

Parents Newsletter

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Welcome to the May newsletter and a special welcome to **Gracie, Daisy and Harriet** who have joined us this term.



Over the Easter break Mrs Woodward and the governors organised a range of improvements to the school in response to audits. The fencing and gate were installed between the school path and the meadow area. New security lighting has been fitted outside the building, and inside the blinds have been replaced.

In the kitchen, a new extractor is to be installed and we congratulate Mrs Woodward, as the school has been awarded the top rating 5, by Wycombe District Council on behalf of the Food standards agency.



We are very fortunate that we have a variety of habitats within the school grounds. Each group completed a collage to match their named habitat, Meadow, Woodland, Pond and hedgerow. They did not have to leave the school grounds they research each one. Pond dipping, habitat sampling, observational drawing, cooking and screen printing were some of the fun activities which were fitted in during the week.

Although the original parent gardening party was cancelled due to torrential rain, the following Friday was the end of habitats week when parents came in to see the outcomes in the classroom and then tidied the sensory garden. The children were rewarded with ice lollies. Many thanks to Jeni Fairey and the eco club. Also to the parents of last year's Year two who donated a new entrance arch to the sensory garden.

The first theme week of this term was on Habitats. This was launched by a whole school trip to Kew Gardens on Monday 30th April. Staff, governors and children all spent a rather damp but enjoyable day in the conservatories and grounds.

More about how we use our lovely school grounds every week for Forest school activities can be found on the school website.



One of many photographs from the remote camera which the children have set up in various places in the school grounds

After school clubs for the summer term

Monday	---
Tuesday	French
Wednesday	Club Sport– Summer Sports YR+KS1
Thursday	Premier Sport – Cheerleading YR+KS1
Friday	Eco Club

There are vacancies on Wednesdays and Thursdays this term.

PE and sport

This term we continue to have the support of assistant coaches from the Risborough Sport partnership on Fridays. Wednesday's lesson will be athletic skills.

Absence

Absences are unauthorised until an acceptable reason is given in a written note to the school. If your child has been absent through illness this term please send one in. It is acceptable for this note to be written in the home-school book.

Dates for the diary

- May 21st-25th Walk to school week. In April and again in May, 24 children received WOW badges for telling us that they walked to school on at least one day each week.
- 25th School closed for in-service training.
- June 4th School reopens after half term Holiday
- 8th PTA Mufti-day for the Community Ball
- 13th KS1 athletics tournament. Princes Risborough School
- 14th Lighthouse Assembly
- 15th Dads day 1:00pm Dads should arrive at school by 1:00pm when they will work with their child on Wait and see.
- 21st Chandra and Sekha from Agape school in India are visiting us to tell us how their charity is working for the families. The school council have plans for fund raising for them too.
- June 22nd Wild West Mufti-day for Speen Fete
- 26th YR multi skills tournament Princes Risborough School
- 27th Golden Wellie Competition, Bledlow Ridge School
- 30th Speen Community Ball Speen Playing Fields
- July 3rd County Transfer day. All children will spend the day in the next Year group Final French Club
- 4th KS1 Worship Trail through High Wycombe
- 5th Pre-school sports on Speen playing field
- 7th Speen Wild West Fete Yee-haw. Year One and Year Two will be country dancing at 3:00pm and the PTA will be in charge of the Tombola.
- 11th Whole school trip to Quainton Railway centre
- 12th G&D rehearsal 9:15 to 11:30
- 12/13 Gym and Dance Festival 6:00pm for 6:30 start at Princes Risborough School Hall. Tickets will be available directly from PR School
- W/b 16th Theme week: travel and transport
- 20th Y2 violin concert 2:30pm
- 21st Y2 family barbecue in the school grounds
- 24th End of year service and prize giving. St. John's Church, Lacey Green Last day of term. School finishes at 2:30pm. Autumn term starts for children Thursday 6th September

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