



# UPDATES

SUMMER 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back after the Easter break It was lovely to see so many of you at the Easter Bonnet Parade and as usual the designs were fantastic as were the decorated eggs! What has happened to the weather since that lovely sunny day? We had excited children on the first day back as the "snow" fell during the afternoon! Although it is technically the summer term, please ensure your child has suitable outdoor clothing with them each day as it has been rather a chilly week.

## General Election

As you will be aware, during the Easter break, the government called a General Election for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The school is used as polling station and we have no choice other than to close to pupils on this day regrettably. Staff will be working on this day at a different venue. We can only apologise for the inconvenience this may cause but it is a decision we have no control over. Documentation from the Council states:

*"The use of schools as polling stations is a statutory requirement as per the Local Elections (Principle Areas) Rules 1986 and extends to all schools... even if they are a free school or academy."*

## Dates for the term

Other dates will be added but here is a summary of key dates so far:

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May - School Closed

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Year 6 meeting for parents for the residential trip 3:30pm

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May - Voting Day - School Closed

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs begin.

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> May - Teddy Bear's Picnic with parents 2:30pm

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 trip to Cosford

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> May - Year 6 residential

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May - Class Group Photos

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May - Children Break up

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June - Children Return to school

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June - Reception trip - more details to follow.

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Drugs Talk

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> June - Coffee evening for parents 5.30pm

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June - Grounds Day - National Den Building Day.

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> & Tues 20<sup>th</sup> June - Parents invited into lunch.

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> June - new Reception pupils parents meeting

Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly with the Diocese in St Martin's.

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at school.

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> July - term ends.



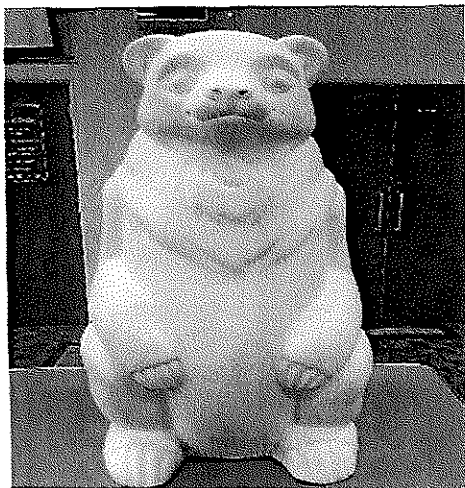
### Run a Mile

We are taking part in a project where children in all classes are being asked to run/jog/walk one mile per day so please make sure your child has their PE Kit in school every day in order that they can participate with their class.

### Quinton Sleuth - The Big Bear Project

We are participating in the Birmingham Bear Project this year and have all been busy designing shields for the Bear. If you come into the office, please take time to look at some of the designs that have been created on the "Quinton News" board. "He" is currently being decorated and the finished Bear will be unveiled at a Teddy Bear's Picnic on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to which you are all invited, along with your teddy bear! We plan to start the picnic at 2.30p.m to which you can bring your own picnics, rugs etc before we unveil our Bear. We hope the sun will shine on us that day so we can celebrate outside.

Alongside the decorating of the Bear, we are running a competition to name our Bear. He definitely looks male so the children and staff will have an opportunity to decide on his name in our bear naming competition. This is a fun and free activity that I am sure will create great discussions! The Bear's name will be drawn out of a hat in assembly next week and placed in a sealed envelope until the bit reveal! Arnie, Horace, Reggie, Finn..... the list is long!



### Collective Worship Theme:

Our Christian value for this half term is "Friendship." The children have been thinking about what makes a good friend, what qualities does a close friend have and we will continue to share our experiences and stories about friendship together in our daily collective worship.