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Dear Parents and Carers

FPTA Plant Sale

A great day was had by all! There were cakes, bacon butties, plants and fun games. Mr Wilcox and Mr McCadden took many sponges to the face too! A total of over £900 was raised for the school with many thanks to the FPTA for organising such a fun event. Thanks must also go to Bellfield Nursery and Blue Ribbon Plants for their brilliant bedding plant donations along with Richard Dyer of Holdens Nursery for supplying us with shrubs yet again.

Free Money!

Have you checked out our Twitter page yet? Why not sign up & see what learning is happening?

It's @birdhamschool and we tweet about what we are learning in school and it's a great way to keep up to date with what our children are up to.

As an incentive to get a few more followers, we have as competition: any parent who has signed up to Twitter and who follows our school page by Friday 8th July will be entered into a raffle to win a £10 Marks and Spencer voucher. Mr Wilcox will be drawing the raffle and you can find the results on our Twitter feed! Any parents who are then following @birdhamschool will be entered automatically.

Y3&4 Football Tournament

On the 28th April, Mr Wilcox took 8 Y3&4 children to Chichester High School for Boys for a tournament. The children involved came 4th out of 6 teams, winning one, drawing one and losing three games. The children behaved impeccably throughout the afternoon and were fantastic ambassadors for the school! Thank you once again to Mrs Madden for offering to take the children to ensure this event could go ahead!



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Rocket science

Yellow class, along with Mrs Quest and Mrs Manning, are becoming rocket scientists! We have planted trays of seeds; some are red and some are blue. One of the packets has been into space with Tim Peake! We have had a guess what will happen; Mr Wilcox predicts the red packet has been to space. Mr Wilcox will be posting updates to our school twitter page @birdhamschool so keep your eyes peeled.



Arrgh! Pirate Day



Orange class had their pirate day recently, there was much excitement and marauding around school. Mrs Pownall was amazing with the face-paint and the children enjoyed creating 'wanted' posters about their friends and made maps to follow around school and find clues.

Punishments!

For the weeks leading up to the plant sale, parents and children donated coins into pots in order to punish Mr Wilcox and Mr McCadden. There were 3 choices: gunging, ice bath or leg waxing. The winning pot (by a clear margin) was the leg waxing and the teachers had their legs waxed at the Plant Sale. Each strip was sold off for £2 each, with children and parents dishing out the punishments. Mr Wilcox and Mr McCadden managed to raise over £170 for our charities so we thank you for your support!



Y5/6 Rugby Tournament



On the 10th June, Mr Wilcox was lucky enough to take nine children to take part in a touch rugby tournament at Chichester High School. We came from 2-0 down at half time to win the first game 3-2 against Boxgrove A. Our second game, vs Boxgrove B, we won 8-0 with some fantastic solo tries. Fishbourne were beating us 3-0 but we scored 2 quick tries in the second half, but

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ended up losing 3-2. We drew the penultimate group game 2-2, with a heartbreaking try in the last second from Parklands. Our final group game against St. Richards ended in a 5-0 defeat. We had a 3rd place play off against Parklands. We were 1-1 before Grace Livings and Charlie Mahoney both made match saving tackles. After sudden death, it was still tied so Mr Wilcox and the Parklands teacher decided neither wanted to see their team lose after such a good game so we came joint third; an incredible achievement. Well done to those children who came and thanks to the wonderful Mrs Holmes for helping out!

Eco-Centre Toilets

Please note these are for children's emergency use only and are not suitable for adults.

Triathlon

Last week Y5 and Y6 took part in the school annual Triathlon. Children were divided into 15 teams of 3 with a swimmer, a cyclist and a runner and each team had to decide who did which. The results were very close but the winning team of Caitlin, Oliver & Nicole had an overall time of 11 minutes 30 seconds. FAB!

Medals were presented by Mr McCadden and James Woodward of Tri-it sports in Chichester, Great British triathlete medallist.



Do you collect Sainsbury's School Vouchers?

Mrs Westwood in Blue Class has the collection box for them. We use them to buy all sorts of useful things for school!

Twitter Update

Thanks to all our new followers on Twitter! During the week after the 17th of June, we gained 40 followers, had 4000 impressions (people who see our tweets) and over 100 interactions (replies, likes and retweets).

On Saturday 18th of June, we had 1400 impressions alone! Please keep looking, interacting and sharing in our children's work!

Security

In line with our safeguarding and security policies, please remember that any children arriving after 8.55am should enter school through the front door, not the side door as this will be locked. Any items being dropped off at any time during the school day should be left at reception and not delivered directly to classrooms.

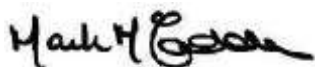
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Mrs Hall & Mrs Westwood

Many thanks to those parents that have donated towards a leaving gift for Mrs Hall & Mrs Westwood who are both retiring at the end of term. There is still time if you would like to make a donation – please either give it to Mrs Pownall or leave it at the school office.

With kind regards



Mark McCadden
HEADTEACHER