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Newsletter No. 3

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It was super to catch up with so many families at last week's parent consultations. We were delighted by the excellent number of our parents who were able to attend, as this is such a crucial meeting to discuss the end of year targets, progress so far and support for your children. We hope that you found the written comments useful to take home and use so that we are all working in partnership to achieve best possible outcomes for all of our children.

Thank you very much for the delightful selection of 'Extreme Reading' photographs, taken over the Summer Holiday. They are all on display in the hall now—please do take time to look and enjoy them if you attend Friday assemblies. After a very difficult decision, Mrs Skinner finally agreed on the winning photograph which was a super one, Ben in Year 2 jumping on a trampoline whilst enjoying reading his favourite Pokemon book. Ben was awarded the Steve Skinner Photography trophy in assembly on Friday, which he will now keep until next year.

Over the half term break, the last parts of the new outdoor equipment in the playground were completed. The children are thoroughly enjoying the new trim trail, the tree climbing frame and the Daily Mile circuit which is marked out on the playground. Playtimes are a crucial part of the children's school day and we hope to provide them with exciting equipment which will fire their imaginations and enable them to exercise in a variety of different ways, developing their physical skills and learning new ones. As part of the upkeep of the equipment, the children have been advised how to use it safely and it is checked monthly by our site manager Mr Foster. In order to maintain our equipment in a safe state, please do not allow your children to use this equipment outside the hours of the school day as we can not be responsible for the children's safety or any damage done to the equipment, potentially rendering it unsafe.

The Year 4 children were enjoying some outdoor learning this week whilst making Mayan Hot Chocolate using the stoves. The children had to select appropriate sizes of sticks to use as kindling and learnt how to build, start and maintain a decent fire to heat up the ingredients—it was an excellent example of our creative curriculum in action as science, maths, reading, DT and topic skills were all rolled into one, very exciting activity! It smelt delicious too.

As always we have been staggered by the quality of projects that children have been bringing in to school based on the homework menus. We've had edible lifelike Mayan temples, realistic looking artefacts and cave paintings, home made videos using lego characters to re-enact historical events and working models of Shackleton's Endurance. The pride on the children's faces as they share their work and that of other children delighting in the pieces of work is absolutely wonderful to see. Thank you for supporting your children with this home learning.

We have many exciting events coming up in the coming weeks, so please do have a look at the diary dates or even better keep an eye on the calendar on the website!

Mrs Kendall | Headteacher



Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Friday 8th November	5—7pm FABS event KS2 Bingo
Sunday 10th November	RBL remembrance parade starting at The Bellbird
Friday 22nd November	9:15am New Reception Parents Open Morning
Thursday 28th November	6pm Parent Forum
Friday 6th December	9:15—10:30am Y1 Christmas Craft activities - parents invited
Friday 6th December	6pm Carols in the village—Winter Fair
Saturday 7th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 10th December	Y3 Christmas Production 6pm
Wednesday 11th December	9:30am KS2 Christmas church service 1:30pm KS1 Christmas Church service
Thursday 12th December	Y3 Christmas Production 1:45pm
Thursday 12th December	6pm Christmas Concert—tickets will be available
Monday 16th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Wednesday 18th December	2pm Christmas Carol Concert at school—parents invited LAST DAY OF TERM