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## ROYAL WEDDING TEA PARTY!



On Thursday 28th May 2011, the children came to school dressed in red, white and blue. Excitement was in the air as they looked forward to a whole school royal tea party.

Tables were laid with table cloths and children arrived in their handmade crowns. Parents/carers made a host of decorated cakes for the special occasion. There was plenty to go around (at least two cakes each for children and parents!) We finished our celebrations with a 'Strictly Come Dancing' Olveston style dancing competition.

Here are some special memories from Year 4 about the Royal Wedding...

'My memory was when Prince William tried to put

the ring on Kate's finger and it did fit, but only just!' **Jessie S**

'My Mum made me watch it because it is history, but Kate's dress was beautiful and there were two kisses!' **Claudia**

'I watched the whole of the Royal Wedding. It was fabulous. I loved the dress and William's uniform. All of it was brilliant!' **Jessica E**

'I was deep in conversation with my brother when suddenly my mum shouted, 'ssshhhhhh!' We all shouted back, 'what?' Then we realised we were going



to see the kiss on the balcony. I can't believe they kissed twice!' **Anna P**

'My favourite memory of the Royal Wedding would be the dress because it was simple and also William's RAF suit. It was also funny when Will went bright red as he kissed Kate!' **Millie**

'My best memory of the Royal Wedding was when Princess Catherine got out of the car, She looked amazing!' **Gemma F**

What a special day for a lovely couple. We send our best wishes to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- *Thurs 5th May, 9-10am—Travel Plan Meeting at school. (Parents welcome)*
- *Thurs 5th May, 12.30—1.30pm—Year 3 & 4 parents lunch*
- *Sat 7th May—Year 4 hockey festival, WISE Campus, Filton*
- *W/C Mon 9th May—Year 6 SATS week (Last test Thurs morning)*
- *Thurs 12th May, 11.00—11.45am—Year 4 Djembe workshop (for 10 weeks)*
- *Thurs 12th May—Year 3 Pirate Day*
- *Sat 14th May 12.45pm, Reception performance at pre-school Spring Fair/Open Day*
- *Wed 18th May, 8.20am—Walking Bus from Tockington Green*
- *Fri 20th May—FOOS Quiz Night*
- *Mon 23rd May—Year 5 trip to London*
- *Thurs 26th May—Author Steve Voake visiting school for workshops*
- *Thurs 26th May—Year 3 trip to Cardiff Castle*
- *Fri 27th May—Last day of term 5*
- *Mon 6th June—Inset Day—SCHOOL CLOSED*
- *Tues 7th June—First day of term 6*

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## JOIN THE WALKING BUS



Thank you to all those who completed our Travel Survey in Jan/Feb 2011. Results are in and we will be holding a Travel Plan meeting on Thursday 5th May 9-10am. Parents are welcome to join us. We will be analyzing the results and establishing some new targets for the school, children and parents to work on.

As part of our commitment to encourage walking to school, we will be organising a walking bus as part of Walk to School week, on Wednesday 18th May, meeting on Tockington Green at 8.20am. Anyone can join the bus along the route to school. If any parents/carers are interested in continuing this

scheme, we have a pack of information at the school office with ideas of how to set this up and supervise it.

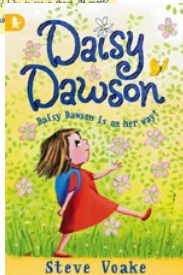
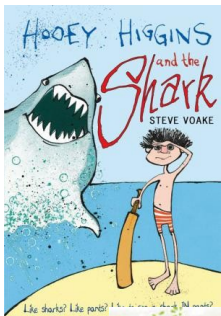
Each Wednesday we will continue to do our WOW Walk on Wednesday survey with a prize for the best class. Remember—scooting, coach and park and stride all count towards the class total!

**Author Visit**

On Thursday 26th May, we are looking forward to welcoming the author Steve Voake to host some reading and writing workshops with different classes. Steve was a Head Teacher before becoming a full time writer. We are promoting reading and very soon the library will re-open with our new Accelerated Reader scheme in place (details to follow—launch in term 6)

Children may like to check out some of Steve Voake's books before he arrives:

- Daisy Dawson at the Beach
- Hooley Higgins and the big boat race
- Dreamwalker (KS2)
- The Web of Fire (KS2)



**WOOD WELL MEADOWS OUTDOOR LEARNING DAY**

Plans are well under way for our outdoor learning day at Wood Well Meadows, Littleton. This special day will take place on Monday 13th June and more details will follow.

Last year a day was enjoyed at Woodhouse Park. This year, Littleton Parish Council are working in partnership with the school to plan a very exciting day at the meadows. Wood Well Meadows is rich with flowers and tufted native grasses because it has not been treated with artificial fertilizers and pesticides.

In 2008, the site was purchased through a grant from Defra's Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund. The school has also se-

cured some grant funding to allow our Eco Warriors to work with a consultant, Ruth Coleman to produce a fantastic nature journal. On the outdoor learning day, each child will take home a copy of the journal.



Mrs Vizard is working with Ruth Coleman and Miss Bertham to plan a range of exciting forest skills, art and science activities for our special outdoor learning day. More details will follow.

Any parents who are interested in helping on the day, please see Mrs Hemming/ Mrs Peacock who are co-ordinating a list.

We are also looking for any parent/carer or family member who may be able to film the day and create a short memory of our activities. If anyone is able to offer this skill, please contact the school office.



**PARENTS IN PARTNERSHIP**

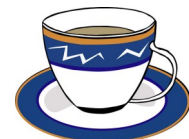
PIP needs you! Parents in Partnership is a group of parents/carers who meet once a term with Miss Bertham and Mrs Curtis (our Parent Link) to share ideas and discuss school developments. Your ideas and opinions are extremely important to us.

At our last meeting on Thurs 31st March we discussed the Parent's Handbook and plans for the

Royal Wedding Tea Party. We also looked at our School Development Plan and shared ideas about next year's plan. We also enjoyed a cup of tea/coffee and a cake!

Our next meeting will be on Thurs 23rd June from 9.15—10.15am in the mezzanine. Everyone is welcome and your ideas are essential to building our school further. We

would love to see more parents coming along. You don't have to attend every meeting, but please do come along if you can make it. Pre-school children are welcome as toys are provided for them to play with in the mezzanine while we meet.



**NOTICES**

**Please be reminded that the school is closed on Monday 6th June for our Inset Day. Term 6 will begin on Tuesday 7th June. We will also have inset days on Friday 22nd July and Thursday 1st September. The new school year will begin on Friday 2nd September 2011.**

**Additional Inset Day for 2011—2012**

**Friday 27th January 2012**

**Other dates TBC**

**PE Kits**

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school **every day**. Over the next few weeks we will be practising for sports day and a kit is essential for the statutory PE curriculum.

Many thanks



**DONATIONS**

DO YOU EVER HAVE ANY WORK SCRAP PAPER, OFFICE STATIONARY ETC THAT MIGHT NORMALLY BE THROWN AWAY? THE SCHOOL CAN USE THIS AND WOULD WELCOME ANY DONATIONS. THIS IS IDEAL FOR WET PLAYTIMES.



## NEWS FROM FOOS

**'Olveston Fayre – Church and School together' on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm – 6pm.**

Plans are shaping up for our much anticipated Fayre. From 2-4pm there will be many stalls, entertainment from the children, cream teas, and a Pimms and beer tent. From 4pm there will be a barbeque, a tug of

war tournament, and entertainment provided by 'Where's Nigel' and a band playing 60's and 70's covers. The bar will be open until



**Olveston School Annual Quiz Night – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May in the Wike Hall**

Cost £2.50 per person, maximum 6 people per team. B.Y.O refreshments and snacks.

Please confirm your entry with Clare at [clare-evanstobe@hotmail.com](mailto:clare-evanstobe@hotmail.com) or 07733 304451.

Doors open at 7.30pm, Quiz starts at 8.00pm. Hope to see you there!



### **A Taste of Bangladesh**

Sat 21st May, St. Mary's Church Olveston

Food served from 7.30pm, presentation from 8pm. Come and here more about the work of ARBAN

[www.arban.co.uk](http://www.arban.co.uk)

### **LUNCBOXES**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS HOME THEIR LUNCHBOX EACH DAY. WE HAVE A LARGE AMOUNT LEFT AT THE END OF EACH DAY AND THE FOOD GOES OFF. OUR CLEANERS WILL THROW THESE AWAY AFTER 48 HOURS FOR HYGIENE REASONS. THANK YOU.

## AN EASTER EXPERIENCE

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April the whole of Year 6 went to St. Mary's church to go and have the Easter Experience. We all had to pair up with a friend and walk down to church. Once we had reached the black, rusty gates of the church, we saw some old, rotting graves and black birds zooming in the sky. I walked passed the graves and it was like they were saying, 'the church is haunted!'

As I ran through the door to

get away, I was greeted by a nice Vicar dressed in his black robes, who showed me into the church. Our first stop was the feast and the vicar gave us some bread and wine, obviously we didn't have any wine, but we had grapes!

The next stop was the Garden of Gethsemane, which was really nice because you would write a word, which Jesus would have been feeling before the crucifixion, on a piece of paper. After that we went to the crucifixion

where Kieran was Jesus and me, Caitlyn and Sarah were soldiers who nailed him to the cross. Then I went to Palm Sunday, where I had to write my name on a rock and place it under the cross (which had a red ribbon around it to represent Jesus' blood.)

As the bell rang we had to gather at the front of the church to get Easter biscuits, then we went back to school. We learnt so much about the Easter story in a fun way! **By Emma M—Yr 6**



## COFFEE MORNING AND BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOP

As part of National Family Week, Olveston School will be holding a coffee morning for any parents/carers who would like more information on behavior management. This will take place on Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June from 9—10.30am. This informal workshop will be hosted by Miss Bertham and Mrs Curtis

and will be a valuable opportunity to hear about strategies used in school and how these could be adapted at home. We will also share what outside agencies offer to the school and families in terms of services and support.

We have also invited a

parenting consultant to join us. At the end of the coffee morning, all parents will be able to take away a pack of information which we hope will be useful at home.

If you would like to come along to the coffee morning please email or telephone the school office.

### **100 Club**

#### **May Winners**

- 1st: M. Cottle—No. 23
- 2nd: I. Knowles—No. 37
- 3rd: B. Williams—No. 16

If you would like to join the FOOS 100 Club and be in with a chance of winning cash prizes, please collect a form from the office.



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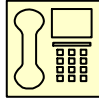
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## Keep in touch



### Contact the school office for:

- Notification of sickness
- To make an appointment with a class teacher
- General school enquiries: trips, uniform, dinner money, lost property, dates

[olvestonprimary.school@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:olvestonprimary.school@southglos.gov.uk)

**01454 613299**

Please be aware that teachers are extremely busy in the mornings between 8.30 and 8.55am, preparing for lessons. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher, please send a note or make an appointment for the end of the day. For urgent enquiries, please see Mrs Hemming/Mrs Peacock in the school office, who will be very happy to help. Thank you.

### Have you visited the school website recently? You can find...

- Letters
- Dates for your diary
- Photo Gallery
- Eco Schools Info
- Class Information



## BURN CALORIES, NOT CASH!

Just in case you are regretting all those little Easter chocolate excesses, never fear! There is help at hand.

By walking just half a kilometer to and from school every day, children (and their parents/carers) use about 39 k calories. That's about a third of a bowl of corn-flakes and milk!



By contrast, the average cost of the school run for Olveston Primary School is at least £605 per year.

(or £3.20 per day). So every time we hit the pavement and walk or park and stride to school,

children and their parents/carers get to not only burn excess calories, but also keep a little more cash in our pockets. A win-win situation!

Source: South Gloucestershire Council's 'School Travel Health Check (STHC) for Olveston Church of England Primary School, Feb 2010



We are now collecting Tesco's and Sainsbury's vouchers for schools. Please send yours into the school office.



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