

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week where I have been so proud of the children. Year 6 have completed their SATS tests admirably (they even had to contend with the fire alarm going off during one test!), and other year groups have finished their assessments.

Reception had a visit from the Bee Man who told them what it's like to keep bees. They also had balance bike training run and can now safely ride their balance bikes. Year 5 had a fantastic time with the Big Foot Theatre Company, who led them through fun sessions on friendship and teamwork. Year 1 have been busy making their own crowns to celebrate the Royal Wedding. Year 3 are practising hard for their circus performance next week.

We are all looking forward to our Book Week next week. Don't forget the book character dressing up day on Friday 25th May.

Sporting Success

Our Year 3/4 cricket team played against 4 other local schools yesterday. They won 3 out of their 4 matches, and played exceptionally well. A fantastic result!

Our Year 5/6 football team played against Garfield Primary yesterday and won 2-1. Another superb result!

Well done to all of our children who have represented the school.

School Photographs

If you would like to order school photographs through the school (to avoid paying postage and packing costs) please make sure that your orders and payment are back by Wednesday 23rd May. There is an option to order online from Kittle too. Please see the information that came out with the proofs of the photographs.

Secondary School Information evening – Thursday 24th May, 7.00pm

Do join us for our Secondary School Information Evening on Thursday 24th May at 7.00pm. The evening will be particularly suitable for parents of children in Year 4 and 5, but all are welcome. During the evening you will find out about the application process, important dates, and hear about some of the local secondary schools.

Parent Forum – Thursday 7th June 7-9pm

The Governors warmly invite you all to our Parent Forum on 7th June. At this Forum there will be an opportunity for parents to discuss in more detail some of the topics raised in the recent NFER Parent Survey. You should have received a letter via Parentmail this week giving further information. Chartwells (our school lunch suppliers) will be present at the beginning of the evening to answer any questions you have about the school lunches.

Messages from Mrs Quinn

There will be no orchestra next Tuesday 22nd May. Rehearsals will resume on the Tuesday after half term.

The children in Years 2-6 have been enjoying listening to lots of lovely music performed by their classmates in music lessons over the past 2 weeks, as part of our annual Music Festival, celebrating the musical talents of the children. Some children have now been chosen to play or sing in the Music Festival Finals on Wednesday morning.

Parking

This week we have had reports from a neighbour about two of our parents being aggressive and verbally abusive towards him, when he has asked them to move their cars from across his driveway. This is unacceptable behaviour. I would be grateful if all parents can ensure that they are parking legally, and especially not over driveways belonging to our neighbours.

Book Week

📖 We will be holding our annual Book Week from 21st-25th May 2018. This year, our Book Week is themed around the book 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' as told to Jon Scieszka. As part of the week, we will be running several competitions in order to excite and renew the children's love of reading.

📖 Get Caught Reading (whole school competition) - Can you think of a new and unusual place to read your book? Up a tree? In the pool? The great outdoors? Well if you can, this one's for you! All you need to do is ask a parent/carer to snap a photograph of you in your chosen location, print it off and deliver it to your class teacher/Mrs Niemann.

📖 Mr Potatohead (Key Stage 1) - Who's your favourite character from a book? Can you design and create an outfit for them and turn a potato into a lookalike? Remember: If you want to carve into the potato, ask an adult for help.

📖 Twist My Tale (Key Stage 2) - Could you turn a classic fairy tale on its head and write it from the villain's point of view?

📖 Deadline for all competitions is Thursday, 24th May 2018.

📖 The scholastic book fair will be here before and after school for the week commencing the 21st May 2018.

📖 Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book on Friday 25th May. We are keen to support a national literacy charity which provides disadvantaged children with the literacy skills needed to succeed in life so we are asking for children to bring in £1 on the day for this charity.

Message from HOTS

Summer Fair - advertising boards

We are fortunate to be getting sponsorship from local estate agents Hawes & Co for our summer fair on 23 June. If you are able to have a board outside your house from the beginning of June to advertise our fair, please email hotsemail@gmail.com by 24 May with your address including postcode and any special instructions (e.g. fix to right of gate). Many thanks

Sun Safety Competition

'Wrap, Splat, Hat' sun safety education programme are running a competition to promote sun safety and are giving schools a chance to win £1000 to spend on PE/games/outdoor equipment. I have sent out entry forms to reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3. Competition entry forms can be downloaded from <http://www.garnier.co.uk/sun-protection/beauty/ambre-solaire/ambre-solaire/wrap-splat-hat>.

The idea of the competition is to help pupil explore sun safety and be creative at the same time. Children who would like to enter can hand their entries to their class teacher or Mrs Witting. The entries need to be in by 12th June so they can be sent off.

Nut-free School

We have a number of children in the school who are severely allergic to nuts. Please ensure that no nuts, or products containing nuts, are brought into school. Thank you.

Term Dates 2018-2019

Mon 3rd September - Fri 19th October 2018 with Mon 3rd and Tues 4th Sept being an INSET day

Mon 29th October - Fri 21st December 2018

Mon 7th January - Fri 15th February 2019 with Mon 7th Jan being an INSET day

Mon 25th February - Fri 5th April 2019

Tues 23rd April - Fri 24th May 2019

Mon 3rd June - Tues 23rd July with Mon 3rd June and Tues 23rd July being INSET days

Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
21 st May		Book Week begins(Dress up day is on 25th May)
21 st May		Year 6 to Chessington
24 th May	9.00am	Owls Class Assembly
24 th May	7.00 – 9.00pm	Secondary School Information Evening
25 th May		Book Week Dressing up day Break up for half term
4 th June		INSET day
5 th June		2 nd half of term begins
7 th June	7.00pm	Parent Forum
8 th June	9.00am	SEND Parent Group in Small Hall
11 th June		Year 3 and 4 Sports Day
12 th June		Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
13 th June		Reception Sports Day
14 th June		Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
15 th June		Nursery Sports Day
15 th June	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
23 rd June	12-4.00pm	Summer Fair
25 th – 29 th June		Year 6 School Journey to France
29 th June	AM	The NED Show visiting (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best) More details to follow
2 nd – 6 th July		Geography Week
5 th July	Time tbc	Open Evening
6 th July		Reception visit to Battersea Park
6 th July	9.00am	SEND Parent Group in Small Hall
11 th /12 th July	Time tbc	Year 6 Production
13 th July	9.00am	Parent Prayer Group
20 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
20 th July	2.00pm	School term ends
23 rd July		INSET day

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards – Headteacher