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Summer Term Newsletter 2

It has proven to be an extremely busy and enjoyable term with many great events and achievements by the children.

Current Key dates for the summer term.



June	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day.
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return to school.
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Careers week.</li> <li>• Family interviews at RBSC for Yr 6's commence.</li> </ul>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Poetry Slam – Dillington.
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor and Mayoress of Bridgwater visiting the school as part of our career and election week.</li> <li>• Year 4 Orienteering RBSC 10:00 – 11:45.</li> <li>• Yr 3 &amp; 4 Art, Circuits and Ukulele afterschool clubs cancelled.</li> </ul>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mock General Elections.</li> <li>• Willows and Wetland school trip.</li> </ul>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 trip to Airhop.
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Scholars programme launch trip.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	4CB & selected 4HC pupils Taunton Museum school trip.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	4SP & selected 4HC pupils Taunton Museum school trip.
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 2-3 New starter meeting.
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Eden Project residential.
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Friends of Hamp School Disco, 5:30 – 7:00.
July	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Yr 6 Hestercombe school trip.
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	Healthy schools week.
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	RBSC pupils move up day.
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school move up day Yr 6 to Secondary school.
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3 Greatwood Camp residential.
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 – 2:30 & 5:30 – 7:00 Yr 6 production of 'Grease'.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 – 2:30 Yr 6 leavers' assembly.
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term.
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day.
September	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	All pupils return to school.



## **Published Poetry**

It is great to see that we have so many wonderful writers and poets in our school. 12 children have written their own poems that are due to be published in a book of collected poems by children from across the country.

Four children from Year 6, Corey, Skye, Ellie and Bernie will also be performing some poems of their choice at a 'poetry slam' event at Dillington House run by the Somerset Literacy Network on the 6<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Year 5 Overnight Residential at Hestercombe**



Last week the Year 5's enjoyed a fantastic camping experience in the woodlands surrounding Hestercombe House just outside Taunton. There were plenty of team-building activities where the children developed their communication, listening and problem-solving skills and it was great to see them having fun in the outdoors encouraging and supporting each other. A highlight was a night time walk through the woods without torches followed by a meandering tour through Hestercombe House itself, again without lights; the children were very brave as there were some very spooky sounds!

## **MyConcern – Safeguarding software system**

We treat the safety of the children with the highest regard. As such we have recently signed up to MyConcern. This is a software system that allows for a multiagency approach when there are concerns for the wellbeing of a child, providing greater communication between agencies so that all parties are aware of the current situation. Data is only used/stored by MyConcern for this purpose.

## **Sports Day**

On Wednesday we were blessed with a beautiful day for our re-scheduled sports day. The children showed great teamwork, determination and perseverance during the sprints and marathon, and it was lovely to see the children supporting and cheering each other on during the afternoon's events. A big thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who came to support the children – always much appreciated.



## **Sun cream, hats and water bottles**



With the hot weather over the past few days can we remind you to ensure that the children come to school with sun cream, hat and water-bottle wherever possible to avoid potential sun-burn and dehydration during playtimes. The children have access to water throughout the day in class and we will encourage them to stay in the shade if it is too hot and they don't have sun cream with them.

## **Toy characters for Thrive activities**

Thrive is a powerful approach which we use in school to support children in building their social and emotional development and resilience to help them better understand their feelings and emotions. It is based on research in neuroscience, attachment theory and child development and many of the activities are centred around play and practical experiences. One particular activity uses sand trays and characters to allow children to express themselves and situations in a safe context. If you have any small toy 'characters' that you would be happy to donate to school we would be very grateful. Please drop anything you can provide into the office.

## **Hamp Discovery Trail**

**Zing Somerset- Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership** will be setting up a fun activity trail around Hamp on the 14<sup>th</sup> June - 3.15 to 5pm. The idea is for families to explore the local area and at several locations have a go at a quick activity arranged by various organisations. For example at Browne's pond there will be a bug hunt activity, at the YMCA some fun games and so on. Zing Somerset will be outside school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to share more information about this event.

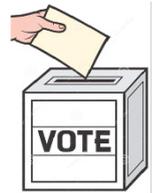


### **'Happy' Posters for the job centre**

We were recently asked by the local job centre for the children to produce posters and pictures of something that makes them happy. This was all part of a workshop set-up by the centre on the 18<sup>th</sup> May to support those who have been on long-term unemployment and they were amazed by the quantity and quality of the work. The children produced some wonderful pictures with themes that included hobbies and sports, school, reading, writing stories, friends and family. Well done to Ryley in 5DA/GH whose poster was voted by visitors as the one that made them most happy.

### **General Election 8<sup>th</sup> June**

As the general election fast approaches, please take the time to discuss the different views of the parties with your children as this will form a big part of the children's learning during the first week after half-term. The children will understand more about British values of democracy, liberty and the freedom and right to vote as well as write persuasive speeches of their own and learn about the democratic process by voting themselves in our mock election on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June.



### **Staffing Changes**

As many of you will be aware from sports day, we will be saying good bye to Mr Jackson, our PE coach, at the end of the summer term as he moves to pastures new nearer to his home in Yeovil. We would like to thank him for all that he has done to raise the profile of sport at Hamp Academy over the last 3 years. I am very pleased to announce that Mr Sutton, who has a great deal of experience in PE, multi-sports and athletics and who currently runs North curry youth football club, will be stepping into the role as PE coach at the beginning of September. Regrettably we will also be saying farewell to Mr Clarke who has recently relocated to Bristol and is seeking a new position, ideally in KS1, closer to home. Again we would like to thank Mr Clarke for all that he has brought to the school, particularly adding variety to our afterschool provision with ukuleles and animation clubs. He will be greatly missed. We will be seeking a replacement next term and will keep you informed of further arrangements in due course.

Thank you for your continued support,

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