



**DATES
FOR THE
DIARY**

SEPTEMBER

Sun 29th 10.30am

Pet Service at
St Andrew's Church

Mon 30th ALL DAY

Trip Class 3

OCTOBER

Tues 1st ALL DAY

Trip Class 4

Friday 11th 9.15am

Harvest Festival
St Andrew's

Sat 12th

Coffee & Conkers

Wed 16th

Bags to School

22nd & 24th 5.00-

7.30pm
Parents' Evening

Fri 25th

LAST DAY OF THIS
HALF TERM

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PTA

Thank you so much to all families who have shown their willingness to support the PTA. Thanks to the positive response to our meeting, we are now in a position to form the trustee board. The first PTA events of the year will be coming up soon.

Coffee & Conkers

Please do come along and support what should prove to be a very enjoyable few hours at school on Saturday 12th October. This year we are asking all conker competitors to prepare their own conkers and bring them along on the day - so it is time to start hunting for those prize winning conkers! We will have a supply of spares available on the day. More details of what will be on offer will follow shortly.

Creepy Corner House Card Swap

If your child took part in the summer library reading challenge, they may have duplicate cards that they wish to swap. Next Wednesday, Charlotte and Eloise will be organising a card swap at lunch time to help children complete their sets.

Bags -to-School

Next week your child will be bringing home a 'Bags-to-School' bag for you to fill with unwanted clothing, bedding, soft toys etc (full details are printed on the bag itself).

Ground Force Day -Didn't We Do Well!

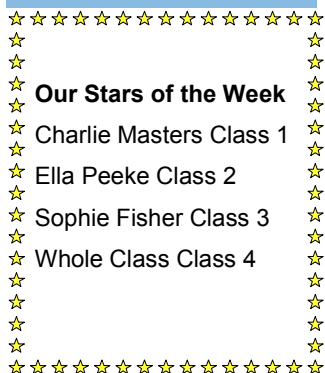
We hope by now that you have all had the opportunity to see the results of all the hard work that was carried out last Saturday. We really appreciate the support given by all the volunteers who did such an amazing job of 'sprucing up' the school grounds. The younger children are delighted with their new digging pit and the Class 1 outdoor area is looking much smarter. It is intended that this will become a biannual event with another ground force to come next Spring.

Pet Service

Just a reminder, Father Kevin will be holding a Group Pet Service at St Andrew's Church this Sunday, 29th September, at 10:30 a.m. Everyone, with or without pets, is warmly welcome.

Parent Governor Elections

Any parents who wish to stand for election to our governing body need to submit their nomination forms into the school office by midday on Monday 30th September.



Our Stars of the Week

- ★ Charlie Masters Class 1
- ★ Ella Peeke Class 2
- ★ Sophie Fisher Class 3
- ★ Whole Class Class 4

Class 4 Bell Boating

On Wednesday, Class 4 spent the day on a bell boating trip. Mrs Gray was very impressed with the positive attitude and great team work demonstrated by the whole class. Many thanks to the parent and staff helpers ,who joined in for the day. Without your support the trip would not have been possible. We hope to be entering a team for the Primary School's Regatta next Saturday 5th October.

The following report has been compiled using extracts from the following Y5/6 children's writing: Bertie Sainsbury-Plaice, Charlotte Winsper Jack Preedy, Ned Sainsbury-Plaice and Scott Edgar Hitchens.

Last Wednesday, our class had a school trip to the beautiful riverside of Bidford -on-Avon to meet a past boating Olympian named Andy. He showed us the basics of using a 'bell boat' (which, funnily enough, was Andy's Dad's invention.)

We got a lecture about how to use the paddle and safety rules (keep to right hand side). The two other boats went first and we followed behind. After a while, Andy said we needed to go first because we need to show the others where to go.

When we started going The Bumblebees, our boat, kept slamming into the reeds. Whilst crashing, we saw a dragon fly crashing as well. So, we changed our name to The Dragonflies! The other two teams soared down the river to the lock but we were so far behind they were out of sight!

When we eventually caught up, we were at the lock. The lock was man made and very old. As the large gate opened, it took us into the lock and the water began to sink down. Our guide said it felt we were in a bath and he had pulled the plug out.

Heading back to where we started form, we had our lunch sitting on the big logs next to the park. We were not allowed to play in the park because we were saving our energy for the bell boating in the afternoon.

After lunch, we headed towards Stratford. We rowed to a certain point then we turned around and headed back to have our race. The funniest part was when the yellow boat got stuck quite badly in some reeds. When we got back, we had our race. Andy's team won both times. I wonder what would have happened if Andy had been in our team? Any way it was a great day! We all agreed it was one of the best school trips ever.

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