER**

As we begin to see some much needed warmer weather arriving I would remind you that during these warmer months' children should come to school with appropriate dress. This may include sun hats (legionnaire style or wide brimmed), sun glasses (if needed) and looser long sleeved clothes. It is essential children are sun creamed too! Although hats are not part of the school uniform, we always recommend them and would advise you to ensure your child knows to wear them whenever outside. We do remind the children but it also helps if they also know you expect

them to wear them too! We do discuss with the children and remind them about drinking plenty of water. They always have the option to collect their water bottle and are advised after playtimes or PE to take a drink. We have some lovely shady spaces on the playground, again children are advised to play slower games and stay in the shade at times when it becomes warmer outside. We are unable to apply sun creams during the day so suggest you apply a long lasting cream or have one for your child's drawer that they are able to apply for themselves.

### **INCIDENT ON PARK GROVE**

I want to express my sincere thanks for all of your support following the incident outside of the school on Wednesday last week. As we now know this was due to a chemical found in a house opposite the school which could have become temperamental. Fortunately this was dealt with swiftly and efficiently by emergency services and everyone was safe and well following this. Everyone on site was incredible in their response to staff messages and this ensured we were able to respond effectively to instructions from the emergency services. Thank you too for all of your kind comments praising the staff in school and effectiveness of procedures.

### **COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL**

Please don't forget that request forms should be filled in, or a telephone call made to school in advance if collecting children early from school. We have noticed a number of children who are being collected during the day prior to a holiday period without advanced notification. Please remember that any absence is recorded as unauthorised unless in an exceptional circumstance.

I also have a request from teaching staff that children are collected at 3:30 pm. We are seeing a few children who are routinely not collected until later than this and I must remind you that teachers do not have responsibility for children after the end of the school day.

## HEAD LICE

There have been a number of incidences of head lice in school. Please can you check your children over the holidays and treat them if required. Thank you.

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS / PUPIL PREMIUM

**Not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals!** Please do make sure that you make an application for free school meals if you think that you may be entitled to them. Although all infant children are now able to have a meal provided by the school, there is still benefit from applying for free school meal status as the school may be able to access funding called Pupil Premium. Your child may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following benefits,

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment/Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit) or Universal Credit

It is also important that we are aware if your child is adopted or comes from a Forces family as this also enables access to this fund. If you have already applied, or informed us of your circumstances there is no need to repeat this.

Please do be reassured however, that you may speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the school office about this in confidence and they will be able to offer you support on how to apply. In order to ascertain if you are eligible, visit [www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals](http://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals). Put in your postcode/select 'start now'/then select 'apply on line on the e free school meals service'. Alternatively, drop into the office to request assistance.

## DRESS DOWN DAY ON FRIDAY

There will be a dress down day to mark the last day of term, with voluntary donations for FHIS.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property that is collected in containers outside the dining room, as it will be disposed of at the end of term since we accumulate

vast quantities.

## SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

We are collecting Active Kids vouchers in school. These enable the school to obtain free sports equipment. Please pass on vouchers to your child's class teacher or alternatively post them in the Active Kids voucher box outside the school office.

Yours,  
Mandy Martin

## Dates for your diary:

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May  
Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> June  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> June  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> June  
Thu 29<sup>th</sup> June

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July  
Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Thu 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July

End of Term 5  
Start of Term 6  
Bristol Zoo in school for Yr 1  
Bristol Zoo Mini Assembly  
New Reception Evening  
Yr to Shuffle up day  
Eden workshop Class 9  
Eden workshop Class 7  
Eden workshop Class 8  
Open Evening 5.30-6.30pm  
Yr 2 to Redgrave Theatre  
Reception trip to Avon Valley  
FHIS disco  
Yr 2 Play  
Sports Day  
Leavers Assembly 9.30am  
End of Term



## SHINE SPORTS CRICKET ACADEMY OVER EASTER

Hard Ball Cricket is for children from Yr 4 -7 and Soft Ball Cricket for children from Yr 1, at Golden Hill in BS6. All the details are online or call us on 01174 033 033. The day runs from 10:00-16:00 with an option from 08:00-18:00 for working families

## ALI'S GET DANCING

Every Tuesday in the Infant School hall from 3.30-4.30pm for Infant aged children and 4.30-5.30pm for Junior aged children. No experience needed just enthusiasm for dance. Contact Ali on 07795215319.

## FRENCH CLUB – MONDAY 3.30-4PM

Bonjour, if your child would like join our French club on Mondays, please email [admin@clubs4kids.com](mailto:admin@clubs4kids.com). The club costs £6 per session.

## CYCLE SUNDAY

Cycle Sunday on the Downs is back. July 16th. Save the date! Come and join us from 10:00 am, on Sunday July 16th for a morning of freewheeling fun. Enjoy a beautiful, traffic-free route of over 3km around Circular Road, make a pedal powered smoothie, and bring your bike to our Dr Bike team for free onsite maintenance. The event is organised again this year by Sustrans.

Over 5,000 people have participated in our events over the past two years. Help us continue to demonstrate the need for cycle paths up on the Downs. We want you and your families to be able to cycle there any day of the year! For more information about the event, go to our website [www.cyclesunday.net](http://www.cyclesunday.net) where there are also links to Cycle Sunday on Facebook and Twitter.

## JUDY'S JOLLY NUMBERS

### Pre-School Maths Club

Starts Tuesday 2nd may 1.00 or 2.00 at 63, Sea Mills lane, Stoke Bishop, BS9 1DR Cost £5 per session. To book a place contact [judy@atkinson.uk.com](mailto:judy@atkinson.uk.com) 0117 962 7971. Fun Games and Activities to give your child a head start in Maths when they start school

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