

Dear Parents, Carers and members of the community, welcome to Newsletter 13. I hope that the Bank Holiday was a great opportunity to enjoy some additional family time together and I am sure that the children will have welcomed the extra day off school. It was so lovely to see parents and carers at the recent Parent Consultations, we had 96% of the parent body make and attend the statutory meetings and the feedback from the parents I spoke with was incredibly positive. The time to discuss your child is an absolute privilege and I know that the staff relished in the opportunity to share the many successes for each child as we work together to strive for the best outcomes for each child. The initial feedback from the questionnaire we gave out is great to see. We work so incredibly hard to deal with issues as they arise and as soon as we are made aware. Should there ever be an issue that you want us to be aware of, please let us know as soon as possible by discussing with your child's Class Teacher in the very first instance. I hope you have a wonderful week and I look forward to seeing you as the week develops.

Best Wishes, Mr Sam Eden (Headteacher)

Sports Morning AM and Summer Fayre PM Friday 12th July



Our Summer fayre follows Sports Morning on Friday 12th July. This is always a fun event for our wider school community with lots of school and PTFA run stalls such as: wine or water, face painting, refreshments, Disco Dome, giant balloons etc. We welcome stall holders from our community for a small fee. If you would like to have a stall at the fayre please contact our school office. We look forward to you joining us for this brilliant event. More details will be communicated in the further newsletters.

Attendance

Our school attendance figures are falling and this is down to larger numbers of parents taking their children out of school during term time. We continue to be unable to authorise any form of holiday and politely ask that these are booked outside of term time, during school holidays.

We have also seen a sharp rise in the number of medical appointments taking place during school time. We know that many of these are avoidable, but optician checks and dentist check-ups are able to be scheduled during holidays and we ask that parents respect this where possible.

Once a child has missed school, that time can't ever be replaced and the learning will have moved on by the time they get back, making the child's learning journey more difficult. We look forward to reporting a rise in attendance figures as we end this academic year.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Parent Consultations. They were such a positive round of meetings and all of the teaching staff involved relished the opportunity to share the many successes and detail any areas for further development that may need to help your child be the best we they can be!

At the meetings, we asked you to complete the annual questionnaire and answer questions based on your experiences of the school. We are overwhelmed by the positive responses and look forward to sharing the results with you in future newsletters. In many cases the responses have a 100% positive feedback and highlight the satisfaction from the parent body with regard to the work we are carrying out with your children.

As always, should you wish to speak with your child's Class Teacher, they will be available in the mornings before school with longer meetings able to be pre-arranged to discuss any worries or concerns you may have. Please ensure that you see your child's Class Teacher in the first instance so that issues that may be arising can be resolved quickly.

Mini Police



Our Mini Police are currently working on raising awareness of the risk of posting negative/hurtful comments online and via Social Media. Parents can help continuing to educate children by holding regular conversations with them about what they are posting and carrying out regular checks.

Class Photographs-16th May

Class photographs will take place on the date above. Please ensure that your child has their school jumper in school on this date, regardless of the weather. We look forward to sharing these with you.

Share and Shine Opportunities



Following on from the success of the Share and Shine opportunities in Terms 1 and 3. This term, these opportunities will take place in the final 2 weeks of this term. These are the children's opportunity to share with you the learning that has taken place over the course of the term. The dates of the sharing are as follows;

Class Ireland-Tuesday 14th May at 9.10am
Class Nepal-Monday 20th May at 3pm
Class Egypt- Tuesday 21st May at 9.10am
Class Kenya-Wednesday 22nd May at 9.10am
Class Portugal-Thursday 23rd May at 3pm
Class Brazil-Friday 24th May at 3pm

Please try to support your child by attending if you can. Children are so incredibly motivated by their parents coming into school and helps inspire children to strive to be the best they can be.

SATs Week

Next week is SATs week for Year 6, as it is for all children across the country. We want to take this opportunity to wish the Year 6s all the very best for these tests and commend them on their hard work and efforts building to this point. The Year 6 children are a wonderful group and we know they will be the very best that they can be!

Year 6 children have brought home a letter about SATs breakfast-if you want your Y6 child to access this, please contact the school office.

Please note that we have a statutory duty to administer the tests and therefore all children are expected in school across the whole week as the tests are administered at the same time across the country.

Don't forget that we break for Half Term on Friday 24th May with school reopening at the usual times on Monday 3rd June.

Swimming



Swimming has begun for Y3 (Class Brazil) children (Year 6 swimmers to start after the SATs tests). The swimming teachers have asked us to remind parents that children cannot swim with earrings in and these must be taken out prior to swimming. If this is something that your child cannot yet do, please spend time practising.

PTFA Silver Smarties

Our wonderful PTFA are always looking at new ways of raising much needed funds for the school and their recent Silver Smarties fundraiser, which saw the children being very helpful in exchange for 20p's that are added to the tube of Smarties saw a fantastic £175.90 Thank you so much to everyone who helped raise this total-the PTFA money is currently helping to pay for brand new outdoor equipment.



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Sun Readiness



As we move in to the Summer months, we do all we can to ensure the children enjoy the sunshine safely. Whatever the weather, it is vital that the children bring a named water bottle to school to stay hydrated. If the forecast is for warm, sunny weather, please ensure your child has a sunhat and has sun-cream applied **before** school and has a named bottle in their bag to apply during the day. Please note that we are unable to apply suncream.

Bikeability-this week

Our Year 5 pupils will be undertaking their Bikeability across the course of this week. This is always such a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their skills and challenge themselves even further.