



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 21st July 2017

Dear Parents / Carers,

**Headteacher Awards:** Congratulations to Ndey Sillah, Vasni Muanza, Henley Grant, Leah Dalton, Lamin Ceesay, George Saffin, Lilymay Duffy, Favour Oshilim and Matthew Berry, who all received Headteacher Awards this week.

**Golden Tickets:** The children who have been rewarded with Golden Tickets this week and have been selected to sit at the 'Top Table' next week are:

Year Group	Children	Year Group	Children
R	Rory and Oskar	4	Summer and Alanda
1	Bahati and Arianna	5	Ebalo and Aboubakar
2	Ashleigh and Skye	6	Alisha and Teigan
3	Dareen and Jurijs		

**House Points:** Last week's winners were: **Mowlam**

Mowlam		Herbert		Moorcroft		Godiva	
Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly	Weekly	Half-termly
20	142	14	106	19	111	17	133

**Summer Fete:** On Saturday, we held our very first Saturday Summer Fete and it was a huge success! First of all, we would like to say an enormous thanks to all of the staff and members of the Parents' Group who gave up their time because without them this fantastic day wouldn't have happened. The rain tried to put a dampener on things but with everybody undeterred by the threat of rain we marched on. There were tombolas, inflatable slides, Cats Protection, British Legion, hot food and even a jeep full of balloons available for everyone's entertainment! The total raised was £673.84, which really is an amazing achievement so thank you all for attending. We would love to recruit even more parent volunteers to be involved with our Parents' Group so please keep an eye out for texts and the newsletter for the time and day of our first meeting of the new term. We hope to see you soon.

**Nursery Umberslade Farm Trip:** On Monday, the Nursery children, parents and staff spent a day on the farm. They learnt how to feed and care for lots of different animals. The guides taught everyone the correct names of the mummy, daddy and baby animals. Feeding the goats was lots of fun, as the animals tickled the children's hands with their tongues. They especially enjoyed stroking the velvety noses of the horses and enjoyed bumping up and down during the tractor ride. They all had so much fun on the farm that many children fell asleep on their way home after a very happy and exciting day.

**Sports Day:** Sports day was held on Tuesday and once again all of the children competed to earn points for their houses. Congratulations to Godiva for being the winning house for the second year. The house captains were presented with their trophy in this morning's assembly. The following children were also awarded medals for their sportsmanship: Renikah and Ryan (Year 3), Yagouba and Matthew (Year 4), Kaidyn and Patrick (Year 5) and Jay-Jay and Ya-Awa (Year 6).

**FS Disco:** After school on Wednesday, Foundation enjoyed an end of year disco, where there were plenty of groovy moves and balloon popping! All of the children (and staff!!) enjoyed listening to the music, eating snacks and dancing. The children all had a great time and we would like to say a huge thank you to all of the Foundation parents for your continued support this year.

**Year 2 Coombe Abbey Trip:** Despite the rain during the morning on Thursday, Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Coombe Abbey. The children began with a walk around the grounds and they enjoyed looking at the habitats and trying to identify the plants. By the time they had their picnic, the sun was shining, and everyone enjoyed a range of games and activities throughout the afternoon.

**Governors' Awards:** On Thursday, a special ceremony was held to recognise children at Moat House, who have worked hard or shown excellent behaviour or attitude. The following children were awarded with a certificate and a voucher, in front of a very proud audience of parents, governors and staff, for their hard work and achievements.

YN: Reagan and Anna	Y1: Michael and Darija	Y3: Abdul and Dareen	Y5: Jaiden and Blessing
YR: Mason and Mersie	Y2: Mariana and Shakir	Y4: Ayobami and Salima	Y6: Kieran and Naira

**Staffing News:** We will be very sorry to say "bon voyage" to Mrs Elms, who has worked at Moat House for six years. She has an exciting adventure ahead, as she will be taking some time out to travel the world with her husband. Thank you for all your hard work Mrs Elms - please keep in touch! We also bid farewell to Ms Campbell who has been covering in Year 4 this year. She works for us through an agency so we will be very likely to see her again next year.

**School Meals:** Despite increasing labour and food costs, we have been able to maintain the price of a school meal at £2.00 per day, since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. Unfortunately, following discussions with TNS Catering (our school meal provider) it is necessary to increase the cost of a school meal to £2.10 per day with effect from the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The weekly cost per child will therefore increase from £10.00 to £10.50 per week. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they will continue to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meal government initiative.

**Pause for Thought:** "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." -Mother Teresa  
How do your actions impact on others?

**Please make a note of the following dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Year 6 Leavers' Performance
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Last day of Summer Term
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July	-	Some Y5 to Dol-y-Moch
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	-	Children return to school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Half term break
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Teacher training day
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	-	Children return to school
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas break
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	-	Teacher training day
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	-	Children return to school

**I'd like to wish our Year 6 children 'all the best' as they move on to their new schools in September and I hope that you all have a very happy and safe summer and look forward to seeing you all again in September after we break up next Tuesday.**

*Yours sincerely,  
Alasdair Black  
Headteacher*

**Letters that were sent home this week:** 20<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers' Party Letter (Year 6)



**Attendance for last week:**

Our school target for attendance is 97%.

Last week's attendance was 93.2%

The class with the best attendance last week was 1EW with 96.9%

