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Dear Parents and Carers,  
I would like to welcome everyone back after their Summer break and say a big hello to anyone who is joining our school for the first time this term. This promises to be an exciting term with, amongst other things, our Year 5s heading off on PGL, and we hope everyone is excited to be back!

### Wow Day – Temples, Tombs and Treasures

Year 4/5 kicked off their theme of Temples, Tombs and Treasures, with an exciting day where students created artefacts associated with their topic and the whole year group dressed up for the occasion. All the staff would like to say a big thank you to the parents who really helped their children to come to school in some amazing outfits!



### Wow Day – Famous People of the Past

Year 2 also launched their year group topic with a day where children could come dressed as famous people in history. This included rulers, explorers, inventors and artists. The students had already made props to help their outfits and, on the day, a fashion show was held to show off their creative costumes.



### Jeans for Genes Day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September** is Jeans for Genes day. Children are welcome to come to school wearing their jeans, providing they bring a small contribution to help raise funds for children with genetic disorders.

### Library Summer Reading Challenge

Any children who took part in the summer reading challenge held by local libraries need to be aware that this finishes on **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September** (tomorrow!). You need to hand your challenges in to your local library by that date to make sure you get your certificates. Well done to everyone who took part!



## Star Learners

Congratulations to all of this week's the star learners!

Olivia Pearson  
Isabel Mclean  
Chloe Buchan

John Buchan  
Kyle Cross

## Children's Centre Pre-school Activities

The Victoria Road Children's Centre has a new timetable of activities for parents of babies and under 5s that will be running this term.

The full timetable can be found on our parent board, as you enter the school from the playground.

## Mr Rusty's Post-Summer Report

Over the summer there have been some improvements taking place. There is now grass in our Solar Dome, and a new fence has been installed at the back. We are just awaiting a delivery of wood chips to finish the area.

Inside the school, lockers are being fitted throughout so that each year group will have somewhere to safely keep their belongings. The majority have already been put in and we are hoping the outstanding few will be with us very soon.

Lost property has now moved and can be found in the annex building beside the kitchen that used to be the Mother and Toddler room. Already this year, we have noticed an increase in the amount of litter in and around the school. Can I just take this opportunity to ask all parents to continue the efforts we started last year to keep our school grounds litter-free.

I would also like to remind parents and carers about the new security measures we set up at the end of last year. Mainly with regards to the car park and the front entrance to the school. At the start and end of the school day **ALL** parents must come through the back gate and the playground. This includes parents wishing to go to the school office and anyone arriving by bus needs to walk the short distance around to the gate. There will be **NO** access to the school through the front of the building. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in making our school a safer place for all our children.



## Important Dates

19/9/14 – Jeans for Genes day

26/9-14 – School Disco

15-17/10 - PGL

24/10/14 – Last day of term 1

3/11/14 – Start of term 2

5-12/12 – Nethercott Farm

12/12/14 – School CLOSED

19/12/14 – Last day of term 2

5/1/15 – Start of term 3

**12/2/15 – last day of term 3**

**13/2/15 – School CLOSED**

23/2/15 – Start of term 4

20/3/15 – School CLOSED

27/3/15 – Last day of term 4

13/4/15 – Start of term 5

4/5/15 – Bank holiday, school CLOSED

22/5/15 – Last day of term 5

1/6/15 – Start of term 6

26/6/15 – School CLOSED

22/7/15 – Last day of term 6

**Please be aware that there is still 1**

**more non-pupil day, when the school will be CLOSED to be added.**

## PTFA

If anyone would like to join our PTFA, we would love to have you! Please let one of the existing members know. They can be found in the old mother and toddler room every Monday morning.

## Nursery and Foundation Morning Routine

We have noticed that the Foundation Unit is becoming extremely busy in the mornings. To alleviate this we are hoping to put some new routines in place.

**Nursery** - Parents can bring their children in and take them to the classroom. However, please be aware that you will no longer be able to come through the side gate before **8:55am**.

**Foundation** – Please could parents of Foundation children stay in the playground and not accompany their children into the unit.

We thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

A colour version of this newsletter can be found on our website.