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18.5.18

Dear Parents and Carers,

This seems to have been a quieter couple of weeks but that is probably because both Lapwing and Kestrel have managed to escape from Wicklewood for a few days! Both classes have been an absolute credit to you all, with teachers and parent helpers complimenting the children on their manners and those all-important values. Well done to you all.

Lapwing visit Holt Hall (9.5.18 – 11.5.18)

I think these photos will give you a flavour of all that they did!



Headteacher: Miss Julia Brooks
Chair of Governors: Mr Peter Meacock



Kestrel visit the Peak District (14.5.18 – 17.5.18)

I think that this picture captures their trip perfectly!



Ed Godbold, dad to Luke and our Vice chair of Governors, sent me the following last night:

I have just arrived home from the Y5 Peaks school trip. I feel privileged and have really enjoyed spending the last four days with our children. The hostel was set in the amazing Peak's countryside - "WOW" was the way the children summed it up. The children did the school and themselves proud. I had lots of positive feedback from the adults at the hostel and activity specialists that worked with the children.

I saw first-hand some amazing displays of courage. How many of you would abseil off a bridge with an 85 feet drop to the ground? Many of our children did just that – RESPECT! Other activities were archery, scenic walks, survival shelter building, bush craft, orienteering, treasure hunts and the odd ice cream here and there! We could not have packed anymore into the trip. Throughout I saw great teamwork, caring and friendships, helping each other to be the best they can be.

I know the children arrived home tired, happy and rightly proud of their achievements. Our stay was made all the more special by the staff and activity specialists. Ask the children about the disco...

Finally a big thank you to Mrs Archdale and everyone who helped to make this a very special trip and one that will last in our memories.

Success for Eric



Eric competed in the Mini Red Team (league 1) tennis tournament at Easton College last Saturday and achieved a silver medal.

Well done. How proud you look!

BBQ funding – 13.7.18

The time of year has arrived where, behind the scenes, there are several groups busy organising the Summer BBQ. This is always a very successful fund raising event which is usually helped by those of you who work for Aviva and Barclays able to do charity matching by volunteering to help. If that is you please let the office know and we will advise you as to who to contact to make the necessary arrangements.

Medicine

Please can we remind you that if your child needs to have medicine during the day this must be handed to the office with the relevant medical forms completed. Children must not have medicines of any description in their bag.

Leave of absence

Research commissioned by the DfE shows missing school for even a day can impact on a children's educational achievements. We do understand that sometimes this cannot be prevented and if you do need please can you ensure that we are given plenty of notice (at least one week). Many thanks.

Netball



Well done to the year 5 netballers who competed in the recent Cluster competition. They were Maddie Cooper, Alyssa Money, Florrie Martin, Poppy Hurlston, Rose Rutland, Libby Ong, Martha Bashuan, Christopher Myhill, William Shenstone and Jake Gibson.

They played three games, winning one, losing one and drawing the last.

They had a really enjoyable time and are looking forward to the next one! Thank you to Mrs Emma Smith for organising the afternoon.

PE

At this time of year we are in full swing practising for Sports Day and deciding who is competing in which event. It is really important that the children get the practise that they need especially if they are entering a new event.

We are very aware that at this time of year some of our children suffer from reactions to the pollen, from heat, from asthma etc and it may not be appropriate for them to compete in their PE lessons. If this is the case please make sure that your child brings in a letter from you explaining why they are unable to participate. Without a letter they will be expected to join in. Many thanks for your support with this.

Decorating the hall

This is planned for Thursday 31st May 2018, and possibly the Friday. I have four volunteers so far and would greatly appreciate a few more. Even a few hours of your time would be greatly appreciated.

A polite reminder

We have worked really hard to ensure that our site is as safe as is physically possible. To support us with this we all need to remember that this also applies after school hours. Please can you remember to shut the school gates when you have collected your child from after school club.

Coming up:

22.5.18 Class and Whole school photograph



Sports Day

27.6.18 Greenfinch, Lapwing, Kestrel and Kingfisher 9.15 a.m.

Picnic on the field during lunch

Wren, Robin and Swift 1 p.m.

We are anticipating that because Sports Day is on the same day as the Norfolk Show there may be some of the children's older siblings joining us. If this is the case please ensure that they are with you at all times. Of course we understand that they may want to wander around the school, especially if they once attended here, but I hope you appreciate that this causes a major safeguarding concern for us.

Additional dates for your diary

School and class photographs	22.5.18
Summer half term holiday	28.5.18 – 1.6.18
Summer BBQ	13.7.18
Kestrel and Kingfisher play	11.7.18 @ 6.00 p.m. and 12.7.18 @ 6.30 p.m.
Leaver's assembly	18.7.18
Meet your new teacher	19.7.18
Summer holiday begins	25.7.18

Next year's term dates and INSET days:

The following link will enable you to find these dates

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/term-dates/term-dates-and-school-holidays>

Our INSET days will be – 4.9.18, 5.9.18, 18.10.18, 19.12.18 and 2.1.19.

Kind regards,

Miss Brooks