

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

28th April 2017

Dear parents, carers and families

I do hope that you have all had a lovely break over the Easter period. As ever, Endeavour never stops. The students at Endeavour House have had a fantastic Easter with many trips out including the climbing wall, cinema, and walks in the woods, trampolining and swimming.

We are also delighted that we have managed to squeeze some much needed maintenance work into our schedule including the laying of new flooring in Square Class.

The staff have enjoyed training with Jules MacKim this week on 'Intensive Interaction'.

We have also enjoyed having a professional photographer with us this week in preparation for 'go live' on our new school website.

Book Bags

Your child will have brought home their new Endeavour Book Bag today. Every Friday your child will bring home a new book to read with you for the week. Can we please ask that as well as engaging with your child in looking at the home / school diary each Friday, you put some time aside to look through the reading book with your child as their homework task.

Can we please ask that your child's book bag comes into school each day.

Next week celebrates the start of National Share a Story month – a perfect way to start our new homework scheme.

Term Ahead

The topic across School for this Term is 'Lights Camera Action'. The highlight of this topic will be 'The Endeavour Circus Afternoon' in school on Friday 9th June, 1.30pm – 2.30pm (please put this date in your diary). More information and invite to follow.

You will have received in your envelope this week our Termly 'Topic Challenge'. We look forward to hearing news from home via our Friday home / school photo book as to how you have engaged in these tasks with your child.

Music

Our budding musicians will be working with The Oxford Montessori School on 9th May. This is followed by our Termly Music for Autism day on 10th May. We are delighted to share with you that this will be recorded for a programme on BBC radio. We will share the date with you when this will be broadcast.

Reminder

Bank Holiday Monday next week therefore no Education. In looking ahead Education will finish on Friday 26th May for Half Term. Monday 5th June is an INSET day therefore Education will resume on Tuesday 6th June 2017.

Staff Changes

I am sorry to inform parents that Leah Clements will be leaving us today. I have had to reassign staff to classes and have attached an up to date class list for you. Key changes are; Marcelle Peacock will take over as class teacher of Triangle class with Hannah Mortimer moving to Circle Class.

New Pupils

We are delighted to welcome Kieran O to Triangle class, and Anna W and John H to Star class. Welcome to the Endeavour family.

Academic Year 2017 - 2018

To keep parents in the loop, I have put a proposal forwards to the Trust Leadership Group, the Local Advisory Board and Commissioners that Education will close at 1.15pm on Fridays from September 2017. I am sure that you can appreciate that this is not a decision that has been made lightly, however, we are becoming increasingly concerned re the limited time that class teams have together in planning and preparation for the students and in staff well-being. The additional time would allow staff to get together as a team and ensure we are fully meeting the needs of each student as well as having time to record progress being made.

Dates for Your Diary

Please note in your diaries that we will be having two whole school events next half term:

Friday 9th June – Families circus themed afternoon (all invited from 1.30pm)

Tuesday 11th July – Whole school, families and support day at Thomley Hall (from 11.00am)

To finish on this week's quote:



Towards a bright future

Best wishes

Angela O'Rourke
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR Summer 1 – 2017

| School Assembly | | | | | | | |
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| Date Tuesday 14:20 | Lower School | | Date Wednesday 14:30 | Upper School | | Date Friday 14:15 | Star Assembly Whole School |
| 25/04/17 | Marcelle | | 26/04/17 | James | | 28/04/17 | James |
| 02/05/17 | Cathy | | 03/05/17 | Hannah | | 05/05/17 | Cathy |
| 09/05/17 | Michaela | | 10/05/17 | Michaela | | 12/05/17 | Hannah |
| 16/05/17 | Marcelle | | 17/05/17 | James | | 19/05/17 | Marcelle |
| 23/05/17 | Cathy | | 24/05/17 | Hannah | | 26/05/17 | Michaela |

| Training | | |
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| Date | Visitor | Purpose |
| 24/04/17 | Jules Mc Kim (09:15: 13:00) | Intensive Interaction Training |
| 01/05/17 | Bank Holiday | |
| 08/05/17 | Sue Bayliss | Child Development (15:15 – 16:15) |
| 15/05/17 | Sue Bayliss | Child Development (15:15 – 16:15) |
| 22/05/17 | Sue Bayliss | Child Development (15:15 – 16:15) |

Whole School Topic Summer Term: Lights Camera Action

| Calendar | |
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| Date | Area |
| 24/04/17 | INSET Day in Education |
| 25/04/17 | Photographer in School |
| 25/04/17 | Geoff Evans Regulation 44 Visit |
| 26/04/17 | Geoff Evans Regulation 44 Visit |
| 26/04/17 | Video taking place in School |
| 26/04/17 | Local Advisory Board (17:00 – 19:00) Meeting Room |
| 01/05/17 | Bank Holiday |
| 02/05/17 | Share a Story Month |
| 03/05/17 | Head of Care Meeting LVS 13:00 |
| 04/05/17 | Trust Leadership Group |
| 08/05/17 | Walk a week in her shoes charity event in school |
| 09/05/17 | Music Event at Oxford Montessori (all day) |
| 10/05/17 | Music for Autism & BBC on site (LVS joining) |
| 15/05/17 | National Vegetarian Week (MS) National Deaf Awareness Week (MP) |
| 16/05/17 | Geoff Evans Regulation 44 Visit |
| 17/05/17 | Geoff Evans Regulation 44 Visit |
| 24/05/17 | Commissioners Meeting 10:00 – 11:30 Meeting Room |
| 26/05/17 | Finish for Half Term (normal school time) |