

Headteacher's Blog May 2018



Sports

Our fantastic football team ended their league matches with a 1-8 away win over Swansfield Park. The league finals day is at the end of the month: we are excited about taking part. They have shown excellent team spirit and conduct, as well as supported many players who were new to competitive, league matches.

As we now have more pupils at Key Stage 2, as well as two older year groups, we can now compete in more of the School Games competitions. These events are selective, so, for example, only 10 pupils will be chosen from each class in athletics and tag rugby. The chosen pupils will be notified in advance, following e.g. trials in athletics.

Many thanks to John Davison for giving his time to run the after-school tag rugby sessions - helping us prepare for the upcoming festival.

Sports Day this year will include a range of track and field events for pupils from Year 1 to 6. Pupils will compete both individually and to collect House Points. Reception and Early Years pupils will join the events later on in the afternoon.

Staffing/Organisation

Congratulations to Mrs Zoe Williams, who has achieved an 'Outstanding' grading for her teacher training course! We are delighted that she will be remaining with us in Year 1/2, as a newly qualified teacher.

The organisation for the summer term remains as follows:

Splash: Mrs Swinbank/Mrs Rutter/Miss Foster

Space Base: Mrs Williams/ Mrs Swordy /Mrs Lakey

Earth Works: Mrs Stapleton/Mrs Dodds/Mrs Lester

Time Zone: Miss Baines/Miss Foster/Mrs Lakey

Miss Emma Pringle is returning to us later in the term.

Parents of current Y5 pupils at St.Mary's Middle School, Belford (which closes in July), requested a taster session for prospective pupils: this is on Thursday 24th May, where they will join the current Time Zone class.

Homework

Thank you to everyone who supported their child/children researching about their 'water-based' topics. We have loved seeing their creative work: models, information and listening to their knowledge.

Please keep-up the daily reading, spelling and mental maths practice. Please continue to sign Y5/6 planners and any reading records throughout school.

Buildings

I can confirm that progress is being made with the acoustic panels for the Hall- hopefully they will be installed soon!

Although we had most of our capital funding 'clawed-back' by the Diocese for the Hall build, with the support of Ellingham Trust and Ellingham Estate, I am still determined that we will extend the car park (and hopefully retain the exit road) as soon as possible.

Reminders

Year 6 Sats take place daily from 14th-17th May. Pupils have had lots of revision sessions and we are proud of their positivity and efforts.

Year 6 pupils will have their High School transition day on 5th July. This is when our younger pupils will also have an internal transition morning with their class teacher for next year.

Diane Lakey