



23rd June 2023

Dear Parents,

Another warm week. Please see below for important news and dates. Have a great weekend Mrs Good

Year 4 Trip

On Monday, Year 4 headed out into the sunshine for a day at the wetlands centre in London. They had a professional lead the learning morning and it was based around a story they had read prior. They took part in a mixture of nature connection tasks and met Ava from the story. In the afternoon, the children had free time to explore and had great fun on the wild walk, wobbly bridge and in the bird hides. Thank you so much to Mrs Carter, Mrs Stewart, Mrs French and Mrs Staunton for coming along to help.

Staffing News

I have some very disappointing staffing news. Six of our experienced and long serving TAs will be leaving us at the end of the term. As I am sure you are aware school finances are very tight and, coupled with the fact that we have several children with additional needs leaving the school, we have had to make the difficult decision to ask if any of the staff wanted to accept redundancy. As a result of this Mrs Tuttle, Mrs Brown, Mrs Straker, Mrs Norman, Miss Woolnough and Mrs Slater will all be leaving. All are very positive about their plans for the future but as a whole staff we are devastated to be losing such wonderful members of staff and fantastic personalities - our staff room will not be the same!

The school is still fully staffed. The teaching assistants and HLTAs who remain with us have the skills and the understanding to support our teachers and children as we move forward.

Next week your child will spend a couple of mornings in their new class with their new teacher and class TA. I will send a letter outlining this on Monday.

Sports Mornings

We have been blessed with some beautiful weather for our sports mornings this week.

On Wednesday Nursery and Reception joined together to take part in a carousel of activities. On Thursday we had Key Stage 2 taking part and Key Stage 1 took part on Friday morning. There were 9 different activities including running, hurdling, bouncing, balancing, jumping and throwing.

The children in Year 6 worked with the younger children. They set up the activities, explained the activities, kept score, encouraged and awarded stickers. They did an amazing job and were complimented by many of the members of staff who were watching.

I am in the process of adding up the scores and I will report on the KS1/EYFS winners and KS2 winners next week.

New Club

On Monday 19th June a new club started at Ongar Place. This is a dodgeball club for 20 children in Year 6. The club started this week and will run every Monday from 5.30-6.30 until the end of term. The club will also run at the same time in the autumn term for the same children when they will be at their new schools in Year 7!

Mr Seuke from PS Sports Coaching is running the sessions and messaged me after the session with one word "Quality".

There was fantastic feedback from the Year 6's too. Harry said it was "Amazing", Eleanor and Anna said "It was so much fun!" and Owen said "It was really, really good!". Great feedback from our Year 6's.

Let's hope the fun continues!

Year 1 Class Assembly	29/06/23	09:15 - 09:30
School Summer Fete	30/06/23	15:30 - 18:00
Reception Class Assembly	06/07/23	09:15 - 09:30
Y5/6 Production JHS	11/07/23	16:00 - 19:00
Y5/6 Production JHS	12/07/23	16:00 - 19:00
Leavers Assembly	17/07/23	09:00 - 10:00
Y6 Top Golf	17/07/23	10:00 - 15:00
Year 6 Pool Party	18/07/23	09:00 - 12:00
Y6 Cinema trip	18/07/23	13:00 - 15:30

PTFA NEWS

We are still taking donations of bottles for our Summer Fair on the 30th June.

Any donations of games and toys will be gratefully received by our Year 6 girls – please bring to the office.

Don't forget to sign up to help run a stall or help with the set up and clear away.