

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

I hope you enjoyed summer which happened on Wednesday and Thursday of this week...hopefully the weather will improve and we can start to enjoy this time of year a bit more. As ever, the summer term is one of the longer terms and we have lots to fit in. Of primary importance are the Year 6 SAT tests which take place in May but Years 3, 4 and 5 will also have internal tests this term. However there are some nice things to look forward to – Sports’ Day, the Summer Fair to name but two. Here’s to a successful term and good weather!

*Iain C. Gilmore*

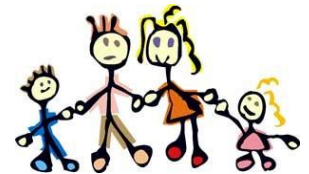
### STAFF NEWS

We welcome back Mrs Bill who has returned after her maternity leave and who is teaching in Year 5 from Monday to Wednesday. Ms Welling is now back full time bringing our pastoral team back up to full strength and we expect Ms McVicar to return mid-May. Finally we welcome Megan Chapman who is supporting children in Year 3.



### NEW LOOK PARENTS’ EVENING

Thank you to everyone who gave us such positive feedback about the new look parents’ evening. Most welcome were the earlier appointments, distractions for younger children and a cup of coffee! We will therefore carry on these arrangements for July’s parents’ evenings – please check the diary dates at the end of this newsletter for the exact dates.



### BUILDING WORK

Our Academy Trust continues to support our on-going redecoration and refurbishment programme. Over the holiday, both sets of stairs had new lights installed, the bannisters overhauled and the walls painted. This looks wonderful and now makes the stairs look awful so they will be carpeted during half term. We are still working on plans for the reception area but have had to go back to the drawing board a couple of times – however we are still hopeful that will be done ready for the new school year.



### SCHOOL FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

I have had some good feedback about the Facebook account so we are carrying on with this project. This is a so-called “broadcast account” which means we will post information, photographs, reminders and so on but we will not be allowing comments or other posts. The best way to find the Facebook account is via the link at the top of the school website or you can search for the school name making sure you find the page listed as an “education” account. If you fancy giving your fingers a bit of a work out then the direct address is <https://www.facebook.com/Isambard-Brunel-Junior-School-802308043234786>



### PARKING, CROSSING PATROLS AND ONE-WAY SYSTEMS

Many of you have complained to us about drivers stopping on the zig-zag and double yellow lines with some people even parking across the corner of the west playground. We have contacted the city

council and asked for more regular parking warden patrols. In the meantime, we have started to issue our own parking tickets challenging drivers on why they are parking illegally. Thank you to the parents who always park a street or two away and walk which really helps ease congestion.

If you know anyone who would be interested in becoming a school crossing patrol (lollipop lady or man for us of a certain generation) please would you ask them to let me know their details and I can pass them on to the city council who, at the moment, are employing them.



Finally please be aware that Wymering Road and Porchester Road will soon become one way streets: the work is programmed to start on Monday 25 April but may be subject to delay. You will only be able to drive down Wymering Road from Drayton Road to Farlington Road with Portchester Road being the other direction!



### DIARY DATES

Thursday 21 April	<b>no</b> Year 5 swimming due to Gala taking place
Monday 2 May	School closed for May Day bank holiday
Monday 9 May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 12 May	Year 3 trip to Butser Hill
Friday 13 May	Year 6 end of SATs trip to park
Wednesday 18 May	Year 4 trip to Fishborne Roman Palace
Friday 20 May	Class photographs
Monday 30 May	Half term
Monday 6 June	School closed – final INSET of the year
Tuesday 7 June	School reopens
Wednesday 15 June	Year 6 Portsmouth University Trip
Monday 20 June	Year 6 Residential - remaining Year 6 to Purbrook Activity Centre
Thursday 30 June	Year 6 Leavers' Concert 7pm Reports Home
Friday 1 July	Sports' Day @ Mayfield (weather permitting)
Monday 4 July	Year 7 transition starts: <i>All secondary schools two days except: MiltonCross &amp; PAGES – 1 week; Mayfield – 2 Weeks</i>
Monday 4 July	Parents' Evenings this week
Saturday 9 July	Summer Fair
Thursday 14 July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 15 July	M&M Theatre – Charlotte's Web
Tuesday 19 July	Year 3, 4, 5 Prize Giving – 1:30pm
Wednesday 20 July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 1:30pm

### 2016-17 DATES

**Autumn Term 2016 - Monday 5 September - Friday 16 December**

Half Term: Monday 24 - Friday 28 October

**Spring Term 2017 - Tuesday 3 January - Friday 7 April**

Half Term: Monday 20 - Friday 24 February

**Summer Term 2017 - Monday 24 April - Tuesday 25 July**

Half Term: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

**INSET days: 5 September, 31 October, 3 January, 27 February, 5 June**