

Dear parents,

### Staffing

I would like to inform parents of children in Class 1MC that Mrs Casizzi has decided to extend her maternity leave until the last week of the summer term. I am very pleased to be able to tell you that Mrs Perkins will continue as their class teacher through to the end of term.

### Dates for the Summer Term

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term starts
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Shakespeare Festival at Townley Grammar (7.30pm start)
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Quiz Night*
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 to the Science Museum*
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Secondary Transfer meeting for Year 5 (6pm start)*
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	2T and 4H showing assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed for GLA elections (as polling station)
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	3T showing assembly
9 <sup>th</sup> to 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	1DT showing assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception classes to Hall Place*
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	2C showing assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> May	History Week*
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	5G showing assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term break
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	6M showing assembly
13 <sup>th</sup> to 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics checks
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 to the National Gallery*
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	6C showing assembly
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 1 to Legoland*
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School closed for EU referendum (as polling station)
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery and 5N showing assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Royal Festival Hall Schools Concert (7pm start)*
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Elmer Class showing assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports issued to parents*
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	3H showing assembly
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair*
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year to theatre*
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Gruffalo Class showing assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer production* (to be confirmed)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (10am start)*
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up for the summer holidays (1.15pm finish)

\* Details to follow

### **Reading Resources**

We have recently purchased a new reading scheme for our junior children, the Collins 'Big Cat' scheme, which is proving very popular. We have therefore decided to buy the scheme for the infant children as well, to run alongside the Oxford Reading Tree.

### **School Gates**

We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to the group of parents who organised a Ladies' Evening recently to raise money for the new electronic gates. The evening raised a magnificent £3700 – thank you to everyone who contributed.

### **Tooth Decay**

The dentist recently visited school to talk about oral hygiene and was 'horrified' to see that some children were drinking juice from their sports bottles. She said that the way the juice is taken in attacks the teeth and contributes significantly to tooth decay. Therefore if your child has a sports-type water bottle we ask that you fill it only with water and not juice.

### **Scooters and Bikes**

I would like to remind children and parents that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school premises. This includes pre-school children, who are at risk of being injured or causing an injury to someone else. It is very crowded in the front waiting area and on the footpath before and after school and we ask parents to ensure that all children take care.

### **Late Football Result**

Our football team reached the final of the Digger Dane Cup, where we came up against Bedonwell School. We took an early lead with a wind-assisted shot (apparently) and it was an evenly matched and fiercely fought game of two halves. However, Bedonwell scored the clincher in the dying seconds of the game to win 3 – 2. Our boys played magnificently and were a credit to the school – well done!

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Bishop Ridley School I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Hall  
Head Teacher