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"Every Child Every Chance Every Day"

Friday 24th June 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder of dates for the last few weeks of term:

Tues 28 th June	Visit for children joining Reception in September 2022
Fri 1 st July	PTA Summer Fayre
Tues 5 th July	Visit for children joining Nursey and Reception in September 2022
Weds 6 th July	Sports Day (Years 1-6)
Thurs 7 th July	Nursery & Reception visit to Cogges Farm
Tue 12 th July	Whole school transition morning including new Nursery and Reception children
Weds 13 th July	KS2 Performance to parents 2pm
Thurs 14 th July	KS2 Performance to parents 9.30am
Weds 20 th July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2pm (School and Yr 6 Parents/Carers)
Thurs 21 st July	Term ends 1.00pm
Sept 5 th , 6 th , 7 th	Inset Days
Thurs 8 th Sept	Autumn Term starts

Summer Fayre

We are looking forward to the Summer Fayre next Thursday. The PTA have been working very hard to get everything ready. They would be very grateful for any volunteers who could offer some time to help out on the day, or to help get things ready.

This is the link to the Summer Fayre raffle where there is the chance to win lots of great prizes:

<https://raffall.com/306285/enter-raffle-to-win-thameside-summer-raffle-hosted-by-thameside-primary-school-pta>

VAT Science Fair

Last week Evan & Elsie (year 1) Sarika & Quinn (year 3) and Riley (year 5) took part in the VAT Science Fair They spent the day at Rutherford laboratories sharing their exhibition with other children in their age range and explaining their work to the judges and looking at the work of others in their age range. They also took part in demonstrations and 'Wow' science planned and delivered by children from King Alfred's and Larkmead secondary schools before building a marble run with Science Oxford. After lunch they watched a fun demonstration of liquid nitrogen before asking the Rutherford Scientists some questions. Evan asked a great first question. 'How does Science work?', which for a while even stumped the most senior scientists there!

KS2 Visit to London

After being postponed twice due to Covid, on Tuesday the children in KS2 spent the day in London. Unfortunately, we managed to pick the day of the first rail strike, which meant we had a very long journey! The children behaved beautifully and were incredibly patient. Our first stop was the Tower of London, where the Superbloom wild flowers in the moat made a spectacular sight. In the National Gallery the children saw a selection of famous paintings the two favourites were a huge painting of a horse, 'Whistlejacket' by Stubbs and Hans Holbien's painting of 'The Ambassadors'. From Trafalgar Square we walked down Whitehall,

stopping to see 10 Downing Street, The Cenotaph, The Houses of Parliament and Big Ben before making our way to the London Eye, where we were treated to amazing views over London in the afternoon sunshine. I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff at school who worked so hard as we arranged the visit and for accompanying the children on the visit. Many, many thanks also to the parents who so kindly volunteered to come on the visit, we wouldn't have been able to run the visit without you!

Visit to the Williams Racing Centre in Grove

Yesterday, as part of 'Girls in Engineering' Chloe-May, Darcey Hallie-Rose and Lois joined a group of girls from the other VAT schools to spend the morning at the Williams Racing Centre. They visited the Williams museum and took part in other activities which highlighted the role of engineers in Formula 1.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Grice
Headteacher