



## NEWSLETTER

10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had wonderful half term breaks and found time to enjoy some of the glorious sunshine.

We have a jam packed Summer Term 6 planned – we are trying to give children many wider opportunities to support learning and well-being while operating within present guidance. We have planned: archery for Classes 3-C5; swimming for C5; gym specialist teaching for C2 and C3; class sports days; outdoor learning trips to Mr Dougan’s garden for C1; outdoor activity days at South Cerney for C3-C5; Life Education session for all classes; PC Weedon working with Y6 children learning more about ‘Online Relationships’ & ‘Drugs and Peer Pressure’; a last day treat of a film show of Treasure Island. Plenty to look forward to – fingers crossed for great weather which always helps things run smoothly too.

Sincere thanks go to our wonderful Mrs Birch who works so hard to organise these special times happen for children too.

### **Archery**

Class 3, 4 and 5 enjoyed archery sessions today. The archery coach, Chloe, was really clear on safety and on how to use the bow & arrows. The teachers loved having a try as much as the children – Mrs Yorke scored a 9! One child said they would love to go to a club and it was their new favourite sport!

The children said:

- Wilf – it was exciting and really fun.
- Lauren – it was fun and part of it was hard. I kept going and got better.
- Violet – I enjoyed it and it was hard. I went wonky when aiming. My best score so far is a 6.
- Ewen – It was hard but I scored a 9! I enjoyed it.
- Jack – Getting the arrow into the bow was hard but I hit the board. I enjoyed it.



### **Congratulation**

We are delighted to hear that Mrs Redpath is expecting a baby. Our warmest wishes are with her.

As a result of this change, Miss Smith will join our team again in September 2021 as Class 2 teacher to cover the maternity leave period. We are pleased we will be able to offer continuity for the children during this change.

### **Gymnastics**

We are delighted that class 2 and Class 3 are having gymnastic lessons from a specialist teacher this term. The children will be focussing on core skills such as rolls, turns, balance, ways of travelling and even different ways of sitting! The coach is excellent and the staff are learning as much as the children.



The children said:

- Poppy – I enjoyed elephant walking and I learned how to sit in gymnastics
- George A – The teacher was friendly. We did a warm up and then it got harder because our bodies weren't used to doing the gym moves. The hardest for me was putting my feet together and trying to push my knees down. It was fun.
- Braxton – It was fun. The elephant and kangaroo jumps were easy. I had to sit down with legs straight and touch my nose on my knees – it was hard.
- Sophia – I learned how to rabbit hop. I did some good hopping.

## **Sports Day**

We have planned sports day differently this year in light of current guidance and the expectation that it is unlikely to change on June 21<sup>st</sup> for schools. Children will have a Class Sports Day within their bubbles. We will hold these on the school playground and field. Unfortunately parents will not be able to attend on site – we all hope for a return to normality next year as we know Sports Day is a special occasion for families.

The children will earn stickers for their individual Sports Day Cards if they meet the standard for their age for each activity. Some activities will be undertaken as a class to help organisation. We expect to have 12 activities on offer. Teams within a class will have a relay at the end and of course we will purchase some lolly treats for the end of the afternoon.

Please make sure your child has their school PE kit in school for their Sports Day. It is helpful if you can send in 2 safety pins so the children can pin their Sports Day Cards on their t-shirts too so their hands are free.

Class 1: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

Class 2: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Class 3: Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Class 4: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Class 5: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July

## **Life Education**

As you know we use Coram Life Education materials to support our recently developed PSHE curriculum. Our curriculum is planned to enable children to revisit key units on positive relationships, health, well-being etc as they move through the school and this enables our children to learn and develop age appropriate skills as they become older. The materials used are based on a growth mindset approach which supports all children learning and achieving.

We are delighted that Life Education will be visiting School on **June 23/24<sup>th</sup>**. Each class will explore aspects of our PSHE curriculum in fun and interactive ways: Class 1 - All About Me,

Class 2 - Feelings, Class 3 and Class 4 - It's great to be me, Class 5 - Friends. We know these sessions are always fun and useful for the children in supporting aspects of their PSHE. The sessions will take place in the hall which can be ventilated with ease and social distancing easily maintained.