



## Weekly Newsletter – Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Family Picnic

We had a fair number of people join in for our annual family picnic on Wednesday. Many thanks to the Governors who barbecued so well! I hope you also enjoyed the opportunity for ice cream from Melvin's van!

#### Farewell Year 6

We say a fond farewell to our lovely Class 6 children. They have had a busy end of year; residential trip to Bewl Water, Bikeability, PTFA funded trip to Betteshanger Country Park and their amazing 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies' production.

#### Class 6 Leavers' Service

The Leavers' Service for our Class 6 children on Wednesday was well received by all. The children were each presented with a gift from the school governors – this year a copy of Michael Morpurgo's 'Friend or Foe' in recognition of work completed earlier in the year. They also received a copy of the yearbook the class has produced with memories about all members of the class – a lovely keepsake. I am proud of the achievements of each of our marvellous Year 6 class and we wish them every continued success during the next stage of their education.

#### Residential Trip Survey

117 of our completed our recent survey; thank you very much for taking the time to do so. I attach the results for your information. It is clear that there is consensus about questions 1 – 3 with more polarised responses overall to questions 4-6. I will propose to governors the following:

- we continue to plan for each cohort of children to undertake two residential trips;
- we advise all families of the cost of the trips as the children start Key Stage 2 so families can plan financially;
- we consult with each cohort of parents approximately 12 months prior to each trip to check that they are able to pay the cost (as we currently do).

I apologise for mis-information in the survey letter; the Hardelet Centre in France is still trading and, in fact, we have a pencilled in a booking for May for our new year 6 class as we book so many years in advance.

As a school we remain committed to providing the experience of two residential trips for our children, including one abroad, and thank our families for their support with this.

#### Meet the New Teacher

As you will know from information in previous newsletters all children met their new class teachers earlier this month. All parent/carers are invited into school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 3.15pm to visit the classroom to meet the teacher, say hello and have a look at their child's work. There will be a powerpoint on the screen showing relevant information – days for PE etc – as well as a copy for you to take away. If you have more than one child at school you will be able to visit each class.

I wish you all a good summer.

**Helen Comfort**

### Message from Class 4

We have been really busy this term in Year 4.

As part of our 'Mini' Day Out, we visited Pines Gardens. It was a gloriously sunny day as we walked down (and up!) all 179 steps! We played outdoor games, such as 'rock, paper, scissors' race, bubbles and throwing and catching games. We also explored the gardens and enjoyed a shady picnic under the tree. Thank you to Pines Gardens for having us and providing a much needed refreshing drink!

In geography, we made our own world using train tracks, fabric to make rivers and grass, and Lego to construct buildings. We then used them to make a grid to learn about 4-digit grid references. Ask us about the rhyme ...

In English, we have written poetry and balanced arguments. Our debates were whether '*Boys should learn cookery*' and '*Children should do housework!*' What do you think?

**Mrs Byatt**





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### Coronavirus Symptoms

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.

#### Updated guidance

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Children and young people with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.

### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in July.

Ivy	Year R
Reuben	Year 4
Caitlin	Year 5
Beatrice	Year R
Hannah	Year 5
Rupert	Year 4
Rosa	Year 5
Ellie	Year 4
Lydia	Year 1
Betty	Year 2
Mya	Year 1
Kobe	Year 4
Arlo	Year R
Gracie	Year 4
Matthew	Year 4
Darcy	Year 3
Gabriel	Year 6
Jayden	Year 6
Poppy	Year 6
Poppy	Year R
Laila	Year 2
Myla	Year 3
Zander	Year 4
Tobias	Year R



### Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in August.

Ruby	Year 2
Hannah	Year 6
Samuel	Year 5
Tommy	Year 1
Bobby	Year 6
Dolcee	Year R
Lexi	Year 1
Kitty	Year 6
Wilfred	Year R
Grayson	Year R
Edward	Year 2
Melissa	Year 3
Madison	Year 1
Holly	Year 2
Leah	Year 2
Lucie	Year 5
Imogen	Year 3



### Star Awards

w/e 15<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022



**Class 1** – Nicholas & Cassie

**Class 2** – Isabelle & All of Class 2

**Class 3** – All of Class 3 & All of Class 3

**Class 4** – Tommy & All of Class 4

**Class 5** – George & Lucie & Reagan

**Class 6** – All of Class 6 & Jayden

**Remember – the beginning of the summer holiday is the time for children to have ears pierced if they so desire so that they will heal in time to be removed for school PE.**

## Enjoy the summer holidays.

**Remember: Children return to school on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

