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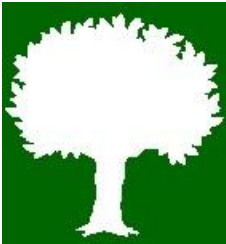
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## Headteacher's Update:

Dear Families,

We've had a busy, and hot, couple of weeks since our last newsletter!

Thank you to our amazing PTA for organising and facilitating last week's Bounceathon. It really is a highlight of the school calendar and all children (and some more energetic staff) had a wonderful time! With grateful thanks to Mathsnasium, who sponsored the event for us. The event has raised in the region of £1300. All whilst having fun! There are a selection of photos below.

It was lovely to see so many of you at last Saturday's Ham Fair. A selection of Year 5 and Year 6 children represented the school beautifully with their Maypole dancing. They kept cool, calm and collected and they were a credit to the school and to families. In addition, a number of our children's art and photography entries won recognition. Their names are below. We will be creating a display of all their work next week. Thank you so much to the brilliant PTA volunteers who staffed our stall. Your time is much-appreciated!

Our Year 4 children have now completed their multiplication check. Well done to all, who approached it calmly, and completed it to the absolute best of their ability. Our Year 1 children and some of our Year 2 children have completed their phonics screening checks. We are so proud of the determination shown by all the children. Fantastic work!

Our International Day on Tuesday was a huge success. We welcomed families into school to create artwork, we loved tasting food from around the world and we all enjoyed hearing songs from different continents and cultures. Well done to Nursery and Reception, whose fantastic 'Hello' song won this year's trophy. This was a truly special day, embodying the fantastic sense of community which is so tangible here.

Our Russell Rocks festival is fast-approaching, with much work going on behind the scenes to make this happen. Please do get your tickets. The weather next Friday looks perfect and it's sure to be an event not to be missed!

As you know, our sports day will take place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 9.30 approx. On this day, I would like to invite any parents and carers who are available to join me in the school hall from 9.00. As you know, we are now a *Rights Respecting School* and we are threading this through our curriculum and whole-school ethos. As part of this work, we are looking at our whole-school values and I would like to invite parents to share their views. Please do come to the hall after drop-off on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> to be part of this.

It has come to my attention that some children are watching highly inappropriate content online, which then leads to inappropriate behaviours. Please check any devices your children are accessing and ensure you have appropriate safety controls. Please ensure your internet usage is limited to age-appropriate content. I have attached links below to help you with setting up controls.

Whilst the weather is so hot, we are adjusting our lunch arrangements to ensure the children aren't in the sun for a prolonged period of time. Please do support us by ensuring children arrive at school with a high-factor sun cream applied, a hat and a water bottle.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny weekend,

Laura Brooks

# Setting parental controls on your child's devices



If you're viewing this on a screen, tap or click the appropriate logo. If you're looking at this on paper, point your phone's camera at the appropriate QR code and tap the link that appears.

Follow the instructions on the website exactly, in particular setting the age of the child. We recommend you set the device not to allow *any* apps or games to be installed without your permission. Protect your settings with a strong password that is not known to the child.



# Bounceathon



Great fun was had by all! Looking forward to next year's event already!



# Ham Fair Fun



The Ham Fair was a huge success. A huge well done to Roya, Heart, Poppy, Niki and Levi whose art work won awards!  
School display of all work submitted will be put up!



# International Day



A selection of some of the delicious food and fantastic clothing shared as part of Tuesday's International Day.

# Nursery

Nursery have been reading 'The Hungry Caterpillar' and exploring the life cycle of butterflies. We have made caterpillars in art and have watched videos showing a butterfly hatching from a chrysalis. Finley showed us a video of him releasing his butterflies that he had been looking after at home. We also took part in the PTA Bounceathon where we got to bounce on the bouncy castle. This week was International Week and we listened to the story of Elmer and thought about what makes us special and different. On Tuesday we sang in the song festival with Reception and EYFS were voted the winners by the whole school! Congratulations! We also tasted lots of lovely food from different countries brought in by the children. Thank you to all the parents who sent in food for us to share.

# Reception



What an amazing International Day in Reception! Not only did we get the chance to perform our song in front of the whole school, we also tried food from all over the world. We were so lucky to have the opportunity to try **Pierogi** from Poland, **Falafel** from Egypt, vegan **Pogácsa** from Hungary, **Milinki** from Bulgaria, **Sawine** from Trinidad and Tobago, **Tortilla** from Spain, **Popadom** from India and **Fruit Tarts** from United Kingdom. We were very brave when trying food we've never tasted before and even went back for seconds! We also talked about which foods you might have as a dessert because they are a little sweeter

Can you match the names to the picture?

# Year 1

I am extremely proud of Year 1 completing their phonics screening check. They have worked incredibly hard and have developed a great love for reading. Thank you so much for your support with this at home - it has made all the difference! The children also thoroughly enjoyed the Bounceathon event and seeing how high they can bounce. Thank you also for donating food for International Day, the children had a wonderful day!

# Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week, observing mealworms in their next stage of their life cycle – pupa stage! We have been so impressed with how well they have been managing the heat whilst still working very hard in their story writing about London, as well as reading thermometer scales in maths. Very apt! We loved International Day, celebrating diversity as well as singing our song in assembly. Year 2 sung their hearts out and we were impressed with how well they remembered all the words in a different language. We also bounced our way through last Friday with great speed. We are looking forward to writing our stories, measuring and observing our mealworms again and learning in a cooler environment.

# Year 3

Wow, what a fantastic couple of weeks it has been. Last week we had lots of fun jumping on the bouncy castle for the bounce-a-thon and I was so impressed with how sensible everyone was. I have been absolutely bowled over with how good our portal stories have been. In maths, we have started to look at polygons and have begun investigating how different 2D shapes can be made up of different polygons. There has been some fantastic singing in music and I was very impressed with the amazing treats that got brought in for International Day. The class got to taste so many wonderful foods from so many different countries. Thank you families for all the hard work that you put in to produce our wonderful feast.

# Year 4

What an exciting two weeks we've had in Year 4! We want to say a huge thank you to the PTA for organising the Bounceathon - the children (and adults!) had a fantastic time! International Day was also amazing, and it was so lovely to experience a part of other cultures. In English, we have been looking at the book Flotsam, and it has inspired some amazing ideas and beautiful writing. In maths, we are moving onto time after completing our symmetry topic. Well done for another lovely week Year 4!

# Year 5

A great week in Year 5 investigating different forces, including air and water resistance! We have been working collaboratively, designing, funding and advertising our own theme park. We have created a persuasive leaflet and have worked out all the expensive running costs! Next week we'll be working out how to generate income from our ticket sales! The International Day was great fun (especially tasting all the delicious food), and we even came second with our Brazilian themed song – we were hoping for first but well done to the Early Years...they were great!

# Year 6

We hope you all enjoyed watching last week's assembly as much as we enjoyed putting it together and performing it! Our drama-based work has now moved on to our rehearsals for our end of year production. We can't wait to share it with you all! Our Bikeability week is now coming to an end. It has given us a much-needed opportunity to consider road safety before we move on to secondary school.





Art work by Ben, Year 6

We are delighted to announce that Gibson Lane will be sponsoring our Russell Rocks Summer Festival on Friday, 27th June 2025! 🎵 Their generous support includes estate agent advertising boards, with each board sponsored for £15, contributing to an impressive total of £750 for up to 50 boards.

To participate, please fill in your address in the form below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0YxDxzRtyhBS03PhpRcLMkWkzggw6wXfz6OaAf1EfxV6lQQ/viewform?usp=dialog>

Gibson Lane will ensure the boards are installed approximately two to three weeks prior to the festival and will take them down about one week afterward.

Lastly, please double-check that your properties are permitted to have an estate agent board put up before signing up!

Thank you for your continued support

# The Reception Class Cookbook is here!



This charming collection of recipes has been lovingly created by the families of our Reception class. Packed with family favourites, fun foodie ideas, and a sprinkle of childhood joy, every dish helps support our school community.

Check out the sample recipes below for a flavour of what's in store and please share with friends and family too.

Thank you so much to everyone who makes a purchase



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**9.30am to 2.15pm**

**Grand Avenue Primary and  
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#### **About the Seminar**

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#### **The seminar will help families to:**

- > develop an understanding of autism
- > discuss experiences of getting a diagnosis
- > identify how autism can affect families
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#### **Seminar cost?**

Families can book a place on the 'Understanding Autism' seminar for £5 (cash please) each, which includes a full resource pack of useful information, advice and support guidelines.

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#### **How to book a place**

Please complete the registration form by following this link –

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or contact the seminar facilitator below for more information.

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### Upcoming dates

27.6.25	Grey Court visiting Year 5 Russell Rocks and Summer Fair
3.7.25	Year 4 to Thames Young Mariners
4.7.25	Reception Class Assembly 9.00am. Parents / Carers welcome
7.7.25	Year 6 secondary transition day
8.7.25	Year 3 create day
9.7.25	Year 4 – 6 production (afternoon performance 1.45pm)
10.7.25	Whole school transition morning Yr 4 – 6 Evening production
11.7.25	Sports Day morning – Parents and Carers welcome in the hall from 9.00 with Ms Brooks
17.7.25	Nursery Graduation Ceremony 11.00am Families welcome Leavers' evening
18.7.25	Last day of term

### Breakfast Club

**Breakfast Club** is available from 7.45am – 8.30am. Please book online with ScoPay AT LEAST 4 days prior to the session/s required.

**Active Club** is also available from 3.15pm to 6.00pm. Please contact Active Club directly.

**Both are such a valuable resource for the school – please use them!**