



Newsletter term 2 April 2018

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DIARY DATES

APRIL	MAY	JUNE AND JULY
Monday April 16 <sup>th</sup> INSET DAY	Monday May 7 <sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday	Monday June 4 <sup>th</sup> School resumes Hot lunches resume
Tuesday April 17 <sup>th</sup> School resumes no hot lunches	Saturday May 12 <sup>th</sup> NCSA Scavenger hunt in Cirencester	Friday June 8 <sup>th</sup> All day cooking event with The Kitchen Club
Wednesday April 18 <sup>th</sup> Hot lunches resume	Monday May 14 <sup>th</sup> SATS week toast available from 8.00am	Thursday June 21 <sup>st</sup> NCSA school disco 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Village hall
	Tuesday May 15 <sup>th</sup> Bookstore sale in North Cerney details to follow after Easter	Monday June 25 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday June 27 <sup>th</sup> Blue class residential to The Wilderness Centre
	Friday May 18 <sup>th</sup> Class photos	Wednesday July 4 <sup>th</sup> Hot lunches finish
	Thursday May 24 <sup>th</sup> Sports day from 10am to 1pm	Wednesday July 4 <sup>th</sup> to Friday July 6 <sup>th</sup> Yellow class residential to Braeside
	Friday May 25 <sup>th</sup> Break up for Half term	Friday July 6 <sup>th</sup> NCSA BBQ
		Tuesday July 24 <sup>th</sup> Children break up for the summer

Multiskills Sports ASC on Tuesdays is open to KS2 only after Easter. Please contact the school office to book your child in.

School Office request

Please ensure that your Parentpay Account is in credit when we return after the Easter break.

Thank you

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER MRS SUKI PASCOE

At North Cerney Primary Academy it is important that we offer our children the very best opportunities. As part of improvements to the school and to ensure that our teachers have the maximum amount of time to focus on our children's education, we have been making some changes.

**We have introduced Accelerated Reader**

This is a whole school system that ensures all children from Y2 are regularly assessed and offered appropriately levelled reading books. Children take quizzes to check their understanding of texts and build their comprehension skills. Please let me know if you would be interested in an information meeting to learn more about Accelerated Reader.

**We have introduced Mathletics**

This is another whole school system that gives children access to online maths activities that are set by teachers to support their learning in class. This has been widely taken up by many children who are regularly earning certificates.

**We have changed the process at lunchtime.**

This is to promote children's independence. This change will also save 2.5 hours of Teaching Assistant time which can be redirected to support teaching and learning. The children's feedback about this change was extremely positive. The Table of the Week has been suspended while we are embedding the new system.

In addition to this some things may seem a little different to previous years:

**The Easter Service**

I was disappointed that we have not held an Easter service this year. It has been a very busy term with lots of staff training and unavoidable absence and this has put extra pressure on the timetable. Rev Minns and I are keen to build in more regular services in the church. We plan to agree dates for the year so that we can all have them in our diaries in good time!

**World Book Day**

This was celebrated in school. Many children took part in the poster competition and there were book-related activities planned for the day. Unfortunately, the snow meant that many children were unable to get into school and our day was cut short. Some parents and children were disappointed that children were not asked to dress up but some were very happy not to this year!

**Shell Jar Treat**

The children really enjoy working together to earn a class treat and it is important that they are rewarded. We often have fun non-uniform days to raise money for different charities but try to limit these as some children find it more challenging to maintain focus out of uniform. As the class treat is for the afternoon and usual classes continue for the morning, it seems sensible for children to continue to wear school uniform on these days.

The children are encouraged to voice any concerns they have to their teachers or directly to me. They can also speak to their school council if they prefer.

If anyone has any questions about any changes then please do contact us via the office. Have a wonderful Easter break. I know the teachers will be busy planning exciting and stimulating learning experiences for children to look forward to next term.

## THANK YOU



We would like to say a huge thank you to the NCSA for paying for 6 new laptops, cases and headphones for the school. The children have already had so much use out of them.

We would also like to thank the NCSA and in particular Jenny Forde for helping to get our accelerated reader programme up and running. This has help immensely to keep staff busy in the classrooms with the children.

We would also like to thank the NCSA for our lovely Easter basket and parents for our lovely Easter eggs.

## NCSA SECRETARY NEEDED AND NCSA MEETING

The NCSA are looking for a Secretary. For further information on how to apply please visit our website under vacancies.

Please come along to the NCSA meeting being held on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the school.

## ERNIE WINNERS AND HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



The classes who have won our attendance bear this term are:

19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February Green Class

26<sup>th</sup> February - March 2<sup>nd</sup> - Yellow Class

March 5<sup>th</sup> - March 9<sup>th</sup> - Blue Class

March 12<sup>th</sup> - March 16<sup>th</sup> Yellow Class

March 19<sup>th</sup> - March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Yellow Class

March 26<sup>th</sup> - March 29<sup>th</sup> - Yellow Class

Congratulations to Yellow class for winning the bear most overall this term.

## MRS ALEXANDER

We would like to wish Mrs Alexander good luck as she leaves us at the end of term to have a baby. We look forward to meeting the new bundle of joy shortly.

## SPORTS DAY

Sports day will take place on Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm.

Please bring a packed lunch for you and your children to enjoy on the field at 12pm.

## PANATHLON WINNERS



Harry, Harrison and Nate from North Cerney combined with children from Bibury entered the Panathlon at Cirencester College on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Panathlon is a nationwide initiative to make different sports accessible to all children. With 8 other local schools, the children took part in a range of activities, many of which they had never tried before, including Boccia and New Age Kurling. At each event they were able to win points for accuracy, speed etc and at the end we were thrilled to hear that Bibury/North Cerney were the overall winners of the

event! Congratulations to all the children involved and good luck for the next round which will be held in the summer.

## HOT LUNCHES REMINDER

Our hot dinners from Rendcomb College will end on Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup> and resume on Wednesday April 18<sup>th</sup> after the Easter Holidays.

## WELL DONE



Well done to Axel and Felix who took part in a Judo tournament in Kidderminster.

Axel won a silver medal and Felix a bronze medal.

## SATS WEEK

The NCSA will be providing toast from 8.00am for SATS week starting Monday May 14<sup>th</sup>

## SPORTS RELIEF WEEK AND WEAR A HAT DAY

This year we supported Sport Relief Week by having a non-uniform day with a 'favourite sports star' theme on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018. The children wore 'colourful sporty clothing'. The children bought wristbands and took part in a selection of fun sports activities organised by Mr Peters.

We raised £54.00 for Sports relief.

We also raised £56.00 for Wear a Hat day a charity that supports children with brain tumours.

As you may have heard from your child/children, an event called the 'Readathon' will be taking place over the Easter holidays at North Cerney.

Your child has been given the task of reading as many books/comics/audio books/instructions as they can over the period of time given; from the 26<sup>rd</sup> of March to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. They will have been given a sponsor card where many relative or friends will be able to sponsor your child/children per book, page, or maybe even every 10 minutes. It's up to you!

If you do want to sponsor your child, the easiest way to do that is to pay online at: [readforgood.org/sponsor](http://readforgood.org/sponsor) or, if you can't do this, to send a cheque or envelope containing cash into school with your child ready to be sent off to the Read for Good charity. If you are to use a cheque, please put the sponsor's name and address on the back.

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## AUTHOR VISIT

Children from Bibury C of E School and North Cerney Primary Academy were lucky enough last week to have visits from local author John Dougherty. John is the writer of children's favourites such as the Stinkbomb and Ketchup Face series and Jack Slater Monster Investigator. He explained to the children how his dad had inspired him to start writing and how he observed his children's behaviour in order to get ideas for his work. As well as talking to the pupils he brought in his guitar and entertained them with some very humorous songs - one all about needing a wee in class!

As well as having a very enjoyable time, the children learnt about the craft of storytelling and were inspired to write after meeting a real author.



## GALLERY

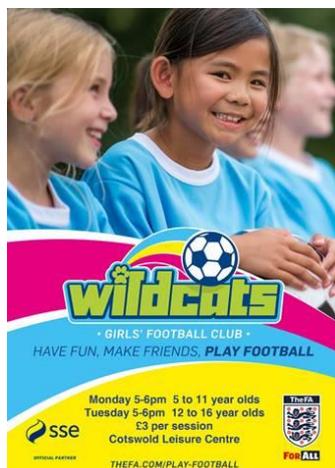


## BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to Alex Finlayson, Bethany Gearing and Teddie Phillips who are all celebrating their birthdays in April.

## FOOTBALL SPORTS CLUB



We are currently running two football coaching sessions on a weekly basis at Cotswold Leisure Cirencester specifically for girls.

- Monday 5 - 6pm (for girls aged between 5 - 11)
- Tuesday 5 - 6pm (for girls aged between 12 - 16)

We are keen for girls of all ages and abilities to come along to *Wildcats FC* and enjoy some fun football sessions in a safe, welcoming, indoor environment with coaches Scott, Issi and Jon.

There is no commitment to playing for any teams, clubs or in matches and tournaments. There is also no sign-up fee or weekly charge. Each player simply pays £3 on arrival at each session attended.

If you have any further questions please come back to me [scottburry@everyoneactive.com](mailto:scottburry@everyoneactive.com) or call me on 07974792245.