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Class 3 trip

On Tuesday, children in class 3 will join children in Years 5 and 6 from Rodmarton School for an afternoon of team building at Cirencester College. Children need a packed lunch and can wear PE kit and trainers for the day. This trip is the first of three sessions before our residential so that we get to know each other and have some shared experiences before the trip.

Photos

We are using a new school photographer this year, and we have a session booked for Monday, 3rd June, the first day of term 6. More details will follow closer to the time.

Before and After school fees

Some of you will have noticed that our booking software now warns you if you book a session with insufficient funds in your account to do so. As you know, we cannot let you run up debts for wraparound care, so this feature allows you to see if booking would lead to this. You may notice the alert if you book before adding the funds within the same session. Please let us know if you are having any financial difficulties or think your circumstances might now mean you are eligible for pupil premium funding.

Staff professional development

You might have noticed last week that several staff members have been out or teaching different classes; this is due to several professional development courses we have attended and will continue to attend this academic year. We have been very fortunate to have a suite of training funded by the English Hub, the Enthuse science network and the Maths Hub and we are ensuring that we make the most of this whilst funding is available. We guarantee that the quality of teaching and learning will not be affected by using our supply teachers and making any necessary changes to our internal timetable. We know that many children like the school routine, so we inform them of the changes in advance wherever possible.

Term 6 after-school clubs

The number of children joining clubs is usually lower in term six due to the nice weather and the chance to spend time with friends at the park. We have decided this year not to run teacher-led clubs in term six but instead for teachers to spend the time preparing for the year ahead and running a selection of invitation transition sessions. Wraparound care will remain in place until 5 p.m. and include various activities.

2 Litre plastic bottles are needed, please

Can you please bring in any 2-litre empty plastic bottles? We have joined other schools this term to rotate a box of weekly STEM challenges. We have had some notice that the one in a couple of weeks times needs plastic bottles, so we would be greateful if you could bring any in that you might have. Thank you

Key Dates	
30th April	Class 3 team building day with Rodmarton School ahead of our joint residential
7th May	Quad Kids
9th May	Class 1 trip

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13 th – 16 th May	Y6 SATs
17th May	PTA children's DISCO at the FOOTBALL CLUB!
17th May	Class 3 Team building day with Rodmarton School ahead of our joint residential
20th May	On non-school uniform day, children are to bring chocolate or bottles for the tombolas at the school fete.
21st May	Orienteering Y5/6
24th May	Sports day and family picnic – Sports day starting at 11 am (if dry)
24th May	End of Term 5
3rd June	Term 6 starts
3 rd – 14 th June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10th June	Class 3 Team building day with Rodmarton School ahead of our joint residential
10 th – 14 th June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
11th June	In the Net – internet safety play Year 4
12th June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
15th June	Small school fundraising event
17 th – 21 st June	Careers week
18th June	Rounders Year 5/6
24 th - 26 th June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
26 th -26 th June	Commonweal open days
28th June	PTA school quiz night
Week of 1st July	Crypt Open day
2 nd and 3 rd July	Farmors Induction Day
6th July	School Fete
10th July	Schoolbeat visit for class 3
10th July	Year 2/3 multisports
July 11 th and 12th	Deer Park induction days
15th July	Make the rules day
19th July	Last day of term for pupils – 1:15 p.m. finish
22nd July	INSET day