



Dear all,

It was a busy week to end our first half term of the year! Year 3 went on their 'Rivers' trip on the wettest day of the week but still had great fun finding out how the river flows and ebbs. Some of our children were lucky to work alongside Mrs Ward at a 'Brush Party'. They all managed to produce the most wonderful painting of an elephant. Hopefully Mrs Ward will be looking to offer this experience to more children in the future—look out for the communication!

Other workshops coming up include a phonics workshop for both YR and Y1 parents after half term—again look out for the information coming through parent mail.

During the next half term school will be changing its office management system from 'SIMS' to 'Arbor'. This is quite a huge change for school and will ultimately lead to us changing from parent mail across to 'Arbor' for our communication system with you. This won't happen straight after half term but please look out for the information to follow. Please also bear with us in the office as we get used to the new systems!

Our first Friday back after half term—Friday 4th is a 'non-uniform' day. On this occasion we are asking for a donation of a 'bottle' as a penalty to wear home clothes for the day. These bottles will be used for our Xmas Fayre on Friday Dec 2nd. The bottles may be in the form of wine, spirits, soft drinks or smellies—thanks so much!

Don't forget to get your disco tickets for Wednesday 2nd. School council pupils will be selling exciting disco accessories on the playground before the doors open!

Have a brilliant half term and don't forget we return on Tuesday 1st November.

Miss Ovenden  
Headteacher



Year 3 trip to  
Gilbert White  
Centre



## Brush Party!

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Headteachers Star Spotter: Esme  
Smart Award: Bella

### Values Award Winners!

Achievement: Tadzio & Liam  
High Expectations: Poppy & Cai  
Friendliness: Eloise & Bobby  
Confidence: Archie & Jorja  
Respect: Mithran & Teddy  
Fairness: Savannah & Florence



### Upcoming dates.....

Monday 31st October—INSET 3—NO SCHOOL for chn  
Monday 31st October—DEADLINE for Secondary applications  
Tuesday 1st November—Back to School (Poppies on sale)  
Wednesday 2nd Nov—DISCO  
Friday 4th Nov—NON-UNIFORM DAY!  
Week beg 7th Nov—Y6 Bikeability  
Wednesday 16th Nov—Y3 Egyptian Day  
Thursday 17th Nov—Year 5 trip to Hampton Court  
Friday 18th November—Children in Need  
Friday 25th Nov—NON-UNIFORM DAY (sweets and chocolates)