



Photos: What a beautiful view!



YR Y1&2 Y3&4 Y5&6

Some horrible weather this week with lots of wet playtimes. Although the photo above shows a beautiful view one day this week – sometimes I take the view for granted from the field but it reminded me just how amazing it is!

It's funny how a wet start to the day seems to generate more traffic! Thursday was one of those days and many families got stuck behind a lorry on arrival. A few parents mentioned about when a child is determined as 'late' so I thought it was worth reminding everyone.: School starts at 8.55am, the whistle goes and everyone leaves the playground. Arriving after this is late but I tend to stay on the gate until 9am. This is in the spirit of trying to support and help families. Sometimes I stay longer, especially if I've got into a chat with a parent. On days when I can't be there whoever is covering will tend to come straight in at 8.55am, needing to be in class with children. When I am still outside and the gate is open, children can go straight in but as soon as I lock it and go in, we then ask parents to complete a 'late slip' and entry is via the office. This continues until 9.25am at which time a late after this point constitutes an absence for the whole morning session (DfE Law).

**Dates for your Diary:**

- Weds 21 Jan** – Squirrels Class trip to Sea City Museum
- Weds 21 Jan** – 3pm Year 4 Parents info meeting re multiplication check
- Mon 16 – Fri 20** Half Term
- Mon 23 Feb** – INSET Closure Day



INSET Days left for 25/26

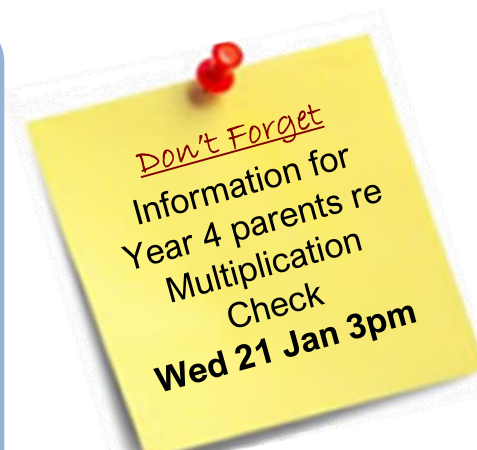
- Mon 23 Feb
- Fri 22 May

**Sports News**

It's been a while since the last sports news, the competitions reduce during the darkest month of December but are starting again in this new term. On Tuesday boys and girls from Badgers Class took part in an indoor athletics tournament. They each had to take part in jumping, throwing, sprinting and relay activities with the overall scores being totalled for a team score. 14 schools took part and we came 10<sup>th</sup> overall, but most importantly the children enjoyed the fast pace of the activities. Thanks to Miss Leech for organising and taking the children and to everyone who helped with transport.

**Some Advance Road Works News**

Many of you already know that some major roadworks are planned for Mortimer's Lane soon which will last long into the summer. We were informed this week of the start date – Monday 2 Feb. The road (going up the hill just as you join in Fair Oak, up to Knowle Lane) will be reduced to one way only, from Fair Oak towards Lower Upham. The other way will be closed and you will have to divert around Fishers Pond or Durley.



**Check you haven't missed these communications this week:**

**Fri 16 Jan** – Year 6 parents re music tuition for Y7

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## Children's Commissioner – Improving Children's Digital Lives

The Children's Commissioner has issued a new parent guide regarding how to manage, as a parent, your child's digital life. It has been written following extensive research and listening to the voices of teenagers and parents who have lived through the last few years – the information and advice they wished they had known.



The guide is not to make you feel like a bad parent, more in recognition of the complex, rapidly evolving landscape in which children – and parents – are navigating. It focuses on the challenge of managing children's everyday online habits.



The link to the online guide is included in the body of the email with the Newsletter but is also:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Please take the time to have a look, there is also an activity pack you can share with your child. Please note this is appropriate for years R right through to 6, they all inhabit the digital world.

## Squirrels Trip Next Wednesday



Parents of Squirrels (Y1&2) will already know about the trip to Sea City Museum to learn more about the Titanic. A reminder that they will need to wear normal school uniform and should bring a packed lunch. In the letter we mentioned bringing lunch in a named, disposable bag but actually a backpack might be easier as they can leave these in a special place.

For everyone, a large coach will be arriving after 9am and we will place cones at the front of the school to ensure there is space – if you arrive late, you might well meet it!