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Dear all,

I cannot believe that is nearly the end of term 4 and that Easter is just on the horizon. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Easter Egg hunt this Sunday. Don't forget your plate of baked treats to donate.

We have been really lucky over the past few weeks to have been involved in many wonderful experiences through the Henley Youth Festival. We have had some competition winners as well as every member of Nettlebed taking part in an event, from puppet making to parkour.

I attach to this newsletter a story written by one competition winner, Bridget Ashby in year 2, who won the writing competition. Well done Bridget—we are all really proud of you.

We have also had many sporting successes this term with cross country champions as well as football and netball teams who have both progressed to the county finals of their competitions.

Small reminder about the Star of the Term Assembly next Wednesday at 3pm. It would be great to see as many parents there as possible however please be mindful of where you park. I realise we have put measures in place to stop cars in Old School Green, however parking on the main road in the bus stop is also unsafe.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing how many eggs we can all find on Sunday.

Reach Up Reach Out,

Mrs Bethany Greenwood
Head teacher



Henley Youth
Festival

The Tempest work-
shop with Peppard
primary

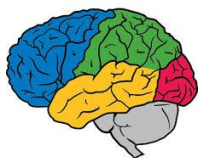
Making puppets in
Early years



Cross Country Runners as part of the Henley Youth Festival

Our netball team who have qualified for South Oxon netball finals





New Whole School Topic

Did you know that the brain is believed to contain 86 billion neurons? Did you know that information in the brain is carried at 268 miles per hour? Did you know that the average brain is thought to generate around 50,000 thoughts per day?

The brain is wonderful vehicle for an exciting whole school topic. We will all be learning about the magical grey matter throughout term 5. The children will be learning about the different parts of the brain and what they control. We will also be examining areas such as dreaming, artificial intelligence and the older children will be looking at the history of brain surgery.

This in turn will link to developing a whole school approach to dealing with our emotions and strategies to help when emotions take over. We will be celebrating uniqueness and understanding that all of our brains work in different wonderful ways.

Through this topic, we will create and develop a whole school approach to mental well-being and empower the children in many ways to express their thoughts and emotions. We will also be discovering how our personality type affects our learning and how we like to learn best. All of these different strands will help build upon the relaxation and breathing work we have been practising over the past term.

The work undertaken in term 5 will build on the development what is at the heart of excellent teaching at Nettlebed and how we are nurturing our students to be the best that they can be.

We will be having a parents forum during the term to share all of the new work the children have been learning and to give examples for you to use at home. We are all really excited about the project and teachers are already busy planning.

Breaking News!
The netball team have
qualified
for the county finals!



The Tempest by Kaiden and Alexia

On Tuesday, Investigator, Endeavour and Peppard Year 5/6 all watched The Young Shakespeare Company perform The Tempest by William Shakespeare. Tempest is another word for storm. It was an outstanding performance and everyone came out with smiles on their faces. It was particularly interesting to take part ourselves – we were sailors, the howling winds, exotic fruit trees and mischievous sprites! We loved this play and, this week, we are continuing to find out more about it.



On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 went to Oxford fire station to learn about being a good citizen. We were split into 3 groups and sent to our first task. We had several rooms with different situations in and we had to work out what to do. We even got to call 999 properly. However, don't worry, the people at the other end of the phone recognised our phone number as a practice call. At the end we all thought the 40 minute journey was worth it and we enjoyed our afternoon immensely.

By Freya

Dates

Please see the reverse for dates in term 5 and 6. There may be a few further dates to add in throughout the term such as sporting fixtures. Class assembly dates will be confirmed at the start of term.

Academic Year 2018—2019

Term 1 6th September 2018 - 19th October 2018 (4th and 5th September 2018 Inset)

Term 2 29th October 2018 - 21st December 2018

Term 3 8th January 2019 - 15th February 2019 (7th January 2019 Inset)

Term 4 25th February 2019 - 4th April 2019

Term 5 24th April 2019 - 24th May 2019 (23rd April 2019 Inset)

Term 6 3rd June 2019 - 23rd July 2019 (24th July 2019 Inset)

Calling all gardening helpers!

On Sunday morning, before the big egg hunt, we need a few volunteers with shovels and wheelbarrows to help move some fertiliser onto the new vegetable beds ready for gardening club to start and the beginnings of Nettlebed home grown produce. The walled garden is a bit boggy at the moment and so the truck cannot get any closer. If you think you could help or would maybe be able to in the Easter holidays please let Mrs Greenwood know.



Uniform

As discussed at parent forum last term, we will be making changes to our school uniform. This is because the current uniform has many variations, is not wearing well and ultimately does not look as smart as it could. We will also be looking to expand the school logo and have it on the uniform.

I am aware that many of you will be looking to purchase new items over the holidays especially those of you needing summer dresses.

Please be aware that any uniform change will have a phase in period .

We will be inviting parents to come into school during next term to learn more.



Maths Week

Thank you so much to all of you who were able to help support math's day and raise £267.30 This week was international water day and as a caring community, we have donated the funds to a worthy cause.

Awards for Reach Up, Reach Out

16.3.18 I am responsible

Kayla de Guzman, Freddie Woodfin, Adam Bennett, Fletcher Stickley, Archie Stickley

1233.18 I can ask great questions

Annabel Cunliffe, Scarlett Hillier, Alexa De Guzman, Barney Broadhurst, William Tebbutt



Absence in school and medical appointments

If your child is unwell, please let the school know in the morning by calling the office or emailing. Otherwise the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. There is no need to write a note once the child has returned to school.

Please avoid medical appointments during the school day. However if this is unavoidable, please bring a copy of the letter or appointment card, if you have one, to the office so we can take a copy for our attendance records.

Please note we are unable to authorise any holidays during term time except under exceptional circumstance. If you think your child will need time of school, please complete a 'leave of absence' form available from reception.

Dates for your Diary	
Monday 16th April 2018	Term 5 starts
Wednesday 18th April	Full Governing Body Meeting @7.30pm
Thursday 26th April 2018	Curriculum Governors meeting @8.30am
Wednesday 9th May	Open Classrooms 3.30—4pm
Monday 14th May 2018	Start of Key Stage 2 SATs
Friday 25th May 2018	Star of the Term Assembly @ 3pm End of term 5 @ 3.30pm
Monday 4th June 2018	INSET
Tuesday 5th June 2018	Children return to school
Tuesday 19th June 2018	Finance, Personnel and Premises Governors@ 7.30pm
Wednesday 20th June 2018	Open Classroom 3.30—4pm
Thursday 21st June 2018	Year 3/4 camp out
Thursday 28th June 2018	Sports Day @1.30pm
Friday 29th June 2018	Reserve Sports Day @1.30pm
Wednesday 4th July 2018	Key Stage 2 production @ 2pm
Thursday 12th July 2018	Curriculum governors meeting @ 8am
Tuesday 17th July 2018	Full Governing Body Meeting @ 3.30pm
Wednesday July 25th 2018	End of term 6 @ 1.30pm