



31st March 2014

As we are almost at the end of our second term, it seemed a good time to update everyone on some of the highlights from this term, as well as include information and revised dates for next term.

First of all we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who've helped us this term for their support. Your ongoing help and prayers are invaluable.

This term it's been great to welcome James, Jamie, Sophia, Miyah and Rebecca on Wednesdays. We now have at least one child in each year group from Reception to Y6.

People and Nations

Our theme this term has been People and Nations and in our daily assemblies we have been learning about God's faithfulness to his chosen people from Abraham through to the fall of Jericho. Our Wednesday assemblies have been based on events in the life of David and we have also begun to learn Psalm 8.

Much of our learning has been linked to this theme. Some examples are – Victorians in History, ourselves in science, self portrait and sculpture in art, stories and art from other cultures and creating healthy snacks in DT. Some of the children's learning is displayed in school, so feel free to look around next time you're in.



Our senses display



Using our senses



Who has the greatest lung capacity investigation?

Trips and visitors this term included finding out about the lives of rich and poor Victorian children in Yate, an opportunity to role play being a schoolchild in Victorian times at Blaise Castle. We also sketched and walked across Brunel's suspension bridge.



Caves by Suspension Bridge



Rich and poor Victorian children in Yate



Our hobby horses

Water

Our theme next term will be water.

Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers from Sainsburys. They are being given out until the end of May. There is a box in the entrance to put them in. Dan and Rufus would quite like a football net, but realise 3500 vouchers is unrealistic. However they are not that impressed with the pastry cutters we could get with the 93 vouchers we had, last time Dan counted them!

Swimming

Congratulations to Rufus and Tilly who have both achieved 5m in swimming this term. The first 5m is the hardest. We will confirm the dates for swimming next term as soon as we know then. If you have not heard by the end of the holiday, assume we will not be swimming on the first day back.

Grounds and buildings work party

After all the rain earlier this term the hedging between the fencing and the school wall has been planted. I have to say the children did the easy bit! There are still many jobs that need doing around the site and so we've planned to spend a day in the Easter holidays (Monday 14th April anytime between 10:30 am and 3pm), getting some of them done. We would encourage as many of you to come as possible. The jobs include spring cleaning the school, as well as jobs outside. Older children, 8 and over, are welcome. Please let Carol or Jo know if you are able to come.



Helping Mr and Mrs Gulliford plant the hedge



2 homes for rent



Better be quick..One's taken already!

Uniform

If you would like to order sweatshirts or fleeces, see Mrs Gulliford.

Dates

Fri 4 th April	Term ends
Thur 10 th April	Monthly prayer meeting at 20 Frampton End Road 7.45pm
Mon 14 th April	Grounds and building spring clean 10:30am – 3pm
Tues 22 nd April	Start of term.
Mon 5 th May	May Day bank holiday
Tues 6 th May	School closed to children. Christian Schools' Trust INSET Day in Basingstoke
Thur 8 th May	Monthly prayer meeting at 20 Frampton End Road 7.45pm
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th May	Half term
Thurs 12 th June	Monthly prayer meeting at 20 Frampton End Road 7.45pm
Thurs 10 th July	Monthly prayer meeting at 20 Frampton End Road 7.45pm
Wed 9th July	Term ends for flexi-schoolers. Please note change of date
Fri 11th July	Term ends. Please note change of date.