



Ferndale Primary and Nursery School

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'Ne'er cast a clout till May be out'

May 2018

OUR VALUE THIS MONTH IS EMPATHY

Welcome back after the Spring break, surely one of the wettest that we have had in recent years. We have hit the summer term running, or rather cycling and scooting, with The Big Pedal which will be coming to an end this Friday. This term also sees our Year 6 and Year 2 children undertaking their SATs tests and with trips planned and all the usual topic related activities going on, it is sure to be a very busy time at Ferndale.



DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.



KACEY'S CAKE SALE

A huge well done to Kacey from Zambezi who organised, baked and ran (with a little help from her friends) a cake sale in aid of Diabetes UK and, in particular, her brother Logan. She raised an incredible £134. Thank you to all the parents who donated cakes and to all the children (and staff) who very happily ate them! There was a competition for 'best cake or cakes' which was incredibly hard to judge as there were some excellent examples with not a soggy bottom in sight. The worthy winners were Faith and Kristian with their sea inspired cupcakes.

Last year Logan was diagnosed with Diabetes and he almost immediately decided to begin fundraising for Diabetes UK. He is taking part in Swim22 an event where he is attempting to swim the length across the English Channel, 22 miles. So far he is up to 18 miles and has raised an amazing £757. If you want to donate visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/loganroseswims



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THE BIG PEDAL

We are currently in position 33 nationally with only a couple of days to go. It really has been a fun-packed couple of weeks for us at school and we hope that your children have enjoyed getting active and taking part in the different activities and rewards that have been on offer over the past two weeks. It was great to see so many 'blinged' up bikes and scooters at school on Monday. Other events have included our obstacle course and treasure map challenge. We have also had tasty treats of flapjacks and on Thursday of this week, a hotdog breakfast. All the food has been very kindly prepared by Mandy, Kath and Lucy in the kitchen. A massive thank you to them for the lovely food and also a big well done, as all three cycle into work every day. Our final event on Friday will be our superhero dress up day, and we can't wait to see all our heroes arriving on their bikes and scooters!



SATs



During this month our Year 2 children and Year 6 children will be doing their SATs tests, where they will have a chance to show off their learning in reading, writing and maths. All our children have been working really hard and we are sure they will do their best.



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The children and staff had a great time at holiday club, making smoothies, Easter bonnets along with all the other fun activities such as face painting and playing out on the playground. Mandy, in the kitchen, provided a banquet for their party day and fun was had by all. Thank you to all the staff who put time and effort into making holiday club a fantastic experience for the children.

Details on May half term holiday club have now been sent out, or you can collect a booking form from the school office.

HOLIDAY CLUB



COMMUNITY LUNCH YEAR 1



The hall was jam packed on Wednesday 25th April when our largest year group, Year 1, had their community lunch. The catering team did a fantastic job and it was great to see so many parents at the lunch. It's a great opportunity for parents to sample the food that the children eat and to join them for lunch. The next community lunch will take place on Thursday May 10th for Uffington and Avebury classes.

As many of you are aware, for the past few months the pathway from Southbrook Street to the school has been closed. This was an understandable concern for parents and also for us at the school. We are therefore very pleased to announce that a safe route has now been re-established, which runs alongside All Saints Church and the community hall.

Can we remind children and parents who come in on bikes or scooters, to dismount before coming onto the school site and then remembering to walk bikes or scooters to the bike shelter? Also please ensure your child/children are wearing cycle helmets.

WALKING TO SCHOOL





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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY – TEACHING DEVELOPMENT DAY (TD DAY) – MONDAY JUNE 4th

Dates for your diary - May		
Tuesday	1 st May	KS1 SATs (all this month)
Monday	7 th May	Bank holiday Monday
Thursday	10 th May	Foundation Stage Community Lunch
Monday - Friday	14 th – 18 th May	KS2 SATs week
Monday	14 th May	Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar SATs paper
Tuesday	15 th May	Reading SATs paper
		Coleshill Year 5 Trip
Wednesday	16 th May	Maths SATs Paper 1 and 2
	16 th May	New FS2 (Sep 18) Drop in afternoon 3.45-5.00pm
Thursday	17 th May	Maths SATs Paper 3
Tuesday	22 nd May	Year 6 Nova Hreod Transition workshop
Wednesday	23 rd May	Year 3 Community Lunch
Thursday	24 th May	Year 6 Dog Safety Workshops
Monday - Friday	28 th May – 4 th June	May Half Term
Tues-Friday	29 th May – 1 st June	May Holiday Club
Dates for your diary - June		
Monday	4 th June	TD day – no children in on this day
	4 th – 8 th June	Year 6 residential to Osmington Bay
Wednesday	6 th June	Y4 Roman Day
Monday	11 th June	Year 6 Junior Good Citizen - pm
	11 th – 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday	13 th June	Year 4 Community Lunch
		Foundation Stage Induction Evening (5.30-7pm)
Monday	18 th June	Year 1 SS Great Britain trip
Thursday	21 st June	Year 3 Oxford trip
Wednesday	27 th June	Year 5 Community Lunch



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Community Page

Ferndale mums and dads
Coffee morning

Bring some cakes or a small donation

children all welcome Juice Provided

toys + Colouring for children

All money goes back to the Church

Tuesdays 9-12 All Saints church