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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th May 2018

Inspiring All

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

You may not be able to go back and make a brand-new start – but you can start now and make a brand-new end.

ROYAL WEDDING CELEBRATION

We had successful house captain meetings last Friday to try and gain ideas from the pupils about how we should mark the coming Royal Wedding. We explained that we would be holding a 'Tea Party' on the afternoon of Friday 18th May in celebration and were looking for further ideas of activities. There was a great response that house captains and I then used to create a plan:

- We will be holding a mufti day with donations made being donated towards a commemoration bench that the PTA will be sourcing for the playground.
- Making crowns and decorating commemorative plates in class
- Making a class congratulations card to send to the happy couple.

It would be wonderful if parents could donate fairy cakes for the children for this occasion. If they could be brought to the school office on the day of the event.



MATHS UPDATE

Our teachers attended maths moderation meetings with other teachers from local schools to review the assessments and learning in our maths books this week. It was very pleasing to hear from all how their judgements had been validated and that they felt confident that we were moving in the right direction on our journey towards a maths mastery approach.

E-SAFETY

Fortnite seems to be a new popular game on the market that is a hit with young people at the moment. We just want to remind parents that it does have an age rating of 12 and we have noticed that it has become an issue with some of our juniors and had an impact on their relationships within school from playing at home.



SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have any concerns about school please come in and see us. Please use social media for positive communication. Thank you.

YEAR 4 CLASS ASSEMBLY

It was wonderful today to welcome the parents of Comet class as we were taken on a journey to Ancient Egypt. What an exciting and engaging presentation of learning that has clearly inspired all. Well done Year 4 and thank you.

END OF KEY STAGE ASSESSMENTS

The Year 6 SATs tests are next week, and we wish all our pupils the best of luck. We know that they have worked extremely hard and now this is an opportunity to show what they can do. We hope they rest well this weekend so that they can come in relaxed, calm and prepared next week.



Year 2 SATs are happening throughout this month and we know how hard individuals have worked to be ready. We are proud of all our Y2s and Y6s and know they will do their best.

SPORTS DAY

Please note the change to the previously advertised date of sports day to 11th July, with Junior Sports in the morning from approximately 9am and Infants Sports in the afternoon from 1.30pm.

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

TIMES TABLES

Challenge: How many answers (products) in all the x tables to 12 x 12 are odd?

MATHS PROBLEM OF THE WEEK

A time problem this week.



Who is telling the time correctly?



The time is half past 6

Iris



The time is half past 3

Jayant



The time is half past 2

Neve

Can you spot the mistakes they've made?

SPELLING STRATEGY:

story, Story

Write a story using ALL of your spelling words. Be sure to underline your spelling words in your paragraph.

You may type your story and email it to me if you like!

POLITE REMINDER

Please can parents ensure that if they want to talk to the office or members of staff that they enter through the office front entrance rather than other doors within the school so you can be signed in. Thank you for your support in this matter.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to:
 Sun: Frankie, Dylan
 Moon: Kiyomi, Sebastian
 Star: Jools, Summer
 Eclipse: Isaac, Mia
 Solar: Tyler S, Madeline
 Comet: Whole class and Mrs Davies
 Apollo: Robbie, Shannon
 Voyager: Tom

ATTENDANCE

Our weekly attendance figures are listed here. Week beginning 8th May 2018

Sun Class	99.00%
Moon Class	89.88%
Star Class	89.17%
Eclipse Class	99.50%
Solar Class	96.74%
Comet Class	99.45%
Apollo Class	98.91%
Voyager Class	99.17%

We expect the average attendance for the school to be above 96%.

HALL HIRE

Our hall is available for hire over the weekend. It makes a great venue for parties from £12 per hour plus a £6 insurance charge. There is a minimum hire of 3 hours, for example a half hour set up, 2-hour party and half hour clear up. Please contact Mrs Potter if you are interested. We are also very interested to hear from anyone who would be interested in a more continuous letting for groups at competitive rates e.g. weekend early years music/dance groups; children's language groups; NCT classes etc.



COMMUNITY NEWS

LANGLEY VALE VILLAGE MOVIE NIGHT

To celebrate the 50th anniversary for the Langley Vale village hall, there will be an opportunity to see 'Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang' a film released in the same year as the hall was built. This will be on May 12th, 4-7pm. Please see the attached flyer for additional details. It sounds like it will be a fun event and a great way to support the village hall.

Bourne Hall Museum Family History Events are being held in May. Please see attached flyers.

There are Swimming crash courses being held in half term and the summer holidays by JG Swimming at Chinthurst School – please see the attached flyers for more details.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

WRIGGLES & GIGGLES

Each Tuesday our local 'stay and play' community group meet in our school hall from 9.30am to 11.30am. It is a popular group for parents and carers for babies to pre-schoolers and open to everyone. For a small fee of just £2 for children aged over 1, £1 for children under 1 and siblings, visitors have a range of toys and activities on offer. Please spread the word and come along.

SUMMER TERM

18.04.18	Sun Class Educational trip	All day
18.04.18	Stamford Green Behaviour Ambassadors to the Vale	
25.04.18	Dome visit to the school – all classes	All day
28.04.18	Community Day	
11.05.18	Class Assembly – Comet Class	9.00 – 9.30am
15.05.18	Eco Bags clothing collection	9.30am
18.05.18	Class Assembly – Moon Class	9.00 – 9.30am
18.05.18	Royal Wedding Celebration	
21 – 26.05.18	Year 6 Residential	
24 – 25.05.18	Year 4 Kip in a Hall and Educational trip	All day
28.05.18 – 1.06.18	Half term	1 Week
15.06.18	Class Assembly – Sun Class	9.00 – 9.30am
19 & 20.06.18	Year 3 & 4 Dance Festival	
20 – 22.06.18	Year 5 Residential	
22.06.18	Class assembly – Solar & Eclipse Classes	9.00 – 9.30am
28.06.18	Class Assembly – Apollo class	9.00 – 9.30am
29.06.18	INSET: no school for children	Day
02 – 06.07.18	Sports Week	
11.07.18	Sports Day	
12.07.18	Class Assembly – Star Class	9.00.- 9.30am
12.07.18	Junior Production	Afternoon & evening
13.07.18	Strawberry Tea	Afternoon
13.07.18	Year 1 & 2 educational Trip	All day
18.07.18	Open afternoon	
19.07.18	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9.00 – 9.30am
20.07.18	End of Term	1.30pm

