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# Newsletter

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## Pod 6 Trip to Swindon Steam Museum

Pod 6 enjoyed a great day out learning about World War II at The Steam Museum, Swindon. We dressed up as evacuees and took part in workshops to learn about The Second World War. We experienced sitting inside a public air-raid shelter and learned about ways people coped with the fear of bombing raids. We boarded steam trains and took part in drama activities to help us to imagine how evacuees would have felt. We also learned about how women's roles changed during the war and learned about the important job that train drivers had. One volunteer at the museum was able to tell us his memories of being a child during the war. We had a great day out and learned a huge amount. Many thanks to all of the Pod 6 families for providing outfits and contributing to the cost of the trip. Thank you to the PTA who also contributed towards the cost and made this trip possible.



## Pod 3 Stone Age Forest School:

"On Thursday, Pod 3 enjoyed a Stone Age Forest launch day to kickstart their first topic this year. The weather was perfect for outdoor learning and the children were keen to participate in this unique experience. Pod 3 were really engaged with all the activities - den building, fire starting and pot making - learning skills they would have needed to survive 20,000 years ago! Thank you to SG Forest School for helping the children gain a better understanding of life in the Stone Age and to all the staff in Pod 3 for supporting on the day."

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## **Photos:**

Please be aware that the cut off date for the school photos is **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

## **Meet the Teacher:**

On Tuesday and Thursday last week, Parents were invited into school to meet the teachers of their children. We hope the short session was informative and gave you the chance to speak with the teachers and see the environment in which your children will be learning this year. Please see the next article regarding copies of the presentation.

## **Website** [www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk](http://www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk)

Our new format website is live and we're working hard to update the content to keep it current and useful. We are aware that we may be experiencing some **technical issues** with the emails sent to Pod teachers via the website links at the moment, but we're working with WMAT IT to get this resolved as soon as possible. In the meantime, the teachers may send you the presentation by parentmail in case you missed the evening with them.

## **Term Dates & Dinner Menu**

2017/18 Term dates are already available on our **website**:

**Office information** for parents: [www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk/the-office/](http://www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk/the-office/)

**Term dates**: [www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk/the-office/term-times](http://www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk/the-office/term-times)

**Dinner menu**: [www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk/the-office/school-dinner-service](http://www.chandagjuniorschool.org.uk/the-office/school-dinner-service)

## **Swimming Helpers Urgently Needed**

We are in need of Parents/Grand Parents/Aunts or Uncles to help walk with the **Year 4** and **Year 5** swimmers on Fridays. Year 4 leave at 10am and are back by 12.15 and Year 5 leave at 1.15 and are back at 3.15. If you are able to help walk to and from the Sports Centre, please contact the office on either 01179 863614 or [enquiries@chandagjuniorschool.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@chandagjuniorschool.org.uk) We really do appreciate all your help and support.

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## Summary of key dates and events 2018/19 Academic Year

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	<b>Cross Country – Odd Down 3-4pm</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Bookings for Parent Consultations open at 8am</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>POD 5 Forest School</b> at Chandag Junior School
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Bookings for Parent Consultations close at 9am</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parent Consultation Evening (Autumn) 3.30pm – 6.50pm</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Parent Consultation Evening (Autumn) 3.30pm – 6.50pm</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>POD 6 Forest School</b> at Chandag Junior School
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>End of Term 1</b>
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET DAY (2/6) – WMAT - schools closed to children</b>
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Start of Autumn term 2</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>POD 4 Trip to the Aquarium</b> – Letters to be sent out shortly
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Remembrance Assembly at 10.45</b> led by Year 6 children
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>POD 3 Forest School</b> at Chandag Junior School
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>POD 4 Forest School</b> at Chandag Junior School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner &amp; Festive Jumper</b> – Details sent out soon
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner &amp; Festive Jumper</b> – Details sent out soon
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Carol Service</b> at St.John’s Church – Led by Year 4 (with Year 3)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>PTA Christmas Market</b> – Details sent out soon
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>POD 6 Lifeskills Trip</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>INSET Day (3/6) – School closed to children</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	<b>Start of Spring term 3</b>

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**Community News:**

Please be advised that the information given in Community News has not been vetted by Chandag Junior School and we are not endorsing any of the groups, organisations, events etc. just passing on the information. However all clubs run on our site will have been thoroughly vetted and checked under the B&NES and the school safeguarding procedures:



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