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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of this half term, I want to thank you all for your continued support. It's been a short but full few weeks, filled with sunshine, purposeful learning, and those little joyful moments that make school life so special. Our Year 6 children deserve a special mention for the way they approached their SATs with maturity, focus, and resilience. We are incredibly proud of them. They've worked hard, and now they can look forward to a final half term full of celebration, reflection, and memorable experiences as they prepare to move on from our school.

Across the school, there has been a real buzz in lessons—whether it's been writing instructions, diving into new books, reasoning in Maths, or exploring the outdoors. Thank you once again for everything you do to support your children and the school community.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 3rd June.

Warm Regards

Gary Tucker
Headteacher

Beacon

It has been a busy half term in Beacon class, so it has been lovely this week to be able to take a little time to explore Theories of Evolution and also Tourism in China. The children have produced lovely, lively, colourful reports on either Charles Darwin or Alfred Wallace as well as a lovely report on some of the wonderful tourist attractions in China. These include the Stone Forest, the Terracotta Army, the Forbidden City, the Leshan Giant Buddha and the children were blown away by the facts that they learned about the Great Wall of China which cannot be seen from Space!

There has also been great excitement about the upcoming end of year show - King Lion!! The children will know their parts later on today!

Happy Half term everyone



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Alfoxton

This week we've been busy writing Trip Advisor reviews for the journey we took, back in time, to Pompeii. We happen to arrive at the moment Mount Vesuvius erupted. We don't recommend this place for a holiday but if you like learning about significant, historical events, then this is right for you.

In Science, we tested different materials to see if they were conductors or insulators of electricity. We placed different materials in a series circuit to see if the electricity would travel through and light up the bulb. We found out materials like wood, paper and fabric are insulators whilst the metal objects we tested would conduct electricity.



Triscombe

This week, our class enjoyed an exciting trip to Dunster Castle. I would like to applaud every child for their exemplary behaviour throughout the day—they were true role models and an absolute credit to the school. It was a fantastic visit where we explored both the historic house and its beautiful grounds, perfectly rounding off our learning about castles this term.

In addition to our trip, the children have also completed their phonics assessments. It has been wonderful to see the fantastic progress they are making—well done to everyone for their hard work and focus.

Year 2 have been diving into their maths learning by recognising and identifying fractions. It's been great to see their confidence grow as they explore these new concepts.

Overall, it has been a wonderful half term. The children have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of all they have achieved. We hope everyone has a restful and enjoyable break!



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Preschool

This week at Preschool we celebrated World Bee Day. We learned about the life cycle of the honey bee and tasted raw wildflower honeycomb and shop brought honey to see if they tasted any different. The children couldn't decide and thought that they both tasted 'really nice'. We then tried to make our own honeycomb for the bees, using hexagonal shapes! We explored small world bee play, matching the different shaped bees to their correct position in the hive and also painted some bee pictures.

On Wednesday, we joined Triscombe class for our school trip. Although we had a bit of a wet start, the sun did come out for us! We visited Dunster Castle, where we heard the interesting tale of the Dunster dragon! We looked around the castle and gardens and some of the children had a go at using a small replica battering ram, which they found very fun, although the adults found it a bit tiring, repeatedly running up the hill with them!

The school is closed on Monday the 2nd for an Inset day, however Preschool will be open as normal. The preschool team wish you all a lovely half term holidays and will see you on the 2nd of June!



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Young Leaders Award in Beacon

As you may know, Beacon are taking part in the Archbishops' Young Leader Award. Last week, we started session 1 exploring what leadership means to us. We completed the cup challenge and made dramatic friezes of good and bad leadership. Here is what children in Beacon had to say about it.

Polly said, "I really enjoyed the cup challenge as it got your brain thinking. It was good that we solved it as a team."

Rupert said, "My team were really quick to come up with 10 different ideas for good and bad leadership. It was so much fun."

We have started to receive photos of children completing their personal challenges at home and are starting to stick these into our course books in school in order to win the award. Parents please note, that a minimum of 5 personal challenges must be completed by the end of the award in July with evidence (either photos or signatures on the challenge grid sent home last week).

Cup challenge



Friezes-



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Site improvements

You have probably noticed the wonderful new furniture and resources arriving in Triscombe. Apologies for the site looking a little cluttered than usual but it will be worth it in the end. The field is having some fencing put in at the moment and the new taller gates are in with local planning and a decision should be reached imminently. This is part of our ongoing improvements to the site.



Attendance Alligator Winner This Week:



Alfoxton

Punctuality Panda Winner This Week:



Triscombe

Important Dates

Tuesday 27th May-Friday 30th May:

Monday 2nd June:

Wednesday 13th – Friday 13th June:

Wednesday 18th June:

Friday 27th June:

Friday 4th July:

Half Term

Inset Day

KS2 Residential

Parents Meeting at 4.00pm

Sports Day 9.00am-12.00pm

Sports Day (Back up-weather dependant)

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