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Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite the ominous clouds hovering over the school this morning, we were able to go ahead with our annual sports day. We had a fantastic turnout from the community to watch proceedings. Mr Crysell and Miss Caddy oversaw the competitive events cheered on by everyone in the spirit of friendship and kindness. Events such as sprints, bean bag balancing and the hurdles were won by different houses and then we had the grand finale of the cross-country run. This was a spectacle to see! Congratulations to all children for taking part and to those winning points for their houses. In 3rd place was Criddle, in 2nd place was Murray but this year's winners were Farah house. What a lovely way for Captain Octavia to end her time at our school!

Kind Regards

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Gary Tucker Headteacher









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Beacon

In Beacon Class, we have been making tickets for our school play. They will go on sale this Friday and we decided they should cost 50p each. All the money from selling our tickets goes towards paying for the next performance. In English, we are coming to the end of our story, Odysseus, which has taught us so much about life, beliefs, and myths of Ancient Greece. It has been a fascinating journey that will soon end with the performance of our Ancient Greece-themed play.

In Science, we have learned about the growth and development of babies and children which will lead into the Year 6 topic of human reproduction - a letter will follow shortly with details of this lesson.

We are all looking forward to the upcoming end-of-year events, such as the residential with Miss Dunwood, the Year 6 leavers' trip to Woodlands, the leavers' service, Sports Day (this Friday), and move-up day next week!









Alfoxton

Alfoxton Class have followed in the footsteps of Howard Carter to investigate what treasures were hidden in the tomb of Tutankhamun. Be aware because the tombs of the Pharaohs were often fitted with booby traps, nesting animals, gases filled with toxic bacteria, and curses to deter grave robbers. All children in the class produced excellent inventory list showing some of the 3000 items which had been found.

In English, the children have been writing high quality stories, which we are going to write up and share with other children in the school. In Maths, we are carrying on with our topic on fractions.



Triscombe

It's been another busy week in Triscombe. We have been planning our retelling of the book we have been reading, 'Rocket says clean up'. We've explored the many emotions she experienced. We've had most fun using beebots to help us learn about the different turns we could make, such as a quarter turn and a ¾ turn.

Our pea plants have matured and now have pods!! How exciting!! Whose plant will have the biggest pods and the most peas.....?











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Preschool

This week and next week at Preschool, we are exploring space. We have read the story 'Whatever next', made space helmets and flown to the moon! We made our own planets, using puffy paint and then named them - we had a pink planet, a rainbow planet, Earth and a heart planet!

We have been counting space objects, drawn planets in chalk and have been practicing our scissor skills by cutting comets tails and stars. We have learned 3 new space songs and have learned about gravity by jumping up into the air and always landing back down and throwing objects into the air and watching them fall to the ground because of the Earth's gravitational pull!









Adventurers

This week we finished our units and will be embarking on the last unit of the year next week.

Beacon got to test their vehicles down the slope of the field carrying a cup of water. Last-minute modifications were done to help keep as much water in the cups as possible. The winners were Maddie, Charlotte and Annabella followed by India, Sophie and Casey who managed to lose very little of their water. The rest of the class did well in their designs too even though some vehicles flipped over and lost it all. The children have really enjoyed this unit, saying it was great to work on a challenge together.

Alfoxton made Middle Eastern stuffed peppers. They smelt great.

Triscombe got to use the new Beebots in computing which was great fun.

Next week Beacon will cook, Alfoxton will be computing and learning French and Triscombe will be making models for the outside area using paper mâché. Triscombe will need a change of clothes which you don't mind getting messy for the afternoon. We will send an email out to remind you of this.

Reminder about smoking and vaping

Just a gentle reminder that smoking and vaping is not permitted on the other side of the school crossing. We have a duty in law to protect employees working the patrol to be able to work in a smoke/ vape -free environment. Please refrain from doing this. Many thanks for your understanding.



Clarity about starts of days

We like to promote independence in our children coming into school and having settled starts. For this reason, we have time at the ends of days for parents to meet with teachers or if you need a long time with them, then please book an appointment through the office. At the starts of days, if you have a message to pass to staff, then please tell the member of staff out on gate duty. It is usually Mr Tucker and he will happily relay messages. If it is hugely urgent or time-dependent then by all means ask and we can arrange for teachers to come out of class although this would be in very rare cases. This obviously doesn't apply to Triscombe and Pre-school as they have more staff to be able to have more conversations with parents each day.



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Important Dates

Wednesday 3rd July:

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Whole School Move Up Morning

School Production (afternoon) 2.00pm

Wednesday 10th July:

School Production (evening) 6.00pm

Thursday 11th July:

Triscombe and Preschool Class Trip

Friday 12th July: Year 6 Leavers Trip Friday 12th July: Reports to Parents

Tuesday 16th July: Choir Group at McMillan Theatre at 6.00pm

Wednesday 17th July-19th July: KS2 Residential

Wednesday 24th July: Year 6 Leavers Service at the Church at 2.00pm

Thursday 25th July: Summer Holidays Thursday 5th September: First day back