



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15th July 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Green Power Race Car Club

Last weekend saw the culmination of a year's work for our engineering club who have built and learnt to drive our electric race cars. The children, families and Mr Oliver, as well as Mr Wisbey, headed off to Goodwood Racing Circuit on Sunday to take part in the annual Gathering of the Goblins races. It was a hot sunny day enjoyed by the adults and children that attended.

'Little Sports Event'

On Tuesday we sent a team of 3 Reception Class children to take part in the first ever Deal Learning Alliance 'Little Sports Event' at St Mary's Primary School in Deal. Mr Castle reports: '5 local schools took part in 4 events which focussed on aiming, throwing and evasion skills. St Margaret's came 1st in 2 events and 2nd in another meaning they came out on top of the points total. Very well done to Alfie, Freddie and Sophia who did amazingly well and had great fun'.

End of Year Reports

Reports have come home with children today. Please do take the time to complete the reply slip. We need this as proof of receipt; we are also very happy to receive your comments.

Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies

Class 6 were at the village hall for much of the week putting the final touches to their end of Year 6 show 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'. The children dazzled us all with their singing, dancing and acting on Thursday evening. A superb performance which was much appreciated by the audience. Huge congratulations to all involved!

Weather Warning

As you will know we had some extremely hot and sunny weather at the beginning of this week and even hotter weather is forecast for the weekend and beginning of next week. On occasion the weather means that children cannot go outside at play/lunchtime, typically this is when there is heavy rain or icy conditions. There may also be times, due to heat and sun, that the decision needs to be made to keep the children inside at lunchtime. With the midday sun we do not have enough shade on site to keep all children protected and running around at that time would certainly contribute to children becoming very overheated. Classes are able to go out for morning break as there is more shade and fewer children at that time. We will make a decision on a daily basis, based on the conditions, about whether the children need to stay in or are able to go out. It is always our preference that children are able to get outside at lunchtime; on rare occasions the weather prevents this.

Family Picnic

You are all warmly invited – weather permitting – to join us for our end of term family picnic on the field on Wednesday, 20th July at 3.15pm. The ice cream van has been booked and the BBQ will be lit with hot dogs available.

End of Term

The school year finishes on Thursday 21st July at 2pm. I wish you all a good holiday and look forward to seeing most of you back at school on Monday, 5th September.

Helen Comfort

Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Homework

I have introduced the children to this year's Summer Reading Challenge in our local libraries. It is inspired by science and innovation. The 'Gadgeteers' materials feature six brand-new fictional characters. The Challenge will invite children to join these characters in using their curiosity and imagination to understand the science behind a whole range of interests, from fashion and technology to cooking and music.

You can complete the challenge either by visiting your local library, or you can visit the [Summer Reading Challenge](#) to take part digitally. The children set a reading goal and then collect stickers to complete their 'Gadgeteers' poster. A medal or certificate will be awarded to all who complete the challenge.

I am sure you will enjoy taking part in this fantastic initiative and we look forward to seeing all your medals in the new school year.

Mrs Wallis
English Co-ordinator





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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.

Message from Class 5

We have had such an exciting time over the last few weeks in Year 5. Our Science habitat themed trip to the 'Hidden Valley' this year was fantastic. We explored the different sections of our hidden countryside just minutes from our school gates. The children spotted Common Blue and Marbled White butterflies amongst the wild flowers of the chalk grasslands. We were able to compare the valley features of the woodlands running parallel to the coast and then spent a peaceful time sketching St Margaret's historic South Foreland Lighthouse whilst also admiring the French coastline across the Channel.

We were so impressed with the magnificent performance of 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies' staged by our own Year 6. We discovered why Marinka felt so lonely in our class reading of 'The House with Chicken Legs' and then wrote Blogs to describe our thoughts. We are becoming so skilled at Cricket and Rounders that we are scoring runs and rounders regularly. In Art we designed and created sculptures and included shadows to emphasise their fluid movements. A great way to end a super term.

Mr Oliver

Picnic!

We look forward to seeing many of you at our year end family picnic on Wednesday, 20th July at 3.15pm on the top field.

The Governors will be running a BBQ and the ice-cream van will be in attendance too.

Please remember that parent/carers are responsible for supervising their children during this time and the playground and forest school area is out of bounds.



Star Awards

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Due to the classes taking part in trips or other on-site activities today Star Awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 18th July 2022

CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM

Monday, 18th July – Class 6 swimming fun session – see separate letter for information

Tuesday, 19th July – Class R Water Party – see separate letter for information

Wednesday, 20th July – 2pm Class 6 Leavers' Assembly in the school hall

- 3:15pm Family Picnic on the top field

Thursday, 21st July – 2pm School finishes for summer break

Lunch Menu: Week 1

Reminder

School finishes at **2pm** on **Thursday, 21st July** for summer break.

