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Newsletter 19th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for Your Diary

Monday-

- Cherry Class AM: Stable Futures
- Maple PM: Stable futures.

Tuesday

- Willow Class: Water Sports at the Andrew Simpson Centre in the afternoon- students will need towels, shoes they are happy to get wet and clothing to wear under a wetsuit.

Thursday

- Cherry Class: AM- Paddocks
- Willow Class PM – Stable futures
- Maple Class PM - Paddocks
- Red Oak Class PM- Swimming for some students

Friday

- Willow Class: Enrichment trip in the afternoon

A Message from Alex

It has been lovely to welcome students back this week the school has been looking beautiful in the sunshine. Over the holidays our amazing maintenance team have been hard at work, our Year 5 and 6 students were thrilled with the additional fencing put up which leads onto the carpark and they are hopeful that this will prevent the footballs from constantly going over the fence, students have taken full advantage of the multi surface area which has been laid.



Red Oak has had its classroom split in half to give students smaller learning areas and to provide an environment which isn't over stimulating, and our intervention and therapeutic room has been decorated to ensure that students sensory needs are met while taking part in targeted interventions and therapeutic input.



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We now have an additional outside learning space which is self-sufficient and enables the school to have the space needed to grow and allows students to have an additional learning space.

It has been a pleasure to welcome a number of new staff into the school and for them this week to have had the opportunity to take part in an induction week and get to know our students.

Red Oak Class: This week has seen them working on their personal development through leadership opportunities within the PE curriculum and has seen students creating their own activities and leading staff with some students creating their own gymnastics routines and coaching key adults through there planned activities. Red Oak took part in attending stable futures and the Paddocks and ended the week practising life skills to ensure our guineapigs continue to be well looked after and settled.



Cherry Class: Has had a successful week back they have been learning some map skills and learnt how to use a compass to determine which direction they need to walk to reach a given location. The students also used a style of painting called pointillism to create their own masterpieces.





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Willow Class: Have welcomed Claire their new teacher this week and completed some amazing work ending the week with finishing their poems in English. Willow Class also visited the Andrew Simpson Sailing Centre in Burghfield as they will be starting their Summer term in PE with water safety.



Maple Class: This week saw Maple class taking advantage of the beautiful start to Summer with some learning outdoors, they even took their Maths lessons outside to get some much-needed vitamin D whilst they learnt. Personal Development in Maple class has been a real focus this week with students focusing on being able to work together cooperatively with staff supporting this through Thrive and PE. They have done such a great job and have come back to school calm and ready to kick start the summer term.



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We hope you have had a restful weekend, Alex