



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 1 – APRIL 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and managed to get out and about with the warmer weather – even though it was quite wet!

We look forward to a great and exciting summer term with so much to look forward to.

STAFFING NEWS

We welcome Mrs Sally Haysham, our new Business Manager, who will be in the office every day. Mrs Haysham is also the new Clerk to the Governors.

We welcome Miss Jenny Moore in Squirrels class, who is working with our Year 3/4 children.

GOVERNOR NEWS

After nearly 20 years as a Governor, or Chair of Governors, Mrs Sarah Cook will be standing down in December. Mrs Cook has been pivotal to school development and we will miss having her as Chair. Sarah's successor will either be a current member of the Governing Body or an external Chair will be appointed by Governor Services.

Mrs Lynsey Irish will also be standing down as her term of office comes to an end in July. Lynsey has also been a wonderful servant to the school and always carried out her duties effectively.

There will be an opportunity for new parent Governor to be appointed – a letter will be released shortly with details. Please see me or any other Governor if you might be interested in this vital role.

INSET DAY

Due to unavoidable circumstances, we have had to rearrange our final INSET day. It will now be on **Friday 25th May**, as opposed to Monday 4th June. Please come in and see me if this is an issue for you.

SPORTS RELIEF

We raised £83.17 – thank you to all who contributed. We managed to represent 31 different sports across our school, including Ninja, Netball and Orienteering – good effort!

SCHOOL TRIPS & WOW DAYS

In the next couple of weeks, there will be some exciting events and activities for each class. Please look out for letters in book bags.

CLUBS

Clubs start Monday 16th April – please ensure you have returned your slips and payment if you wish your child to take part.

MUSIC & CELEBRATION EVENING

Thank you to all who attended the Music & Celebration Evening; the children performed with great confidence and enthusiasm. I know Mrs Hodge enjoyed her send-off too, and she asked me to share this on our Newsletter.

*Dear Children, Staff, Parents, Governors & PTFA,
Thank you all so very, very much for my amazing send-off at the end of last term; I was totally overwhelmed by the generosity of everyone.
The Music Evening Presentation was wonderful and completely unexpected – just how did you all practise that song without me knowing?
I know I will miss School with its fabulous children, supportive parents, enthusiastic staff, encouraging Governors and resourceful PTFA – what a team!
With very best wishes to you all and many, many thanks. Ros Hodge*

SATs WEEK

Our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs during the week beginning Monday 14th May. I am sure they will do their very best to show what they can achieve.

NORTH NEWTON'S 'LONDONISH' MARATHON!

OUR SPONSORED FUN RUN: Friday, 20th April. 2pm ON THE FIELD.

Please come and support our athletes. Join in if you wish and help them along with their mammoth effort to run a long way!!! You can also help them raise money for our children to directly benefit from:

- Playground equipment for your child to enjoy
- Maths Resources to help your child make accelerated progress

If every child raised £15, we would raise £1450...so please ask relatives, friends, neighbours, work colleagues and do it for your child/ren.

Details:

Please ensure the children have their PE in school on that day – if they can wear their House colour T-Shirt that would be great too! School uniform in the morning, change at lunchtime. They may well get muddy - we will be running even if it rains...just like the London Marathon!

Children who use inhalers will have them with them or their teacher will hold onto it during the time.

When athletes finish, they will be able to cheer on the athletes still taking part.

Prizes:

Non uniform for winning house (most money raised). KS1 Boy & Girl & KS2 Boy & Girl prizes.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT – STARTS 2.00PM.

Is it possible for a class to collectively run the equivalent of the London Marathon? 133 laps around the field would be 26 miles.

Please Note:

- No Celebration Assembly on 20th April.
- Badgers Class – we will not swim on 20th April.

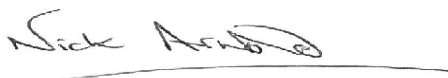
Thank you to the PTFA Committee who have once again invested a lot of time planning and preparing for this event – we hope you enjoy it and the children love the feeling of running on a proper running course, with support along the way!

MAY FAYRE 2018:

Saturday, 12th May. 2pm Opening with the crowning of the May King & Queen!

Stalls open soon after. Maypole dancing, stalls, Sword dancing and a performing Dance School!

Yours sincerely,



Nick Arnold
Headteacher

SUMMER TERM 2018	
Wednesday, 11 th April	7.30pm Board of Governors' Meeting
Wednesday 18 th April	Foxes WOW Day
Wednesday, 18 th April	Field to Food – (Squirrels/Badgers classes)
Thursday 19 th April	Badgers Trip to Lyme Regis
Friday, 20 th April	2.00pm PTFA Sponsored Run (Field) All welcome! (No Badgers swim)
Sunday 22 nd April	London Marathon – Good luck Ceri Whatley!
Wednesday 25 th April	PTFA Committee 7pm
Monday, 7th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 10 th May	8.45 – 9.10am PTFA Bottle Run
Saturday, 12 th May	2.00pm May Fayre
Mon, 14th- Thurs 17th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday, 14 th May	6.00pm Finance and Business Committee
Thursday 17 th	3.30 – 5.00pm GDPR Staff Training
Friday, 18 th May	Years 5/6 Sports Festival – Leadership, North Petherton
Friday 18 th – Sat 19 th May	PTFA KS2 Sleepover – details to follow.
Friday 25 th May	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Monday, 28th May – Friday, 1st June	Half-Term
Monday, 4 th June	8.45am School restarts
Thursday, 7 th June	4.00pm Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Mon, 11 th – Fri, 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Monday, 11 th June	7.30pm Board of Governors' Meeting
Thursday, 14 th June	9.15am Class/Team/Whole School Photographs – Timeless. Reserve Stoke St. Gregory Netball/Football Tournament
Friday, 15 th June	2.00 – 3.30pm School Sports
Wednesday, 20 th June	9.00am – 12.00pm Open Morning for Parents & Prospective Parents Somerset Young Poets Day – all day event in school
Wednesday 20 th June	7.00pm Reception Intake September 2018 Evening
Friday, 22 nd June	2.00pm Reserve School Sports
Mon 25 th – Thurs 28 th June	Years 5 & 6 Residential Trip. Rock & Rapid, North Devon
Tuesday, 3 rd July	Year 6 Transition Day 1: RBSC
Wednesday, 4 th July	Year 6 Transition Day 2: RBSC (RBSC Open Evening 6.00pm) Whole School Transition Morning 9.00am -12.15pm.
Friday, 6 th July	Years 1/2 PE Sports Festival – Multi Skills, North Petherton
Fri, 6 th - Sat, 7 th July	NEWT FESTIVAL – Please offer your support to this festival.
Tuesday, 10 th July	Poetry Slam
Friday, 13 th July	9.30 – 11.00am Badgers PE Sports Festival, North Petherton PS
Tuesday, 24th July	2.15pm Leavers' Assembly End of School Year – 3.15pm