

13<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Badger Room:** This week we have been thinking forward to our summer holidays and have been learning about how to stay safe if we visit the seaside. The children have watched videos of real rescue operations from the RNLI and have been looking at pictures of beach scenes to spot any dangers they can see. Some of the dangers they are aware of now are making sure they swim in lifeguard-patrolled zones, not using inflatable boats without an adult, making sure they keep reapplying sun cream and drinking lots of water. They are now all making their own Safety at the Seaside posters to take home and share with you at the end of term. In maths we have had lots of fun reading and writing 'number stories' and sharing them with partners to see if they can solve the problems. They had a wonderful time on Tuesday when they visited Johnson Class in preparation for their move up to Year 1 in September. They learnt all about Katherine Johnson - an African-American mathematician whose calculations of orbital mechanics as a NASA employee were critical to the success of the first manned spaceflights - and who still has a huge appetite for science at the age of 99!



**Hedgehog Room:** Hedgehogs have been travelling around the world this week as part of our 'Holidays' theme, reading about poor Mr Bump's holiday to get us started. We packed our suitcase and wrote our names on tickets ready to jet off on Monday morning. We've been experiencing a taste of France, Spain, India, China and Hawaii! Hedgehogs have shown how creative they are in coming up with dances to the different types of traditional music we've been listening to each day. We've been tasting different foods from these countries, making flags, collages, necklaces/headbands, Rangoli patterns and also choosing our form of transport to visit these places. Lots of the children have already been to Spain (or speak fluent Spanish at home!) and they were able to teach some key words in Spanish. We've also been making and 'buying' ice-creams at the ice cream parlour in the garden!

Next week we will be looking at Africa, which will tie in nicely with Mrs Spilberg's visit to Africa the following week. We'll be reading two lovely key texts – 'Handa's Surprise' and 'The Ugly Five', and enjoying craft, literacy and maths activities relating to this awe-inspiring continent.



**Forest School:** We will be launching our Forest School activities in September and we are looking for a parent volunteer who would be able to commit to helping Mrs Williams (in Badger Class) with lots of fun, outdoor-based activities every Friday. Please see Mrs Williams if you would like to be considered.

**School Dinners:** **PLEASE LET US KNOW** if your child is having hot dinners – regardless of whether your child is getting the universal free school meal – we need you to book them in advance both through School Money **AND** the menu choices form. The kitchen is working to what has been booked, so it is difficult to cater when we have children turning up expecting a hot dinner, but have not booked [CLICK HERE FOR NEXT WEEK'S MENU CHOICES – WEEK 1](#)

**More hot weather:** The hot weather is forecast to continue. Therefore, please can you ensure your child has the following: a) water bottle b) sunscreen (applied before school) and some in your child's bag c) sun hat. If your child doesn't have **all three** of these items we will be calling you to bring them in and if no sunscreen or hat, they will not be able to play outside. Thank you for your help with this.

**Tapestry:** Please don't forget if your child is moving up from Nursery to Reception or from Reception to Year 1 you will have the chance to download their PDF on Tapestry. You have until next Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, after which it will be gone and we will not be able to retrieve it.

**Key Dates for your Diary:**

- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July – reports go out to parents
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 12:00-1:30pm: Family BBQ
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July – 1:30pm: End of academic year

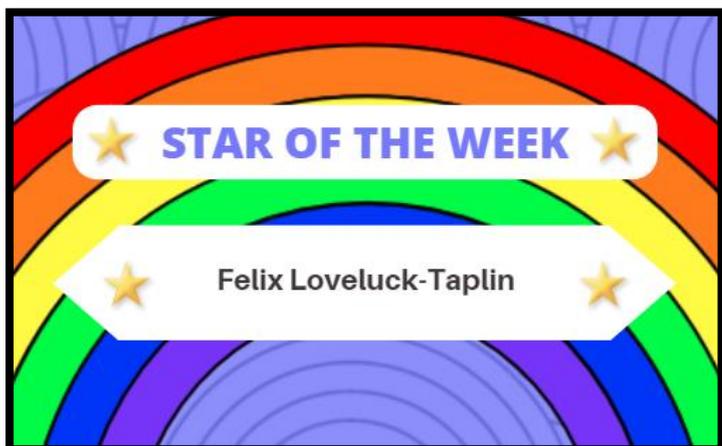
Have a fantastic weekend!

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Julie Hiddleston and the school team



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# CLUBS

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Monday	Tuesday
<p><b>LAST SESSION – 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY</b></p> <p><b>Sway Dance Club</b> (£3) (all years) led by Ms Whitehead 3:15-4:15pm</p> <p>Ms Whitehead will collect your child from their class, there is no need to come to school until 4:15pm for collection.</p> <p><b>Currently full</b></p>	<p><b>Stagecoach</b> - £165 (per term) (Ages 4+) Led by Melissa Lewis (Stagecoach Principal) 4:00-5:30pm (optional 3:15-4:00pm crèche led by Stagecoach prior to the class starting - £3 per session)</p> <p>Please contact her directly to book - banbury@stagecoach.co.uk</p>
Thursday	Friday
<p><b>Kickboxing – Ages 3+ (£4)</b> 3:15-4:15pm Led by Coach Cian, Temple Martial Arts</p> <p>A no-contact sport, which helps with coordination, confidence and discipline – as well as staying in tiptop shape! Join Coach Cian to learn all about it in a fun and safe environment.</p> <p><b>Not running currently due to staffing issues</b></p>	<p><b>LAST SESSION – 20 JULY</b></p> <p><b>RugbyTots – Ages 3.5+ - £4</b> 3:15-4:15pm Led by Vince Reynolds</p> <p>RugbyTots is a specific play programme for young children. It uses the multiple skills of rugby to create a fun and enjoyable environment whilst developing basic core motor skills. Each session aims to develop hand-eye co-ordination, balance and agility as well as enhancing social and psychological attributes through a series of games and exercises.</p> <p><b>Currently full</b></p>

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Studies show that time spent at the keyboard improves mental health: people who make music experience less anxiety, loneliness, and depression. Playing piano has also been shown to be a great source of stress relief, and provides ample opportunity to bolster self-esteem. It is also a widely used form of therapy for Attention Deficit Disorder.

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## SUMMER TERM EVENTS CALENDAR

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Reports go out to parents

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July – 12-1:30pm** – Longford Family BBQ

We are really looking forward to this one! The staff cook a barbeque and you and your family all eat together and play games on the field. This is also Mrs Spielberg's last day of the year as she is jetting off to Zambia for one week to help support a school there.

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July** - School closes for the year @ 1:30pm

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