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### The Head Teacher writes ...

'Give us solutions, not problems' is something I heard recently at a Wishford Heads' meeting. In school, there are always lists and things to arrange. Frequently, we think we have an event or activity all sorted and then a large spanner gets lobbed into the works. A recent example concerned the Year 6 production. For as many years as I can recall, the two performances have taken place on consecutive evenings, a Thursday and a Friday. And so to this year's production of the Tempest. We published the dates well in advance. Then we heard that one of our local schools was holding a pupil and parents' welcome evening for their new Year 7s on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June – the play's first night. Panic reigned in the staff room, could we do without several cast members and Mrs Sowter?

### We had a problem, we needed a solution.

After discussion, we agreed that we could have our two performances on Wednesday and Friday – radical! We had a most successful first night on Wednesday and yesterday, Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon of fun having a water fight on the field on this, their 'rest' day. They will come back tonight and give their all to the final night, which, judging by the reaction of Wednesday's audience, will be met with rapturous applause.

We had a problem, we found a solution and dare I say, it has worked out much better to split the performances and so this will probably be repeated again next year.

We try to encourage our pupils to find solutions all the time, whether in solving a mathematical problem or sorting a friendship issue. It is important for them to do so. Tempting as it is for an adult, be it parent or teacher, to try and find the solutions for children we surely do them a disservice. Sometimes, they need to be resilient and persevere to solve things by themselves. Not only will they have a sense of achievement when things go well but they will develop key skills that will prove invaluable as they grow up and face bigger challenges.

Let us help them become solution seekers, not problem ponderers!

*"It is not what we do to the child or for the child that educates them, but what we enable them to do for themselves, to see and learn and feel and understand for themselves. The child grows by their own efforts and own real experience" – Susan Issacs, quoted in "First Hand Experience"*



THE TEMPEST  
More to follow  
next week...





### WELL DONE OLLIE!

We love celebrating our pupils' achievements both in and out of school.

This week, Oliver (4) came into school with an armful of medals for swimming. He is most proud of the 200m Individual Medley and the 200m Backstroke

## STEAM SPORTS

Inspired by the Football World Cup, STEAM Club enjoyed making their own games equipment before testing it out and evaluating the materials used and their strengths and suitability.



### FOOTBALL



### NETBALL



### TENNIS



## GRADUATES SCHOOLWEAR

The last day for delivery to St David's from Graduates is Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. They will resume school deliveries on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

## YEAR 4 PET ASSEMBLY

On Monday, our traditional Year 4 Pet Assembly took place. The whole school was treated to a visit by a number of furry (or scaly!) friends. Matvey, Tilly, Charlie, Klara, River, Sarah, Michael – as well as Mrs Wright, Mrs Grainge and Mrs Skelton – enjoyed sharing stories of their pets and the fun and responsibilities that are equally intrinsic parts of being a pet owner. We learnt that it was easier for River's dog to move to England from America than River himself and that Klara's bearded dragon was currently shedding her skin and turns black whenever she's scared. Could these children be a future David Attenborough? Watch this space...



## JULY

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>: 9.30am Musical Showcase

*All Pre-Prep children will be taking part Little Voices Choir, Soloists*

11.00am Transition Meeting Year 1 to Year 2

11.30am Transition Meeting Year 2 to Year 3

6.30pm Musical Showcase

Prep children, Year 3 Ukulele Band, Orchestra, Ensembles & Soloists

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.15am Children meet their new teacher

8am Transition Meeting Year 3 to Year 4

8am Transition Meeting Year 4 to Year 5

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: Year 6 visit to Chartwell

Fri 6<sup>th</sup>: 9.00am Sports Day

8am Transition Meeting Reception to Year 1

8am Transition Meeting Year 5 to Year 6

**School ends at 12.30pm**

7.00pm Year 6 Prize Giving Evening

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: 7.00pm to 9.00pm Open Evening

Children welcome but must stay with parents at all times.

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>: Legoland trip

Thur 12<sup>th</sup>: TERM ENDS AT 12.30pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**8am to 6pm**

**HOLIDAY CLUB**