

END OF TERM JOINT NEWSLETTER SUMMER 1 Friday 26th May 2023

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

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Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may we wish you all a very happy half term next week. We hope for everyone to be able to relax and enjoy continued sunny weather whilst being able to engage in activities that you are normally short of time for.

We congratulate our pupils on a busy summer 1 term together with the staff. We also thank all parents who have worked with us in providing enrichment and fun. A huge thank you also goes to members of the PTA who continue to work in providing fun events and activities for the children, raising money for additional resources or just a platform for families to meet with each other. The PTA AGM meeting and quiz was enjoyed on Tuesday evening - well done to the winning team!

With God's blessings next half term will bring us much more to look forward too.



On Monday afternoon, our Netball A, B and C teams played against Dorchester. The teams have been incredibly committed to netball this year and we have been very lucky to have so many pupils interested in the sport. It was a great afternoon of talent, but unfortunately, on this occasion we did not get the win. This may be one of our last netball events this year, so we would like to thank all the pupils and families for their commitment and support throughout our netball season. We have been so proud of how far the teams have come and hope that our members continue this wonderful sport in their secondary school adventures.



On Wednesday afternoon, 2 teams of 10 pupils from Year 6 took part in a Quadkids event at Oaks Park school. Every child took part in a 600m race, 75m sprint, a standing long jump and a howler-throwing event. Our pupils were truly brilliant, particularly in our 600m event where our boys finished in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. We are so delighted that our A team finished in 1st place overall and our B team finished in 5th place out of 12 schools. What an incredible achievement and a wonderful display of sporting talent.



Our B-Team footballers played extremely well in the final of the B-Team competition at Green Wrythe Primary School. Unfortunately, our opponents played better on the day and run out worthy 3-0 winners. Still, our boys competed hard and showed great skill and determination. Thanks to all the parents who came to support the team.



On Monday, the Year 6 B Cricket Team played in the Best Dynamics Cricket competition. They got the final but unfortunately, they lost 0-1. They all played really well and we are proud of them all.



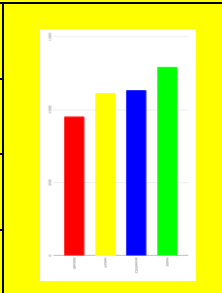
News for the week

Infant - Stars of the Week

R Hedgehog	Bernard
R Fox	Evie
R Squirrel	Joshua C
1 Robin	Shavonne
1 Sparrow	Helena
1 Wren	Emilia
2 Heron	Eleanor
2 Jay	Eliza
2 Woodpecker	Adam A

Junior - House Points

4th place is Becket
3rd place is Fisher
2nd place is Clitherow
1st place is More



St. Mary's Award

3 Willow	Josie
3 Mulberry	Poppy
3 Hawthorn	Anastasia
4 Poplar	Jasen
4 Ash	Zachary P
4 Rowan	Hope
5 Elm	Scarlet
5 Sycamore	Francesco
5 Birch	Jack Y
6 Copper Beech	Toby
6 Oak	Richelle
6 Chestnut	Sophie L

Governors Fund

To date we have received £9,966 from parents contributing to the Governors Fund, to ensure future investment in our schools, if you have not paid the Governor's Fund as of yet, please be reminded it's not too late to log in to Parent Pay to make a donation.



Now we are experiencing warmer weather, please ensure your child has adequate sun care on before attending school.



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with the expectations. Unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

Registration Group	Weekly Attendance %	Weekly Punctuality (lates) %
Froglet AM Nursery	100.0	0
Froglet PM Nursery	98.5	0
R Fox	93.6	0.35
R Hedgehog	99.3	0.37
R Squirrel	95.6	0
1 Robin	96.3	2.66
1 Sparrow	98.0	0
1 Wren	97.3	0
2 Heron	97.1	0.71
2 Jay	98.7	0
2 Woodpecker	96.7	0
3 Hawthorn	92.0	0.33
3 Mulberry	95.7	0
3 Willow	100.0	0.32
4 Ash	94.7	0.66
4 Poplar	95.3	0.33
4 Rowan	96.7	2.00
5 Birch	98.7	0
5 Elm	99.0	0
5 Sycamore	97.3	0
6 Chestnut	93.5	0.32
6 Copper Beech	96.0	1.33
6 Oak	96.3	0.33

Register your child today!

Is your child entitled to FREE milk?

Child under 5?

Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.

Register your child online for FREE school milk today.

Child over 5?

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £38 per term.

Register online now and you can pay straight away!

Register your child for school milk today.

Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at: www.coolmilk.com

Sign them up in a few clicks...

Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0202 223 2246 or via email at: register@coolmilk.com

Safeguarding Alert

Online chat rooms/ child safety.

We have continual safeguarding concerns about parents allowing their children the freedom of using phones for a number of communication Apps.

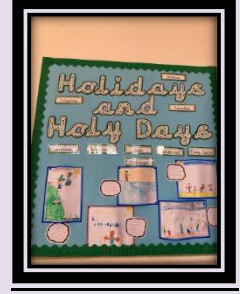
As we have seen an increase, creating negative impact due to the inappropriate conversations, we ask parents to join as one community to monitor these online conversations and to close them down or to prevent children below the licenced age of engaging with them.

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/holiday->

Spirituality

The month of May is a time when we think especially of our Mother Mary. Following our liturgies, the children join in with a decade of the Rosary using beads donated by Mission Together. We thank the Y6 members of the Chaplaincy Team for leading the Rosary with younger children at lunchtime. At the Infant School we were delighted to welcome Canon Gerard Bradley to celebrate Mass for the Crowning of Mary. Thank you to the children who sang beautifully and those who read clearly. In the Junior School, Y6 pupils led us in worship with a litany of names for Our Lady and their own prayers, before the Head Girl and Head Boy placed a crown of flowers on the statue which greets every visitor to our school office.



News from Nursery

We have enjoyed our topic of Ticket to ride this half term. We have shared our holiday experiences, how we travelled and what types of transport we have been on. We have enjoyed stories that have taken us to space, around the world and on different vehicles. Our everywhere bears have been on lots of new adventures with our froglets and they can't wait for more. We have been very lucky to observe our caterpillars turning into cocoons and are excited for when they turn into beautiful butterflies. We all enjoyed the celebrations for the King's coronation and were so happy to welcome parents to take part in these celebrations. Thank you all for your continued support.



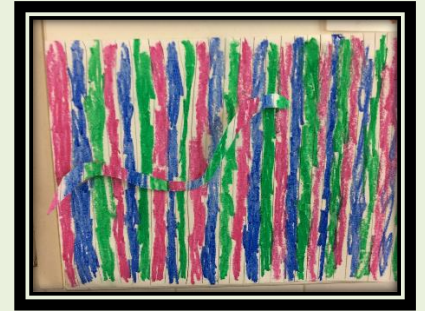
News from Reception

This half term the children have enjoyed our 'Minibeasts' topic which has provided a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn lots of new facts about a variety of different Minibeasts. We were very proud of the children as they embarked on their first class trip to the local Ecology centre. The children were fascinated by the variety of minibeasts and pond life that they found and particularly enjoyed eating their packed lunch together. Our highlight from this topic was watching the live baby caterpillars turning into cocoons and finally into butterflies which we then set free. We hope you all enjoy some rest and sunshine over half term and we look forward to seeing you next half term when we will begin our next topic 'Why is water wet?'



News from Year 1

We had a great start to our topic; 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers' with a fun-filled creativity day where children explored different art skills to create camouflaged animals and backgrounds and much more. We will remember this half term for our memorable coronation party and our class assembly to celebrate King Charles III. The children had worked hard to write instructions using adverbs of time and a range of exciting adjectives. Children have developed their scientific knowledge on different animal groups, diets and habitats. The children should be proud of all their hard work this half term. We wish you a restful break!



News from Year 2

We have had another busy half term learning about pirates. In science, we learnt about different habitats. The text we have read this half term is the Troll. In this book we listened to how the troll met pirates in the story. We were also authors where we thought about what the troll got up to next. We linked this to bridges in DT where we explored bridge structures, designed and made our own bridges. We finished our topic with a topic celebration of pirate day which the children are very excited about.



News from Year 3

We have particularly enjoyed learning about earthquakes and volcanoes and all took a trip into London to visit the National History Museum. We explored the earthquake and volcano section and experienced a workshop on the topic too. We continued the topic into our English learning by writing news articles linked to earthquakes, we started to explore reading 'Escape from Pompeii' too which is a narrative linked to the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. In geography, we located volcanoes on a world map, identified tectonic plates and explored how volcanoes were formed. We continued to explore measurement and used different containers to learn practically about volume and capacity. We also revisited fractions and money.



News from Year 4

This term, we have enjoyed learning about life in Ancient Egypt. In English, we imagined what the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb was like for those who were present in 1922! When writing our newspaper articles, we enjoyed writing our own headlines and phrases describing the treasures that were discovered inside the tomb! We enjoyed taking part in an Egyptian workshop, where we learnt to use hieroglyphs and even watched a demonstration of the mummification process!



News from Year 5

Our class novel *Diver's Daughter* by Patrice Lawrence really helped us begin to think about what our local area might have been like in Tudor times. After playing a game, we wrote amazing and informative diaries as if we had visited a Tudor town, and there was not a supermarket in sight! In maths, our skills with the four rules of arithmetic have really improved and we enjoyed using protractors to measure angles in our shape work, using coordinates and working with fractions, decimals and percentages. Discovering more about solids, liquids and gases in Science was exciting - particularly predicting whether items would be magnetic or not. We saved the best until last, and after tasting pizzas, researching them and designing our very own takeaway boxes, we were able to make our very own pizzas. We suspect that fraction knowledge will not be needed and that, once baked, each child will want the **WHOLE** pizza to themselves!



News from Year 6

It has been a busy and important half term in Year 6. SATs was our main focus and we were delighted with the effort and focus that the children applied to these tasks. Now that this period is over, we have started to concentrate on the school production of *Beauty and the Beast* and also think about our exciting residential trip to Dorset in mid-June. We have also been looking at a particularly interesting period in History - the causes and effects of the Battle of Britain in WW2



Dates for the Diary

TBC means To Be Confirmed (dates may be subject to change)

	NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL	JUNIOR SCHOOL
29th May – 2nd June	Summer Half Term (School Closed)	Summer Half Term (School Closed)
Mon 5th June	School Begins for Summer 2 Term Inclusion Governor's Committee Meeting – Junior School - TBC	School Begins for Summer 2 Term Inclusion Governor's Committee Meeting – Junior School - TBC
Weds 7th June		Art Gallery Juniors 5.30pm – 7pm
Fri 9th June	PTA Donation Day	PTA Donation Day
Weds 14th June	Art Gallery Infants 5.30pm – 7pm	
Mon 19th June	INSET DAY 5 (School Closed)	INSET DAY 5 (School closed)
Fri 23rd June		Year 3 PTA Lolly Sale
Mon 26th June	School Nurse Heights & Weights – Reception Only	
Tues 27th June	Resources Governor's Committee Meeting – Junior School Curriculum & Standards Governor's Committee Meeting – Junior School	Resources Governor's Committee Meeting – Junior School Curriculum & Standards Governor's Committee Meeting – Junior School
Thurs 29th June	St Peter and St Paul (Mass)	St Peter and St Paul (Mass)
Fri 7th July		Year 3 First Holy Communion Photos – More details to follow
Thurs 13th July	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting – Junior School	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting – Junior School
Thurs 20th July	Nursery Last day of Summer 2 Term	Nursery Last day of Summer 2 Term
Fri 21st July	Last day of Summer 2 Term – School Finishes at 2pm	Last day of Summer 2 Term – School Finishes at 2pm

General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and strengthens your rights over your own data. Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.