

**Clunbury CE Primary School | Newcastle CE Primary School | St Mary’s Bucknell CE Primary School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It’s the end of the school year! Most importantly, we want to **wish you all a very happy and healthy summer holiday!**

It was fantastic to see so many school parents and families are at two events last week: our Sports Day, and our Federation music concert at Bedstone College, last Friday. **Thank you so much** if you came along to these events, especially if you brought and put up a gazebo! We loved having everyone picnicking together on the field, cheering on the children in their races despite the heat. It was special to be together with the children and staff from Clunbury and Newcastle Primary Schools to sing as one choir in front of the amazing Blue Hills Federation backdrop which we made last year.

Our daily teaching and learning has been peppered with plenty of exciting opportunities for all our children. They have taken part in many **different extracurricular activities** which have enriched their learning and helped them grow in confidence and creativity.

Some of the highlights include:

* Lots of visits from Catherine Cooper, a local author working with our children which has resulted in a poetry book
* Visits from local heroes including parent midwives and a blood biker

Harvest Festival, Easter and Christmas Services in our church, St Mary’s, and a spectacular Christmas performance in the school hall

* Memorable learning visits from Mr. Egypt, and Jack from the Exotic Zoo, Rob who helped the Y6s build and race a car from scratch
* A very successful Move with Mum event in the school hall for PreSchool, thanks to Miss Evans and Sarah
* A fascinating visit to Shrewsbury Prison, sparking curiosity and thoughtful discussion
* A motivational visit from Danny Baker, GB athlete, who shared his journey to being an Olympian and inspired our pupils to aim high.
* Fantastic residential trips to the Pioneer Centre for our Year 4 pupils and to Arthog Outdoor Residential Centre for our Year 6s
* Marvellous music workshops, and a history trip to Cosford Air Museum.
* A wet and wonderful Federation Cross-Country event organised by Mr. Jones.
* A super afternoon celebrating the 80th anniversary of VE day where someone who was actually in Trafalgar Square on VE day came and talked about his experiences to our children

Alongside these experiences, our pupils have worked incredibly hard at their learning, we are so proud of their dedication and enthusiasm.

Term begins for children on **Wednesday 3rd September,** and we are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school then. Please ensure your child brings water to school to drink in the classroom, children may bring juice to drink at lunchtime.

Our current plans are that Class 2and Class 3 need to wear their PE kit on Tuesdays, and Class 1 need to wear their PE kit on Fridays, and their Forest School kit on Thursdays. This will start on Monday 8th September; Class 1 children will wear their ordinary school uniform for the first week. If anything changes, I will let you know.

Enjoy the holidays,

Rach Braybrooke