

# E-Bulletin

6th November



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**Dear Parents/Carers** We had a very busy few weeks towards the end of term—and lots of exciting things planned this term. Read on to find out more.

## Recent news and Events Homework

- Year 2 created the most fantastic models of castles, applying all they had learned during their topic.
- Year 3, 4 and 5 had the chance to practice their climbing skills on the mobile climbing wall. Thanks to Wiltshire Outdoor Learning team for this. Well done to those parents who joined in too!
- Reception and Year 1 welcomed the Fire Service to school. They learned how to stay safe around fire and how to get help if they needed it.
- Our Autumn disco was a great success. Thank you so much to Alice, Selina, Emma, Laura and Martyn for organising and helping with this—the children had a great time and you helped raise a fantastic..... For the school.
- Year 3 created a wonderful 'museum' to show all they had learned about Ancient Egypt. It was fantastic to see so many parents coming to see all the learning. It means a great deal to the children when you support their learning in this way. If you are unable to attend any events like this, please do arrange to pop in and see your child's work at a convenient time.

A reminder that we will be launching two new homework challenges at the start of term 2.

All children will receive Maths Challenge booklets which will help them learn number facts. They should complete an extended maths challenge each term. These number facts which start with addition and subtraction number facts (bonds) and then progress to multiplication tables are so important. If children are unable to recall these facts quickly, and have to work them out each time they will find it much harder to succeed in mathematics.

We are also launching our Key Stage 2 Core Book Challenge. We want all children to have the opportunity to enjoy reading the best children's books. **Please note, the date of the meeting about this homework has now changed to Thursday 7th November**

## PE and Sports Events

Miss Holland has been working incredibly hard to make sure that all our children have the opportunity to take part in high quality sports and PE events competing with other schools around Wiltshire. We have a great number of activities happening this term:

- On Wednesdays Year 3 will be working with a professional dance teacher, Mrs Hobson to prepare for the Wiltshire Dance Festival.
- On 7th November– Year 4 and 5 will be taking part in a Cross Country Tournament at Stonar School.
- On 14th November Year 1 and 2 will be taking part in an inter –schools Multi-Skills Sports Festival.
- On 15th November some Year 1 and 2 children will be taking part in a Football Festival in Warminster.
- On 21st November, Year 3 and 4 children will take part in a Multi Skills Festival.
- On 25th November, some Year 5 and 6 will take part in a Football Festival in Warminster.
- On 29th November some Year 3 and 4 children will represent the school at a Hockey Festival in Warminster.

We believe sport is so important, not only as a fun way to keep fit but also to develop resilience and teamwork. We are able to run these activities as a result of Sports Premium funding. I am sure you will appreciate the time it takes to organise them. If your child is taking part in these activities please make sure that they have the correct clothing (you will be advised in a letter) as well as a water bottle and a snack.

## Firework Safety

We have been talking to children at school about the importance of staying safe around fireworks– especially if they see older children playing with them out and about. I am sure that you are giving the same messages at home. We know that fireworks are amazing fun, but we also know that more than half of injuries related to fireworks are suffered by children under 15. Avon Valley have produced a firework safety video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHclF7ejrY>

## Coming Up Soon

DATE	DETAILS
6th November 9.30am-10.30am	Open days for parents of children starting school in September 2020
12th November 1.30pm–2.30pm	
7th November	Year 4 ,5 and 6 Cross Country at Stonar School
11th November	9 habits Champion assembly
<b>11th and 13th November</b>	<b>Parent teacher meetings after school</b>
11th November	Year 3 and 4 Cinema trip
12th November	Year 1 Cinema trip
14th November	Year 6 Geography trip to London