

Newsletter

Dear parents,

The summer term is quickly passing and it has been really lovely to see some sunshine. Our Reception children were really lucky and had great weather when they spent a day exploring Wendover woods last week. Our Year 4 children have been to St Albans today, linked to their topic on the Romans. In addition, our Year 5 children took part in their Saxon days last week – they looked fantastic and took part in a number of activities linked to the Saxons.

I am aware that Ramadan starts next week and would like to remind parents that if they wish their child to fast during the day, a letter must be sent to the child's teacher.

The school term dates are now confirmed for 2018/19 and are on the school's website and attached to this letter. Next academic year we will be completing our two year writing project and so have one training day which is mid term – apologies for this, but it is set by the organisers and is out of my control.

Later in this letter, I have written about the new computer game craze – Fortnite – please read the information to keep your child safe.

Next week, our Year 6 children will be taking their SATs – I am sure you will join me in wishing them all well.

K.Hooker

Important dates:

w/b 14th May - SATs week for Year 6

28th May – 1st June - Half-term holiday

4th June - Children return to school

17th July 9.15 – 10.45ish - Sports Day for Reception & Year 1

17th July 11.00 – 12.30ish - Sports Day for Years 2 & 3

18th July 9.15 – 12.00 - Sports Day for Years 4, 5 & 6

House Points

	4/5/18	11/5/18
Donaldson	718	656
Rowling	806	735
Dahl	547	628
Morpurgo	637	530

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Trips this half-term:

- 18th May - Year 6 trip to Cadbury World
- 23rd May - Brampton School Linking trip
- 23rd May - Chiltern Open Air Museum trip (King & Rockhopper)
- 24th May - Chiltern Open Air Museum trip (Adelie, Emperor & Humboldt)
- 25th May - Wilson School Linking trip

**Value of the Month
for May is
Courage**

Is your child playing the latest computer game - Fortnite?

I have been made aware that many of our children are playing 'Fortnite' and want to make sure that parents are aware of how to keep their child safe when playing this game.

The age guidance for the game is 12 – as it involves frequent scenes of violence; therefore officially no Downside children should be playing the game!

However, as children are on the game, I have accessed some important steps for parents to take, if their child is playing the game.

What steps can you take to safeguard your child?

Username – Make sure this does not set up a username that could give away any personal details.

Fortnite has a chat facility where children can chat to other players. Some people may be using this 'chat' facility inappropriately and putting your child at risk; control this by thinking about your child's privacy setting. Check who your child is 'chatting' to and ensure they know that person and it is not a stranger.

Privacy settings – there are three levels:

- Public, where anyone can enter your child's online party;
- Friends, where only friends can join a party;
- Private, which means that no one can enter your child's party without being invited by the child themselves.

Discuss the level appropriate to your child.

Speak to your child about **unwanted contact** and tell them what to do if someone speaks to them in a nasty or inappropriate way, or asks them for personal information. Ask them to come to you if they are unsure about unwanted contact or have been exposed to something inappropriate.

Voice-Chat can be disabled. Make yourself and your child familiar with the game's settings and, if you deem it inappropriate, turn Voice-Chat off.

Fortnite is quite **addictive** – limit the amount of time your child is on this game.

More information about keeping your child safe on Fortnite and the internet can be found on Parent zone - <https://parentzone.org.uk/>. If you go to the 'For parents' section, you will find a wealth of information, especially in the 'Parent guides' section.

Headteacher and Teacher Commendations

Haaris AFGHAN MALIK	Hibba HUSSAIN	Hawwa MALIK
Mohib Ul Rahman AHMAD	Usmaan HUSSAIN	Maryam NARINE
Abdullah AHMADZAI	Aafiyah IHAB	Subhan NASIR
Riash AHMED RATHORE	Eshal IMRAN	Kashaf REHAN
Ibraheem AKRAM	Akif IQBAL	Amnah RIZWAN
Ruqayah AL-GHARRAM	Ishrat JAHANGIR	Yahya RIZWAN
Moeez AMJAD	Samme KHAN	Muhammed Subhan SAFEER
Halima AMMER	Ali KHAN	Samiha SAIFUL
Mohammed DAUD	Ayesha KHAN	Sarabjit SINGH
Hanifa FARUK	Ayesha KHAN	Lucjan STALINSKI
Hussain HAIDER	Hamza KHAN	Laaibah TALLAT
Khadija HAMEED SULTAN	Maryam LALA	Yasmina TANASE
Haleema HASEEB	Raheem MAHMOOD	Muhammed Ayan ZULFIQAR
Barira HUSSAIN	Zeeshan MAHMOOD	



Year 4-6 Sportability Festival

On Wednesday 5th May we took 5 children to Inspire Sports Village to participate in a Sportability Festival. The children took part in a range of different activities including Sitting Volleyball, Golf, Table Cricket, Polybat, Boccia, Kurling and Goalball. Led by Young Leaders from Stopsley High School, the focus of the day was to have fun and try out some very different sports alongside other schools from the town. The event was a real success and the children really enjoyed the activities. A huge well done to everyone involved.



Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket Tournament

On Tuesday 8th May we took 9 girls to Luton Town and Indians Cricket Club to compete in the Girls Cricket Tournament. The day began with a league format before progressing to a knockout phase. Each school starts a game on 200 runs with points added through runs or boundaries and points lost through wickets or catches.

League games:

Game 1: Downside (268) v Beechwood (217)

Game 2: Downside (289) v St. Matthews Greys (207)

Game 3: Downside (271) v Stopsley (199)

Some superb batting, bowling and fielding from the Downside girls saw them go unbeaten in the league and easily through to the knock stage of the tournament. Other schools were really starting to notice the girls' excellent play and were keen to avoid them in the next rounds.

Knockout games:

Quarter Final: Downside (252) v Beech Hill (230). This was always going to be a difficult match against last year's winners of the tournament. Beech Hill applied some very tactical bowling techniques and limited the girls to their lowest batting score of the day. However, excellent bowling and fielding from Downside saw us take crucial wickets and go on to win the game.

Semi Final: Downside (266) v St. Matthews Maroons (270). This was to be another extremely tough game against the side that had already won the indoor league this year. Both schools were excellent in all aspects of the game in what was a fantastic game of cricket to watch. Unfortunately for the girls it was St. Matthews who just came out on top winning by the narrowest of margins, only 4 runs!

3rd/4th Place Playoff: Downside (288) v Denbigh (258). The girls started slowly in this game, struggling to shake off the disappointment of losing the earlier Semi Final. However with some encouragement they were able to compose themselves enough to allow their quality to shine through and take 3rd place.

Every single girl should be proud of their efforts. They all showed some amazing cricket talents and the way they picked themselves up to still win the playoff at the end should be commended. It was a real honour to be associated with the girls in what was overall a fantastic day.



Sports Clubs Timetable**Summer Term 2018**

DAY / TIME	BEFORE SCHOOL	12:30 – 13:00	13:00 – 1:30	AFTER SCHOOL 3:30 – 4:30
MONDAY	Yr 3 Dodgeball (Miss Crosby) - Sportshall Yr 2 Scooters (Mr Cook) - Tarmac	Yr 4 Girls' Football (Mr Day) - Sportshall	Yr 2 Football (Mr Day) - Sportshall	Yr 5/6 Boys' Cricket (Mr Cook / Mr Day) - Sportshall / Field Yr 3/4 Girls' Netball (Miss Crosby) - Playground / KS2 Hall
TUESDAY	Yr 4 Dodgeball (Mr Forsyth) - Sportshall Yr 5 Tennis (Miss Crosby) - Playground / KS2 Hall		Yr 5 Cycling (Miss Crosby) - Track	Yr 5/6 Rounders (Mr Cook / Mr Day / Mr Forsyth) - Field Yr 3/4 Tennis (Miss Crosby) - Playground
WEDNESDAY	Yr 5 Dodgeball (Mr Cook) - Sportshall	Yr 3 Girls' Cricket (Mr Day) - Sportshall	Yr 5 Girls' Cricket (Mr Cook) - Sportshall	Yr 5/6 Boys' Football (Mr Day / Mr Matthews / Mr Forsyth) - Field / Sportshall
THURSDAY	Yr 4 Cricket (Mr Cook) - Sportshall / Field Yr 1 Gymnastics (Miss Crosby) - KS2 Hall	Yr 3 Boys' Cricket (Mr Day) - Sportshall		Yr 3/4 Boys' Football (Mr Day / Mr Matthews / Mr Forsyth) - Field / Sportshall Yr 5/6 Girls' Netball (Miss Crosby) - Playground / KS2 Hall
FRIDAY	Yr 6 Dodgeball (Mr Cook) – Sportshall Yr 3 Basketball (Mr Forsyth) - Tarmac / KS2 Hall		Yr 5/6 Girls' Cricket Squad (Mr Cook) - Sportshall	Yr 5/6 Girls' Football (Mr Day / Mr Forsyth) - Field / Sportshall Yr 3/4 Rounders (Mr Matthews) - Field

If children are interested in joining a club, they should see a member of the PE Team.

Academic Calendar for Community Schools 2018/2019

SEPTEMBER 2018					
Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

OCTOBER 2018					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

NOVEMBER 2018					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

DECEMBER 2018					
Monday	31	3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

JANUARY 2019					
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27	

FEBRUARY 2019					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	

MARCH 2019					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

APRIL 2019					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

MAY 2019					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

JUNE 2019					
Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

JULY 2019					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

AUGUST 2019					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

 School Holidays

 Bank Holidays

 Training Day

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