

Link June for July



We are well into the Summer Term now and making great use of our meadow which is at the back of the school. Mr Thomas is running a lunchtime Gardening Club and he and the children are getting some of the produce beds into good shape – slugs are as ever a problem! Our two apple trees are in leaf and Mrs Hunt is looking forward to another bumper crop which her class, Ash – ages 4/5, like collecting and selling to the parents - the photo is some of last year's crop. Pricing was competitive and we clearly have some budding entrepreneurs. Hidden amongst one or two weeds we have also located some delicious strawberries.

The meadow is one of the favourite areas of the school for the children who, even though they live in a relatively rural area, still love running about on grass and feeling free. They love stretching their muscles on the trim trail and are very proud when they learn to do forward (and back) flips on the bars. Just a few old duvet covers and towels make a great den and football scrapes are much less damaging on turf.

The Governing Board continues to be busy recruiting a new Acting Head and securing the future leadership of the school. More details of this in later 'bulletins'.



Our fabulous PTFA raised over £900 at their annual 'Strictly Fun Dog Show' held on 10 June. This is an amazing event which has run for 5 years and is popular with families from the school community and many others from outside. It was a wonderful few hours in a lovely setting with some lovely dogs – and of course people.

Mrs Hunt also held one of her regular Story and Rhyme sessions. These are really fun get togethers for family members of our current Nursery and Reception class but they are also open to anybody with a pre-school age child. We have regular, local families of young children, who come to join us sing songs and listen to stories and it is also popular with grandparents too!



We are always working to enhance our children's' learning. One afternoon after school many of our staff set off for the woods and were taught how to safely light fires – we aim to take classes down for longer periods and to include some cooking! This training session was part of a package of rewards from a successful bid to the charity Learning Through Landscapes. We have also received a bird box, complete with webcam, 2 digital microscopes and a wildlife camera, to enhance our curriculum. We were delighted to be joined at the session by Vernon Whitlock of the OWET and are very grateful for the generous donation of resources that the Trust has provided for our school. It is wonderful to have such a marvellous and unique resource for our children.

We have an Open Day from 1.45pm until 3pm on Tuesday 10 July at which everybody is welcome - just come along to the school.