

# NEWSBITES

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## THE HEAD'S UPDATE

Dear All,

Well we are now entering Term 6 and this is going to be another busy term.

Hopefully, everyone has had a great half term break and enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations. I would like to pass on my thanks to all who came to join us at the end of last term. It is always fantastic when we can all come together – particularly when the sun is shining! We were really impressed with all the entrants to our celebration competition – not only did we have a really good number of entrants, but also it was lovely to see the care and creativity which had gone into the work.

This term we are continuing our in school focus upon writing. In FS and Y1, we are focusing upon applying our phonics into our own sentences which are clear and interesting.



In KS2, we are continuing to develop our vocabulary and sentence structure across longer pieces of writing – ensuring that we are aware of the reader and purpose of writing.

In this newsletter, we have shared some ideas on how you can support developing writing at home.

Thanks for your support

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT WRITING AT HOME INTO THE DAY

The following are some ideas for how you can support with writing at home:

**Encourage your child when you see them writing – they might also like to bring it in to show their teacher**

**When you are hearing your child read, or in conversation, try to identify interesting new words that they might like to know the meaning of or use in a sentence**

**Encourage them to write a letter, postcard etc. to a friend or family member**

**Look at your child's topic web on their class page on the school website – can they research one of the topics and write a report / piece of writing of their choice on that subject?**

## Reading

Research shows many reasons as to why regular reading is important. Some of these include:

- Reading improves vocabulary which can then support writing and conversations with others
- Reading gives us knowledge to understand the world and others around us which helps us appreciate each other
- Through reading, we can develop comprehension and develop the ability to critically think and make opinions
- Reading opens your mind and access to the world – you can think about new learning and be inspired to find out more
- Reading helps us to understand others and to appreciate the feelings and emotions that they may be feeling
- By learning familiar stories, children can feel more confident that they have ideas to write about
- Reading can help you relax...

In school, we are encouraging all children to strive for five reads in the week. This can be your class book, a newspaper, comic, instructions or shared reading a story at bedtime.

### Competition time

We would love to see you reading at home. If you could send in a photo of your child reading at home or somewhere fun their name will be entered into a prize draw. Entrants will be drawn later in the term.



### Thanks ☺

We would like to say thanks to all the companies and people which have helped us recently with some of our projects:

- Thanks to the kind neighbour who gave us some plants to grow
- Thanks Morrisons for raffle prizes, seeds and much more





### Family challenge

**Can you try and do the following before the end of term?**

**1.**

Jump in a puddle or go for a swim?

**2.**

Look at the stars – can you name any of the constellations?

**3.**

Go to the park

**4.**

Get better at riding your bike or scooter

**5.**

Bake a cake or help make a meal

**6.**

Learn a new skill – your choice!

**7.**

Do some art – this could be with leaves, pencils, fabric etc..

**8.**

Make up a game or an obstacle course for everyone to take part in  
E.g. how many pairs of socks can you throw into a bag in a minute?



## Booking School Meals

Our lunches are provided by caterers Aspens who provide a varied menu which offers daily meat, vegetarian, jacket potatoes and freshly baked baguettes (with a choice of fillings). A variety of delicious puddings are also provided plus a selection of fresh fruit and yogurts. Having a school meal is a great way for a child to try new foods and to have some of their favourites.

Meal bookings are made via the ParentPay online system.

Lunches must be ordered by **midnight** on the **Wednesday** the week before. If the deadline is missed, any additional meals will not be included and you will need to bring a packed lunch for your child.

Please continually check your ParentPay account and ensure that you are happy with your meal bookings.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please go to:  
[https://www.Swindon.go.uk/info/20032/schools\\_and\\_education/408/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.Swindon.go.uk/info/20032/schools_and_education/408/free_school_meals)

### Free Cakes for Kids Swindon

is a community service for families who find it difficult to provide a birthday cake for their child. Contact the school office if you would like a cake arrange for the special day!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS TERM?

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## Reading breakfasts

Later this term, we will be looking to hold some reading breakfast activities when you will have a chance to come in and enjoy a book with your child. Dates to come soon.

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## School Photographs

Class photos are booked in for Wednesday . As soon as we get the information back, we will then send you on the ordering information.



## A Massive Thanks to the Friends of Greenmeadow

In the last week of term, we had discos for the children across the school. I would like to say a massive THANKS to our small but dedicated PTA who not only organised but lead these sessions. A great time was definitely had by all! The PTA do a fantastic job raising funds which we can then use together to support opportunities for our children. Last year, for example, the PTA organised and paid for the children to all have circus skills sessions which were not only fun but also quite challenging in a good way!



# APPLE PIPS THE TASTY STUFF WE LOVE TO SHARE

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## Competition Entrants

Below are some of the many entrants to the Jubilee Celebrations.



In other news...

Congratulations to Una who took part in a national county tennis competition. At the end of the weekend, Una's team came second and she was 1<sup>st</sup> for players her age in Wiltshire – brilliant news!

Congratulations to Dora for her recent swimming success!

Congratulations to Myles and Elsi who have entertained us in assembly with their piano playing skills – we were all very impressed.

Congratulations to our Y5/6 violin group who put on a performance for their families. In a matter of weeks, they had all shown skill and the right attitude to learning an instrument.

We are looking forward to having upcoming performances from others. 😊

