



## Forest school

You may have noticed some exciting new features in our Forest School area recently. We have been incredibly lucky to have been given money from the PTA in order to complete a number of upgrades. The brambly mound which dominated the space has been flattened and seeded with hardwearing grass seed and a new safe fire area has been created with a stone surface. A new bridge has been built to replace the old one which was over the pond. Finally, bamboo screening has been erected around the back fence of the area to make the space feel more enclosed and natural.



A local plant nursery, Stotts Nursery, responded to our request for the donation of a tree by asking if we would like two! Mr Stott kindly donated an oak and a silver birch tree which have been planted in the cleared area. I was lucky enough to visit his lovely nursery in Stokenchurch to pick up the trees where I met him and his very friendly dogs.



Our families have also been very generous: Mr Trippett donated and delivered 20 logs in order to create a fire area seating, Mr Warren donated an oil drum to make into a fire pit and Mr Taylor chopped up and gave us firewood.

## Pencil case reminders

Please check with your child to see if they need any new pencils, whiteboard pens or glue sticks.

Do you have any spare art materials? Perhaps your office is having a clear out, or you have a bag of fabric that could be used for craft. School always welcome donations that will help our pupils to be even more creative in lessons.



## Trips—Year 4 and Year 5

This week has been very busy with two year groups taking part in trips away from school. Year 4 visited **London Zoo** and Year 5 took part in a *Show Racism the Red Card* workshop at **Adams Park**. Click the pictures below for more photos of the respective days.



## Uniform reminders

### Earrings

Last year the uniform policy was changed to include the wearing of earrings on non-PE days. Please remember that these should be simple single studs for safety reasons— please leave shaped earrings for the weekend.

### Hair ties

Hair ties should be school colours as listed in the school uniform policy (red, white or blue) and should be simple bands, ties or clips. Large and elaborate pieces should not be worn.

## Family involvement

School would not be what it is without the generous support of our children's families. Most of you are aware of the work that the PTA do to raise funds for both schools. Did you know you could also get involved with supporting your child's school by joining the Parent Forum?

### Parent Forum

Parent Forum normally runs once a term and is a chance for families to meet with the school leadership and governors to discuss current issues. Meetings normally take 60-90 minutes and the chairperson (a parent) has a role both before and after the meeting, liaising with other parents and writing up the meeting. Previously discussed issues at these meetings have been school trips, new reading schemes and maths schemes, uniform, school houses and changes to school leadership. We are currently seeking a parent to take on this role and would also be keen to return to face-to-face meetings with tea, coffee and biscuits.

If you would be interested in this role, please contact Mrs Cameron via the [school office](#).

## Dates to remember:

**Wednesday 29th March** – Year 4 Easter assembly 2:45pm

**Thursday 30th March** – 'What I'm proud of' work gallery in classrooms 3:30pm (a chance to come and see your child's self chosen 'best bits' from this term)

**Friday 31st March** – 'What I'm proud of' work gallery in classrooms 8:25-8:45am

**Friday 31st March** – School ends 1:15pm + PTA Bake Sale

**Monday 17th April** – First day of summer term

**Thursday 20th April** – Year 4 swimming starts (weekly, more information to follow next week)

**Friday 21st April** – Year 3 Adventure Day trip to PACCAR

**Monday 1st May** – May bank holiday– school closed

**Monday 8th May** – Coronation bank holiday– school closed

**Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th May** – Year 6 SATs national government tests

**29th May-2nd June** – Summer half term

**Monday 5th June** – Inset day

**Tuesday 6th June** – School opens

**Tuesday 6th June** – Bikeability Y6

**19th-23rd June** – Joint schools diversity week (including World Music Day, International Refugee Day and a parent event on Friday 23rd June)

**26th June** – Y6 PGL trip

**Monday 26th June** – Y5 languages day JHGS

**Monday 3rd July** – Provisional Sports Day

**Tuesday 4th July** – Transition day spend time with new class teachers

**Tuesday 18th July** – Y6 production (evening)

**Wednesday 19th July** – Y6 production (afternoon)

**Friday 21st July** – School ends for summer 1:15pm

