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Date: 14th July 2023

Newsletter

Dear Families,

This will be our last newsletter of the academic year and what a special year it has been. I have been very pleased to be able to welcome so many of you into our school recently at our Summer Fair and Sports Day. I hope you had the opportunity to come to one or both of these events and I thank you for supporting the children and the school. As you may have already seen, Friends of Badbury Park raised an amazing £1300 for the school which will go towards buying things linked to the school development plan. All the children behaved beautifully and really embraced the experience of a whole school Sports Day and just about managed to dodge the rain showers!



I was very proud of our Badbury Choir who took part in the Infant Voice festival at the Wyvern theatre on Wednesday. This is an amazing opportunity for our young children to sing in a professional theatre with professional musicians—they were fantastic representatives for the school. Thank you to Mrs Humphries, Miss Lanham and Miss Gamble for the time they have devoted to make this a success.

Please make sure all children are in school on Tuesday as they will meet their new teachers.

You will find a list of provisional dates for the next academic year attached to this email which, I hope, will help you to plan your personal events around school activities.

I will finish by saying a massive thank you to staff, governors and Friends of Badbury Park who have all worked very hard this year, and also to you all for your support throughout the year. I wish you all a very restful holiday and look forward to another happy and successful year when children return in September.

Mrs Dance



Nursery

Apple Tree have had a very busy couple of weeks! Last week we had our Nursery sports day and it was fantastic to see the children celebrating each other and trying their best. Thank you so much to all of the Apple



Tree families for your support. We have also been to the hall to use some of the apparatus, practising our balancing and gross motor. Outside, we have been excited to see how much our tomato plants have grown, fingers crossed for some tomatoes soon!

For those who are returning to Apple Tree in September, we can't wait to hear about your exciting summer. For those who are moving to Reception – we will miss you, but we know you will embrace all the exciting learning in your new class.

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Reception :



Oak Tree and Ash Tree had a wonderful time on their local trip to Coate Water this week. We had lots of fun riding the miniature railway, having an outdoor picnic lunch and creating some beautiful natural art using flowers! We are so proud of every single one of the children for their fantastic behaviour and being amazing representatives of our school. Well done!



We also want to say how much we have enjoyed teaching all of the children in Ash Tree and Oak Tree class this school year, and we are so incredibly proud of their hard work, determination and kindness that they have showed over the year. Thank you for such a brilliant year, we hope you have all enjoyed your first year of school and we hope you have a fun summer and are ready for your new adventures in Year 1!

Year 1/Year 2:



In Beech Tree class we have been learning about Islands in Geography. We made our own islands and labelled them with human and physical geographical features. The British Isles is made up of many Islands and we have enjoyed reading Katie Morag Deliver the Mail set on a Scottish Island.



In Yew and Pine Tree class we have been working hard on our DT projects. In Year 1 we have learnt about windmills and planned, made and evaluated our own, using paper to create the turbine. In Year 2, we have learnt how to make wheels and how a wheel turns on an axel.

We used this knowledge to design, make and evaluate our own Ferris wheels in groups. The children worked extremely well as a team and adapted their plans to address specific design

criteria. They are very proud what they have achieved and so are we!

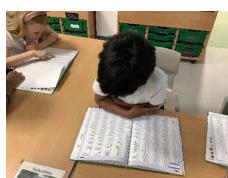


Year 3:

As part of our Year 3 finale, we have been researching the evolution of homes in the UK, focussing on Iron Age, Roman, Tudor and Victorian homes. The children have used iPads to find out facts about when and how these types of homes were built, materials used to make them and their unique qualities. As part of our exploration of the UK, the children have used atlases to explore different regions. In Science, we have begun looking at Light and how this impacts the world we live in. We will be investigating how shadows are made and the different types.



In Maths, we have looked at time, hour and minute hands and digital conversions. We will finish the year by looking at statistics using bar charts, pictograms and data. This has been a fantastic year for Maple Tree Class and we are incredibly proud of every child's achievements this year; the hard work and effort is truly recognised. Next week, we cannot wait to cap the year off in style with the Y3 Production – Eruption! The Story of the Stone Age and Romans. We look forward to welcoming you next Wednesday at 2pm.



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Premier Education—Mr Hicks

As you will have read in our last newsletter, Mr Sims will be joining Badbury Park Primary school as a dedicated Sports Coach from September. This will mean that our relationship with Premier Education and Mr Hicks during the school day will end next week. We were very fortunate to welcome Mr Hicks into our school from when we first opened; he has been an asset to the school, not only during his PE and lunch time sessions but also for his expertise outside school hours. Mr Hicks will be working as a Sports Coach at Ferndale Primary School, another Blue Kite Trust School, from September—we wish him every success in his new role.

Many of you will still see Mr Hicks on Monday Wednesday and Saturday as he will be continuing his after school sports clubs at Badbury Park Primary—please see details below. New members are always welcome so please contact Mr Hicks if your child would like to attend one of the clubs from September.

Monday Dodgeball!
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Badbury Park Primary School
Ages 5-11

Come and join us for Dodgeball every Monday for lots of fun and learning a range of new skills.

Book now
£4.50 per session*
(Block bookings available)

Free Trial Session!

*If you block book for Hicks Sports Saturday Club you will be offered 10% off of a block booking for one evening class and 20% off of a block booking for two evening classes.

To enquire or for more information please email Liam at hickssports@outlook.com

Wednesday Multi-sports!
5:00pm - 6:00pm
Badbury Park Primary School
Age 5-11

Children will learn in a fun environment, exploring new skills, improving confidence and social skills within a variety of sports and activities.

Book now
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Saturday Morning Club!
9:00am - 11:00am
Badbury Park Primary School
Ages 5-11

Come and join us every Saturday morning for 2 hours of Multi-sports fun!

Including: NERF WAR! Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Dodgeball and more!

Free Trial Session!

To enquire or for more information please email Liam at hickssports@outlook.com

BADBURY PARK LIBRARY



Staff from Badbury Park Library came to our school this week to talk about joining the library and the Summer Reading Challenge—Ready, Set, Read!

How to take part:

- Children sign up at the library to start their challenge, picking up their Ready, Set, Read! collector folder.
- Borrow books and get reading! Children choose the books they want to read, recording what they have read on their folder. Library staff and volunteers are on hand to chat to children about books they have read.
- For every book read, children will pick up stickers along with other rewards. They'll also help the Ready, Set, Read! team weave through the obstacle course.
- Every child who completes the challenge, by reading 6 library books, receives a medal and certificate.

This is a **free** activity for children but they will need their own library card and need to be accompanied by an adult. The Library will also be running family events every Thursday during the holidays, details will appear shortly on the library webpage www.southswindon-pc.gov.uk



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Stay Safe around water this summer

Water claims the lives of more than 50 children a year in the UK. Drowning is among the leading causes of accidental death. Under-estimating the dangers of water can have tragic consequences. You may be able to swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean you will be able to swim in cold water.

The key to staying safe is making the right choices to avoid getting into difficulty in the first place.

Here are some top tips for staying safe around water:

- ✔ Take notice of safety information, warning signs and flags. Younger children may not recognise the dangers, and need to be supervised by an adult.
- ✘ Do not jump or dive into rivers. Quick entry into cold water can cause your body to go into shock. Also it's difficult to judge the depth just by looking, there can be submerged dangers such as weed or rubbish.
- ✔ Be aware of strong currents and don't go into water near locks, weirs, sluices, bridges and pipes as these structures are often linked with strong currents.
- ✘ The water in rivers and lakes can be colder than you expect at any time of the year. Cold water shock will affect your ability to swim, look after yourself, or rescue others. It's a key reason why many people drown.
- ✘ Airbeds, inner tubes and other flotation devices can easily be carried or blown in to deep water and may not keep you afloat.

Further information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/.../publicat.../staying-safe-around-water> and <https://>

Raring 2 go!

The summer edition of Raring2Go Swindon is available by clicking here: [Raring2go! Swindon](#) .

The magazine contains fun family activities to try as well as events and visits in our region during July and August

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Safety information—Car seat laws in the UK

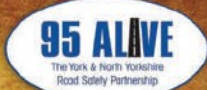
Children in cars, vans and other vehicles must be carried in an appropriate child restraint from birth until either they are **135cm (4'5") tall or 12 years old**, whichever comes first. They must then use a seat belt.

Children under 3 years must use an appropriate child restraint in the front or rear of a vehicle. They cannot be carried in a car that does not have seat belts because it is not possible to fit a child restraint in such a vehicle. It is illegal to carry a child in a rearward-facing child seat in the front if there is an active front passenger airbag. The airbag must be deactivated or the rearward-facing child seat must be placed in the rear.

Children aged 3 years to 135cm tall (approx 4'5") who are under 12 years must use an appropriate child restraint when travelling in the front seat of a car, van or other goods vehicle. They must use an appropriate child restraint when travelling in the rear, if seat belts are fitted.

Please see more information below:

CAR SEATS - EXPLAINED



Rearward-facing baby seats*

Group 0: for babies up to 10 kgs (22 lbs) roughly from birth to 6-9 months, or Group 0+: for babies up to 13kg (29lb) roughly from birth to 12-15 months.

* Rearward-facing baby seats **MUST NOT** be used in a passenger seat with an active frontal airbag - its illegal.

Forward-facing child seat

Group 1: for children weighing 9-18 kgs (20 - 40 lbs) roughly from 9 months - 4 years.

Booster seats*

Group 2: for children weighing 15 -22 kgs (33- 48lbs) roughly 4 to 6 years.

* Only move your child to a booster seat once they have exceeded the maximum weight of the child seat or the top of their head is higher than the top of the seat

Booster cushions


Group 3: for children weighing 22 - 36 kgs (48- 79lbs) roughly 6 - 11 years.

SEATBELT SHERIFF'S SAFETY SALOON

Seat belt legislation - The facts

The regulations governing the wearing of seatbelts in cars, vans and goods vehicles have applied since 2006.

The changes relate specifically to children and how they are secured in your vehicle.



A message to all my Deputies....

"Keep yourselves safe and remind all drivers and passengers that you must wear a seatbelt every single time."

	Front Seat	Rear Seat	Who is responsible?
Driver	Seat belt must be worn if available		DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE
Child under 3 years of age	Correct child restraint must be used	Correct child restraint must be used. If one is not available in a licensed taxi/private hire vehicle, may travel unrestrained	DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE
Child from 3rd birthday up to 135cms in height (approx 4ft 5in) (or 12th birthday, whichever they reach first)	Correct child restraint must be used	Correct child restraint must be used where seat belts fitted. Must use adult belt in rear seat if correct child restraint not available. <small>• in a licensed taxi or private hire vehicle • For a short distance in an unexpected emergency • If two occupied child restraints prevent fitting of a third • A child 3 years and over may travel unrestrained in the rear seat of a vehicle if seat belts are not fitted in the rear.</small>	DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE
Child 12 or 13 or over 135cms (approx 4ft 5in) in height	Adult seat belt must be worn if available	Adult seat belt must be worn if available	DRIVER IS RESPONSIBLE
Adult passengers	Seat belt must be worn if available	Seat belt must be worn if available	PASSENGER IS RESPONSIBLE

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30 larger than life balloon dog sculptures – the Swindogs – are going to be unleashed across town for the biggest and most colourful event in Swindon in 2023.

Designed by professional artists, schools and community groups, the uniquely decorated sculptures will take you on a free and accessible trail through some of Swindon's best-loved landmarks, parks and public spaces. Please see the map below or download via the this link: https://www.bigdogarttrail.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/S5.3_A2-Julias-House_Swindon-Map_Interactive.pdf



TOP ACTIVITIES

- Enjoy a picnic on the trail. Can you talk about what to pack and make it together?
- Collect treasures. Take a bag or bucket to collect treasures on the trail (or if you forget, pockets will do). When you get home display them and let your child talk about what they found or show some-one else.
- Take pictures- collect pictures and put together a memory book, talk about the adventures you had on the trail. Older kids could write things down too.
- Draw or model your own dog either at home or out and about, in the mud with a stick. Can you decorate it with interesting things e.g. leaves, flowers?
- **Balloon dogs**- a few spare balloons? make your own balloon dog.
- Cloud watching- lie down and watch the clouds, talk about the shapes and colours.



Walk and Talk

- Follow your child's lead. Slow down, get on their level, stop and talk about what they find interesting (This might be a big dog or it might be an ant climbing up it's leg).
- Comment on what your child sees, hears or does e.g. 'Wow big dog' 'A pretty flower'
- Expand. If your child says 'dog' you can add more information 'yes a big dog' or 'wow a colourful dog'
- Repeat say words over and over again
- Take turns: let your child have a turn, this could be talking, using pictures, gestures or noises. Accept all attempts to communicate as a 'turn'

LET'S TALK

Swindogs

Being able to communicate is one of the most important skills we ever learn. It helps us be a part of the world around us, to develop, to say how we feel and build relationships.

We also know that being outdoors is really important for children's speech and language development.

We've put together some of our favourite ideas to get Swindon talking on the Big Dog Art Trail.

Songs & Rhyme

Experts in child development have discovered that if a child knows eight nursery rhymes off by heart by the time they are 4 years old, they're usually among the best readers by the time they are 8!

Sing songs together on the trail:

- **Where has my little dog gone?**
- **B-I-N-G-O**
- **How much is that doggy in the window?**
- **Hey Diddle, Diddle**

You can change words in songs to make it more fun e.g. Where has my big dog gone?






Or perhaps use Michael Rosen's **Bear hunt** to make up your own rhyme

'We're going on a dog hunt, we're going to find a big one, we're not scared.... uh oh mud....'

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School Diary

July 2023

5th: Sports day
7th: TD day—no school for pupils
8th: Summer fete
10th: Reports out to parents
11th : Stay & play for nursery and new Reception pupils
14th : “Freezer Friday” - ice treats on sale after school
18th: Induction/class swap day
19th: Year 3 production at 2pm
20th: Open House
21st July : School disco
24th: Mama’s Sweet Treat from 3pm
25th: Last day of term
11am and 2.15—Nursery graduation
3pm /3.15pm finish (children return to school on 6th September)

September 2023

4th & 5th: TD days—no school for pupils
6th: Children in Years 1-4 return to school
7th: Children in Reception start school (full time or half days if new to Badbury)
W/C 5th: Poetry week
11th : Curriculum meetings for parents (Y1-Y4) from 5pm in classrooms
15th : Poetry Slam
W/C 18th: School Council elections
20th: School Tour at 09.30am for prospective new to Reception 2024
27th: Meeting for Reception parents at 6pm

Please also see the provisional dates sheet for 2023/2024 sent as a separate document

Teacher Training Days 2023/2024

- 📅 Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September 2023
- 📅 Monday 30th October 2023
- 📅 Wednesday 3rd January 2024
- 📅 Monday 3rd June 2024
- 📅 Monday 8th July 2024