



Newsletter

Oct 2017

Message from Miss Thomas:

It has been another busy term! KS1, Y3/4 and Y5/6 have all been out on trips and groups of children have taken part in a number of sporting events. These activities really enhance the children's learning and I have received lots of positive feedback about how well the children have behaved and represented the school on these occasions.

I will shortly be looking at attendance. The Government sets the expectation that good attendance is above 96% and attendance below 90% is regarded as persistent absence. The vast majority of our children have good attendance and I would like to thank you for making sure your child/children are in school every day unless they are too unwell. If a child's attendance is below 90%, this means they will have missed an average of 1 day per fortnight which over the year mounts up to 4 weeks of school – a lot of learning will be missed in this time. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90%, I will write to you early next term to let you know. Please don't panic – at this stage of the year a few days can bring your child's attendance down so if attendance has not previously been a concern, we will monitor.

House Captains: Yr 6 children were asked to write a letter of application for the position of House Captain. They then had a mini interview and as I said in the previous newsletter, I was extremely impressed with how all the children approached this and the ideas they shared. I am pleased to announce that our 17/18 House Captains are: Katie Chudleigh & Jack Savva (Birch), Madison Chappell & Brooke Cheffey (Oak), Lexi-Mai Gear & Bradleigh Hill (Sycamore), Freddie Eglin & Elouise Poolman (Willow).

Student Leadership Group: The following children, selected by their class teachers for being good role models and having the qualities needed for Student Leadership, will join the House Captains to make up our Student Leadership Group for 2017/18. These are: Lily Toner & Madison Miller (Yr 6), Chris Lambe (Germany), Luisa Josefata (Italy), Amie Ford (Norway), Teagan Burdon (Russia), Jayden Simpson (Sweden), Hannah Jowers (Spain) and Charley Hiscock (UK).

Football Festival at Kingdown:

On a cold, wet Monday evening, 7 children from Yr 3/4, took part in a football festival at Kingdown School. They completed some small skills based activities and then played mini games. The children were mixed with other schools who were attending. Thank you to parents and grandparents who came to support the event and well done to all the children who took part; Max, Brogan, Rocky, Kylie, Harvey, Will and Oliver.

Hampton Court:

On Thursday 5th October, years 3 and 4 got up extremely early and travelled to London to visit Hampton Court Palace- Henry VIII's favourite palace. The traffic was kind as was the weather and we had a wonderful day. The highlight of the day was a tour of King Henry VIII's apartments. We were taken back in time to the wedding day of King Henry to his 6th wife. Children got to play the different roles and we were all impressed by their knowledge of the era. The visit really brought the topic of The Tudors alive and we were complimented on the behaviour of the children. Many thanks to the helpers who accompanied us and a huge thank you to The Friends of The Avenue, who gave a generous contribution towards the cost of the trip. A fabulous time was had by all and we are looking forward to our Tudor day on the 24th of November.





- Open to children and young people aged 2- 19yrs with special needs.
- 1:1 play workers to support each child that attends
- Fun, relaxation and enjoyment at the heart of our sessions
- Activities include: soft play, trips to the park, swimming, cooking, sensory play, gym sessions.
- Based at Little Urchins Soft Play.
- Ofsted registered.

Spaces available: Email: Jacobs-ladder@outlook.com

Diary Dates

October

17th - **End of Term 1**
(18th – Teacher Training Day)

30th – **Start of Term 2**

November

2nd – Yr 5/6 to Fleet Air Arm Museum

3rd – Pantomime
“Beauty & The Beast”

3rd – Friends “Monster Ball”



BULA:

Mrs Kilminster recently led a whole school assembly about Fiji Day. Children found out about Fiji Day, where Fiji is and how Fijians around the world celebrate.

A big thank you to all our Fijian children for sharing their experiences and to Tamara for dressing up.

Also another big thank you to Mrs Bevu and Mrs Navunisaravi for bringing in a lot of Fijian treasures.

Staffing Update: We are pleased to announce we have appointed Lisa Tilesi as our French teacher. Carole Phillips will be joining our MDSA team and Bev Fox will start as TA in USA/Brazil Class after half term. We currently have a vacancy for a cleaner – 3.30 – 5.30pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested – please contact the office for more information.

Polite Notice: As a school we would like to remind you that the school gates do not open until 8.30am and we respectfully ask that you do not arrive at school before this time. Please can we also ask parents not to gather at the main school gates, as we have received some complaints from parents that some children and parents feel uncomfortable walking past a large group. Please can you be mindful about the language you use & smoking on/near the school site, as our children are very young and extremely impressionable. Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

House Points: Congratulations to these children for achieving the following awards:
PLATINUM: GOLD: Owen Wright and Brooke Matthews **SILVER:** Lily Warner, Rusiate Ratuniata, Mackenzie Campbell and Charley Hiscock **BRONZE:** Grace Coleman, Jordan Rogers and Mia Campbell.



Christmas Dinner: our festive roast turkey Christmas dinner with all the trimmings will be held on Wednesday 13th December. (It is bookable on Wisepay and is featured on Week One's menu). There is also a vegetarian option of a vegetable turnover with roast potatoes. Orders need to be done by 4th December.

Children will be making Christmas hats and decorations for the occasion and teachers will be joining their children for lunch.

Please when ordering make sure you order on the menu dated **Week Commencing 11th December for the Wednesday 13th December for Christmas Dinner.**

All other Wednesday's are a normal roast dinner as described on the Wisepay menu.

OPEN MORNING

We are holding an
Open Morning for parents of
children starting school in
September 2018.

Dates are:

Tuesday 7th November
at 9am & 11.30am

Please contact the school for
more details.

Website:

Please remember to check the
website calendar for upcoming
dates/events and look at your
child's class pages
(also on the website) for
important updates.

Thank you.

