Just to let you know...

In maths this week we have continued to look at place value and have started to tackle the concept of addition and subtraction. First we used empty number lines and mental strategies then began to look at more formal written methods.

Please remind your children to keep practising those times tables—we have a test each week and the children are charting their progress.

Group reading got under way this week—thank you to everyone who helped. It will be on at the slightly later time of 9.30 next week due to House Assembly, it will be from 8.50 for the rest of this half term following that. Please keep signing your child's reading record and remember that they are collected on a Monday.

Dear Parents,
It was lovely to see you all at curriculum evening.

Letters have been emailed out about the clarinet lessons the Hampton Court Palace trip and Brenscombe Farm; please return slips and money as soon as is possible.

Wednesday (Thursday 5A) art afternoons are underway, please do let your child's teacher know if you are able to come in and lend a hand!

Many thanks!
Bec, Henry, Alison and Heather

Clarinets The children have each been given a clarinet to keep for the year. We are encouraging the children to take them home each week, so that they can practise. Please remember that they need to come back in every Monday for the lesson. Some of the clarinets may benefit from having a little Vaseline on the corks - ask your child to show you how they assemble their clarinets.

This week our English focus has been to research the life of Henry VII, working with a learning partner to make the task more manageable. The children have also thought about how to work with a partner more effectively.
The children produced some beautiful sketches of Henry VII—come in and have a look, if you get a chance.

Our spelling pattern has been: **nouns ending in ch, sh, ss, x = add es when they become plurals** (eg church = churches). **Spellings are: princesses, snatches, sandwiches, dispatches, hoaxes, relaxes, compasses, churches, dishes, wishes.**
Spelling test will be on Monday.