July 2017

Our value this month is: Freedom

Teacher Training days –
Friday 21st July
Friday 1st and Monday 4th September
First day back to Ferndale will be Tuesday 5th September 2017

July is absolutely jam packed with events and activities to take us to the end of the school year, from stepping back in time to stepping out on sports day.

Don’t forget the Summer Fayre next Friday from 1:15
Please do talk to your child’s teacher if you are able to lend a hand.

HAVING FUN IN THE SUN
During June temperatures soared to numbers that have not been recorded in this country since 1976. The children (and staff) all coped very well, adapting the conditions and making the most of the balmy summer days. Can we remind parents to ensure that children do have suncream on, bring a hat and have their water bottles with them? We have noticed that some children are bringing squash into school in their water bottles and we do actively discourage this. Please support us by ensuring that only water comes into school in their water bottles.

NSPCC
Last month saw us raising money for the NSPCC by taking part in sponsored activities. Last week the NSPCC came into school and collected the sponsorship money and held an assembly to say thank you to the children for all their hard work. We raised a phenomenal £1754.95! We would like to add our thanks to all the people who sponsored their children for such a worthwhile cause. If you still haven’t managed to get your forms back, please send to the office by Tuesday 4th July.
BINGO NIGHT
Miss Evans and Miss Viney are off to Africa during the October half term to do some voluntary work. So far, there has been the cake sale and two film nights – one for Key Stage 1 and one for Key Stage 2. All the fundraising activities have been very popular, so much so that a bingo night has been organised, to take place on Tuesday 18th July in the main hall, from 7:00pm. Further details will be sent out shortly, including how to buy tickets.

JOSEPH
Everywhere you look when walking down by the Year 6 classes, you can see props being made, backdrops being painted, children rehearsing lines and songs being sung. There is most definitely a buzz of excitement, motivation and challenge as the preparations for the big end of year production continue in earnest.
If the rehearsals are anything to go by, they we are all in for a real treat on the 11th July at 1:30pm and on the 12th July at 6:00pm when the production takes place. Tickets are now available.

SHAKESPEARE AT FERNDALE
It’s not only our Year 6 children who have been enjoying the expressive arts, we have also been developing the talents of our thespian Year 5s with the help of Nova Hreod and their drama department. The drama staff came over to Ferndale to work with a group of Year 5 children, with the aim of putting on a play about Shakespeare. The children embraced the opportunity whole heartedly, learning their lines and working with the staff and children at Nova. The end result was a stunning performance on the evening of Thursday 22nd June at Nova, where the children gave a performance to be proud of. They also performed the play to all the children and staff at Ferndale last Tuesday.

MARA’FUN’
Although the Mara‘fun’ suffered a bit of a setback with the sizzling temperatures, when we avoided the daily run, all the classes are catching back up, ready for the final run on sports day where Parents will be able to watch their children complete the run.
Not only have the children improved their physical fitness through the daily run, we have also noticed the improvement in concentration and focus for work when they have returned to the classroom. Following the completion of the mara’fun, we are going to continue with the daily exercise programme when the children return in September.

**YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO OSMINGTON BAY**
The Year 6 children had a fantastic week at Osmington Bay, where they enjoyed a wide range of activities, from zip wire to archery. The staff summed it up when they said “It’s been an amazing, memorable residential. The children have been polite, fun, adventurous, brave and caring – showing all the Ferndale values.” Thank you to all the staff who went along – Mrs Kirvar, Mr Truman, Miss Viney, Mr Allen and Mrs Witherington

**YEAR 1 VISIT TO SS GREAT BRITAIN**
Year One had a great day seeing the SS Great Britain and even managed to meet Isambard Kingdom Brunel, who happened to be there filming on the day. The talking toilet was a hit as well as the model of the crying baby! It was an extremely hot day but this didn’t put off the children who behaved fantastically.

**PIRATE DAY**
Olympus and Northern Lights have been causing havoc around Ferndale on their pirate day earlier this week. They had a great day using their design and technology skills to build ships and fly flags. There were also rumours of treasure being found around the school. A big thank you to Leo’s dad’s work – Catalent Pharmaceuticals, who donated lots of pirate inflatables.

**STEPPING BACK IN TIME ON JULY 5TH**
Only a few of days to go before we ‘step back in time’ at Ferndale to see and experience what life was like at the school during World War I. During the day there will be opportunities for the children to look at the...
Ferndale log books of the time and to find out what was happening at Ferndale and the impact that the war had on the school. They will also be taking part in a range of other activities in what we hope will be a day to remember.

HOLIDAY CLUB
It’s time to book into Summer club as places are going quickly. We will be running Summer club for the first four weeks of the holidays with the final day being Friday 18th August.

AND FINALLY …
As we come to the end of the school year, we inevitably have to say goodbye to our Year 6s as they move on to secondary school and look forward to all the new opportunities and adventures that will come their way.

We are also saying goodbye and good luck to Mrs Kirvar who is leaving us to return to Canada, though we will hopefully be keeping in touch through Skype sessions with the children.

Mrs Woolford and Mrs Cove are retiring after many years of service and dedication to Ferndale. We are very sad to see them leave, but have it on good authority that Mrs Woolford will be popping back in to hear the odd reader on a regular basis.

Mrs Diamond left at the end of June to reprieve her former career in accounting and, although missing us, is enjoying the new challenge.

Although we will be sad to see all these members of the Ferndale Family leave, we are also excited for them as they continue on their journey and wish them all the best of luck and happiness in the future.

Finally, we wish Mrs Challoner all the best as she goes on maternity leave and we look forward to seeing her and the new addition to her family in the new school year.
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<td>Infant Music Festival 4:30 – 5:30 at the Wyvern</td>
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**All Saints Junior Kraft Klub!**

*FIRST SATURDAY EACH MONTH!*

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH HALL,**

**SOUTHBROOK STREET.**

10.00 - 12.00!

**MATERIALS & REFRESHMENTS**

- Supplied.

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**Beavers**

Right now 17th Swindon (St Barnabas) Scout Group are recruiting new Beaver Scouts.

If your child is aged between 6 – 8 years old
And are available (Term time only) on
Tuesdays 5.15 – 6.15pm
St Barnabas Church Hall Gorsahill
Bring them along to Beavers....

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**Funtastic**

We have fun, play games, craft activities and have lots of fun badge work to do
If you are interested, please call / text Amanda
On 07719532291 or 618210
(Weekdays after 2pm)
Email beavers17theswindon@outlook.com