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Headteacher's message

As we head towards the end of the school year there is certainly lots to look forward to for our children. It's certainly a busy time! The next few weeks we will see our Summer Fair, transition morning, a range of trips, Exhibition Evening and Year 6 Performance all taking place, alongside our traditional sports days. Keep an eye on your inbox to look out for further details as necessary.



As you may be aware, our annual "*Exhibition Evening*" takes place on Tuesday 4 July between 4:30pm and 6pm. We hope that as many of our families as possible are able to come along to visit the classrooms and celebrate our children's learning over the past year.

The children will be spending some time with their new teachers for September on Thursday 6 July for their transition morning. During the day, the children will have a special assembly and then spend the morning getting to know their new classroom and the staff who will be working with them.

You may have seen on the news that the NEU teaching union have announced two new strike dates to take place before the end of term. These are planned for Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July. I am unable to confirm yet which classes may be affected by this, however will aim to do this as soon as possible.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes
Mr. Hackett

Veritas MAT choir event

On Thursday 8 June, a group of Year 4 & 5 children took part in the very first Veritas MAT choir meeting working alongside children from our other Trust school; Mundella Primary School in Folkestone and Pilgrims' Way Primary School in Canterbury.



The children enjoyed meeting new friends, learning new songs and enjoying their shared love of music. We plan to visit the other schools in the new school year to continue our work. Thanks to all who took part.

'Puttin' on the Glitz' – choir performance

Our school choir did themselves proud on Sunday 11 June at The Astor Theatre in Deal performing as part of 'Maddie-4-Music's' Martha Trust Fundraising concert "*Puttin' on the Glitz*". The children performed two songs, '*Spice up your life*' and '*Mambo Italiano*' and received some lovely comments from the audience who were in attendance.



The evening raised funds for a local charity 'The Martha Trust'. Well done to all who took part – and thank you to Miss Garnett, Mrs. Atkins and Miss Rolfe for leading the choir.

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Bold As! Brass concert

On Thursday 15 June, our Bold As! brass musicians took part in a special concert at St. George's Church alongside children from six other local primary schools and the fantastic White Cliffs Symphonic Wind Orchestra.



The children in attendance performed brilliantly and really showed off their skills learned during their weekly music lessons in school. We are very fortunate to benefit from the "Bold As!" Project led by local internationally-renowned brass musician Phil White.

This project allows up to 30 children each year the chance to learn a brass instrument completely free of charge – with event the instrument provided. The children can then choose to continue in Year 6 for a small additional charge.



Many of our musicians also attend the local music centre held every Tuesday evening at Goodwin Academy. [Click here](#) for further details.

Veritas MAT Maths Day!

Earlier on this term, our Year 4 children took part in a special maths morning with our other Trust Schools. With a live link up to Mundella and Pilgrim's Way Primary schools, the children received two tasks.

In the first task, they were challenged to an escape room activity, cracking the clues in mathematical problems to solve the puzzle.

There were five classes competing across the academy and all classes were timed. All children tried really hard and completed the challenge in a very competitive time.

The Veritas trust vision is to make learning irresistible for all pupils, so in their second task the children showed us what 'irresistible' means to them using mathematical manipulatives. We had some brilliant creations.



The morning was designed to promote maths and encourage the children to use their mathematical skills to problem solve collaboratively. We sought to engage them in mathematical activities beyond their usual curriculum and introduced them to others in the trust schools.

The children all had a great time and spoke positively about the experience. We hope to have more maths events in the future! Thanks to Mrs. Norton and Mr. Atkinson for organising this with the other Trust maths leaders



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Veritas MAT Sports Day!

Some of our Year 6 students had a fantastic time at the inaugural Veritas MAT Inter-Trust Sports Festival at Pilgrims' Way Primary School.

During the festival, children participated in Tag Rugby, Diamond Cricket or Netball, and enjoyed making new friends from children from Pilgrims' Way and Mundella Primary Schools.



At the end of the festival, children from all schools had to vote for the school they thought showed the best sportsmanship throughout the day - and Warden House were voted as the winners of the festival! As you can see, we are really growing our inter-Trust events and more and more children are starting to benefit from the increasing number of collaborative projects that are taking place.

Well done to all who took part – and thank you to Miss Robinson and Mrs. Grant for organising the trip.

Welcome to our new EYFS pupils!

It has been a delight to meet our new EYFS pupils and their parents over the past few days as they attended their first "Stay and Play" sessions at Warden House and the initial welcome meeting in the school hall.



The weather was kind and the children all seemed to have a lovely time exploring their new classrooms and meeting the teachers and TAs who will be working with them in September. We look forward to seeing our new children again during their transition morning on Thursday 6 July.

Sports days details

We are really looking forward to our Sports Days at the end of term.

- *Year R and KS1 Sports Day (For pupils in Year R, 1 and 2) takes place on Thursday 13 July (1.20pm start).*
- *KS2 Sports Day (For pupils in Years 3-6 takes place on Friday 14 July (1.20pm start).*

On both days, parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Gates open at 1pm ready for a 1:20pm start. During our traditional sports days, pupils will take places in a range of more traditional athletics.

A limited number of chairs will be available so we suggest that parents bring their own portable seating or picnic blanket etc. if possible. The PTFA



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plan to open the refreshment hut on the KS1 playground for parents too.



Please do ensure children come to school in their full Warden House PE kit (including coloured team polo top) on their sports day and have sun cream applied, a sun hat and a full water bottle.

Our parents races will be taking place once again- so do bring your running shoes!

Pantomime trip to the Marlowe Theatre

We are once again planning a whole-school visit to the Marlowe Theatre to see the pantomime. The visit will take place at the end of Term 2 prior to Christmas! (Oh yes we are!)



This year, the show will be Aladdin! Further details to follow by the end of term.

New "Rocksteady" music lesson in action

After a slight delay, our new 'Rock Steady' music lessons have begun on a Monday afternoon. Our new 'bands' have enjoyed getting to grips with their new instruments, meeting their band mates and generally having a great time.



Here is a photo of one of the sessions in action. Please note that all sessions are currently full, however should there be any vacancies for next term we will make sure to let you know.

New classes for September

Hopefully you received the letter sent out last week containing information regarding staffing for September. Here is an overview of where each class will be moving to in the new school year.

Current Class:	Moving to:	Taught by:	Teaching Assistants:
New Reception Classes <small>Please note children will not be sorted into classes until the start of term 2.</small>	Yr. R Ducklings	Mrs. Camilleri (Team Leader)	Mrs. Franks
	Yr. R Hedgehogs	Miss Wyatt	Mrs. Weir
Year R Ladybirds	→ Yr. 1 Otters	Miss Woods	Mrs. Dymond and Mrs. Ashington
Year R Hedgehogs	→ Yr. 1 Bears	Miss Glanville	Mrs. Coomer
Yr. 1 Bears	→ Yr. 2 Tigers	Mrs. Cleary	Mrs. Fagg
Yr. 1 Otters	→ Yr. 2 Penguins	Mrs. Marks (Team Leader)	Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Valentine
Year 2 Frogs	→ Yr. 3 Starfish	Mrs. Bishop & Mrs. Grant	Ms. Burnley
Year 2 Tigers	→ Yr. 3 Foxes	Mrs. Hockley (Team Leader)	Mrs. King and Mrs. Watson
Yr. 3 Bees	→ Yr. 4 Zebras	Miss Mann and Mrs. McDonald	Mr. Marsh, Mrs. Platts and Ms. Westfield
Yr. 3 Starfish	→ Yr. 4 Sharks	Mrs. Glinn	Ms. Williams and Ms. Knowles
Yr. 4 Zebras	→ Yr. 5 Bees	Mrs. Bowyer (Team Leader)	Mrs. Atkins & Mrs. Barrows
Yr. 4 Sharks	→ Yr. 5 Elephants	Mrs. Gann	Ms. Seager and Mrs. Barber
Yr. 5 Pandas	→ Yr. 6 Ravens	Miss Robinson	Ms. Rolfe and Mrs. Collard
Yr. 5 Giraffes	→ Yr. 6 Pandas	Mrs. Bristow	Mrs. Orchard and Mrs. Creed



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End of term reward for reading?

As of the time of writing, it is still not clear as to whether the children will have earned enough points to achieve their special end of year reading award this year. It really is "touch and go". There has been a real increase in the number of points earned and the amount of reading taking place at home every day, however we still need the children to earn over 1000 points per week between now and Friday 14 July.



The children know that they will only get a visit from an ice cream van if we hit our target of 22,500 points. We need EVERY child to be doing their best to help us get there! Can we do it?

Year 5 Parents Reminder

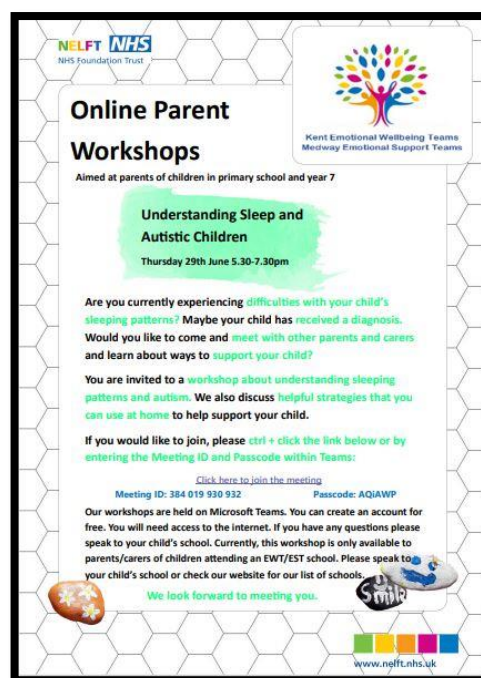
We would like to remind our Year 5 parents that the deadline to apply for the Kent Test is fast approaching (along with the separate deadline to apply for the Dover Boys and Dover Girls Grammar School Tests).



Please [click here](#) for further information about this and the wider process for applying for a secondary school place.

NELFT workshop

Please see below for the latest NHS NELFT Workshop on the theme of "Understanding Sleep and Autistic Children"



[Click here](#) to access the session at the correct time.

PGL Trip for next year's Year 6

Is your child currently in Year 5? If so, look out for details in your inbox regarding next year's Year 6 trip to Windmill Hill PGL in East Sussex. Thank you to the parents who came to the information session led by Miss Robinson. The deadline for confirming your child's place is **Monday 3 July 2023**.



[Click here](#) to view an information video about this fantastic opportunity for the children.



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Key Dates for Term 6 2023	
Year 6 Swimming Lessons at Tides	Ongoing this term
PTFA Summer Fair	Friday 23 June 2023 – Straight after school
Exhibition Evening	Tuesday 4 July 2023 (4:30pm-6pm)
Potential NEU teacher strike days	Wednesday 5 July and Friday 7 July 2023
Whole School Transition Day (Children spend some time with their new teacher and TA for September. Our Y6 children attend their secondary school and our new Reception children come in for the morning).	Thursday 6 July 2023
Year R and KS1 Sports Day (Gates open at 1pm for a 1:20pm start)	Thursday 13 July 2023
KS2 Sports Day (Gates open at 1pm for a 1:20pm start)	Friday 14 July 2023
Year 6 Performance – “These are the Days of our Lives” (Year 6 parents check the letter sent home for details of how to reserve your seats)	Monday 10 July 2023 at 7pm Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 10am Wednesday 12 July 2023 at 7pm
Year 6 Oscars and Leavers’ Party	Tuesday 18 July 2023 (6pm until 9pm)
End of Term 6	Wednesday 19 July at 2pm

Term dates for next year

Our term dates for next year have now been agreed and are published on our school website.

Please [click here](#) to view these and add them to your diaries.

