

Newsletter - Friday 3 May 2019

Headteacher's Message

It has been great to welcome the children back to school at the start of the summer term. Playtimes have now moved onto the field and it has been encouraging to see the children and teachers continuing to make use of our outdoor spaces following the success of our outdoor learning week last term. Please do ensure that, as the weather gets warmer, children are sent into school wearing sun cream as necessary. Children should also make sure that they bring their water bottles into school every day so that they can stay properly hydrated.

We have some fantastic new topics going on across the school this term. For example, excitement has been building in Year 5 as our incubators are now full of chicken eggs as the children (hopefully) hatch and raise chicks as they learn about life cycles in science. Check out the curriculum section of our website for further details.

Children are now free to wear summer uniform should they wish. This can include summer dresses or polo shirts and shorts as necessary. Children should continue to wear smart, black shoes and have their full PE kit in school each day.

Finally, Year 6 SATs tests take place between Monday 13 and Thursday 16 May. Please could parents of Year 6 pupils ensure that children are in school on time each day and that appointments are not made during school time on the days of the tests. Please [click here](#) to view a useful guide produced by Mrs Bowyer about what to expect.

Wishing you all a super bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes, Mr Hackett

Spring Term Golden Book Winners



We are incredibly proud of our Golden Award winners who were presented with their special certificates in our "Golden Assembly" last week. These children have been recognised for amazing work and behaviour across terms 3 & 4 demonstrating our school values in all that they do. Their names and reasons are now recorded in our "Golden Book" and displayed on a special leaf on our "Golden Tree".

Foxes	Rabbits	Koalas	Squirrels
Gracie.C Theo.T	Eloise.H Harry.S	Millie.S Kaeleb.T	Lucas.D Margot.O
Tigers	Peacocks	Flamingos	
Robyn.W Aimee.K	Michael.C Amelia.H	Mollie.M Olly.C	
Frogs	Dolphins	Black Cats	Pandas
Robyn.T Ernest.MB	Joben.P Hannah.W	Flynn.J Skye.T	Cymru.D Che'.S
Penguins	Giraffes	Bees	Elephants
Kacey.R Sophie.S	Zane.D Amelia.P	Rosie.N Joe.L	Rihards.B Lexi.J

Times Tables Rock Stars



Children in Years 2-6 are now able to access an exciting new online game called [Times Table Rockstars](#) to help with their times table practice. Following a fun launch assembly last week, all children in these year groups should now have a username and password in order to access their account. The games are a brilliant way for the children to improve their times table knowledge, speed and accuracy. We recommend that your child practises little and often so please do encourage them to log on and prove they are a Times Table Rockstar! We are aiming for all children to know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4! Please see your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Parents' Evenings

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended parents' evenings last week. 87% of you signed up and made appointments. We really value these important opportunities to discuss your children's progress. Should you have been unable to attend parents' evening for any reason, please feel free to contact your child's class teacher who will be happy to arrange an appointment.

Black Cats' Trip to Fort Burgoyne



Our Year 4 Black Cats class enjoyed a super day last week visiting [Fort Burgoyne](#) in Dover. The children are taking part in a special "Arts Builders" programme this term working alongside pupils from Guston and Charlton Primary Schools on an exciting project developing learning opportunities at this fantastic historical site. Thanks to Mrs Vyse for her hard work in organising this.

Year 1 Trip to Dover Castle

Our Year 1 pupils had a super day on Wednesday visiting Dover Castle as part of their "Castles" topic. We were particularly impressed by the children's use of historical vocabulary in describing the key features of castle life. Thanks to Mrs Grant and Mrs Leech for organising a great visit.

Deal Area Foodbank

We are proud to support the Deal Area Foodbank at Warden House. Donations are particularly needed at this time of year. Please place any donations in the food bin in the school office. Please [click here](#) to view the types of food that are particularly needed at present. Thank you for your support.



Key Dates for Terms 5 and 6

Monday 13 May - Thursday 16 May

Year 6 SATs tests. All children must be in school.

Year R Swimming

Term 5 - 26 April, 3 & 10 May

Term 6 - 6, 13, 20, 27 June, 11 & 18 July

Year 6 Swimming

Term 6 - 21 June, 5 & 12 July

Monday 20 May - Friday 24 May

Year 2 SATs tests. All children must be in school.

Thursday 6 June at 5pm

Kent Test (PESE) Meeting for Year 5 Parents considering applying for a Grammar School place for September 2020.

Wednesday 3 July (KS2) & Friday 5th July (YrR and KS1)

Traditional Sports Days - Parents invited (Times TBC)

Tuesday 9 July - 5 pm - 7 pm

Exhibition Evening - Whole School

Thursday 4 July

Transition Day - Children spend the day with their new class teacher.

Term Dates for 2019

Term 5 Start: Tuesday 23 April 2019

Finish: Friday 24 May 2019

Term 6 Start: Monday 3 June 2019

Finish: Friday 19 July 2019 at 2:00 pm

Please note that term dates for 2019-2020 have now been agreed and are published [on the school website](#).

Future Staff Training Days

Monday 22 July 2019 & Tuesday 23 July 2019

Polling Day (school closed) Thursday 23rd May 2019

