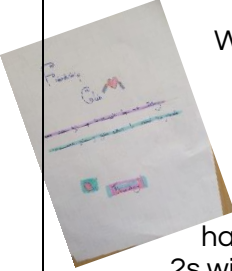





## Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents/Carers,




Welcome back to school and to the Summer term. The children have really impressed me this week as they have arrived back into school happy, settled and working hard. The Summer term is always such an important term for our children, it is a time where they are really able to consolidate and build upon the learning that has taken place throughout the year. Very often real progress can be made both in terms of learning but also in maturity. It is hard to believe that this is the last term of primary school for our year six and that our year 2s will soon be moving into Key Stage 2. Even our Reception children seem to have grown up all of a sudden!




We have spent a lot of time this week scheduling events and putting them into the school calendar. The Summer term is always a very busy term and there will be a great deal to look forward to including a jubilee celebration, school trips, sports day and further sports competitions. The school residential to the Isle of White, an open afternoon /evening and of course the year 6 production. I have included diary dates below in order to help you plan ahead. Please also take the time to look at topic webs; I hope you will agree that there are many exciting learning opportunities planned for!

As you are most likely aware this year sees the return of statutory assessments for years two and six. Parents of the children involved will be receiving further information about what to expect in the days ahead. The year six SATs take place in the week beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> May and we held a parent's information session last term. We will carry out year two assessments in a very relaxed way to ensure that the children hardly notice that they are doing anything different other than writing in exciting, colourful booklets. We aim to carry out our year two assessments from May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning with reading before moving onto maths.



I appreciate that there are many thoughts regarding the validity of testing children. From the school's perspective we work hard to ensure that everyone receives an excellent broad and balanced education which will help them to feel prepared and to approach all aspects of their work with confidence.



We aim to ensure that the children are relaxed and that the process is delivered in an appropriate, child friendly manner which caters for the needs of all involved. Please do not hesitate to talk to myself or your child's teachers if you have any concerns. All parents across the school will receive an end of year report which will inform you of your child's academic achievement assessed against the National Curriculum expectations. The year 6 tests are sent away and marked externally.

This week children from years 4, 5 and 6 have been busy organising a range of lunch time clubs. They have engaged in this process with a great deal of enthusiasm, fine tuning their ideas, designing posters and sign-up sheets and informing the school of their plans during our assembly yesterday. Again this is a brilliant opportunity for the development of leadership and friendships across various classes. It ties in brilliantly with our school value for this half term: community. I have little doubt that they will once again be a great success!

I wish you all a very pleasant long weekend.

Warm wishes,



Mrs. Tracey Newbold

### House Points

Congratulations to Peake House (Blue) for an outstanding effort in winning last term's house points. As a reward, members of Peake House can wear Mufti on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May, this includes mufti leisure wear for PE.

### Hot Meals

We have been informed by Chartwells that fish supplies are being impacted by the situation in Ukraine, therefore the children had Quorn nuggets today and will also have these next week instead of fish.

### Diary dates - 2022

#### May

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bank holiday

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> – Athletics at The Weald (participating children have been informed)

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs week

Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Yr 1+2 Arundel Castle trip

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – PTA coffee afternoon for new Yr R 2022 parents – 2.00pm

Tri Golf (participating children have been informed)

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Transition visit to The Weald for Yr 6 children who will be attending

KS1 Assessments begin

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – PGL information meeting for Yr 5+6 parents 3.30pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – PTA meeting

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – School Jubilee Celebrations

Break up for half-term at 3.20pm

#### June

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – PTA balloon race starts (in half-term)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> - Children back in school

Messy Church in community room

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> – History learning days KS2

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – History learning days KS2

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 + 6 PGL residential trip

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5 + 6 back from PGL residential trip

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Mufti day – please bring in sweets for Summer Fete

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sports Day time to be confirmed next week

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – Mufti day – please bring in bottles for Summer Fete

## **July**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> – INSET day

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Messy Church in community room

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> – EOY reports sent out/children new class transition am session/Parents + Carers informed of September class teachers for their child

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> – Mini Summer Fete 3.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> – Children new class transition pm session

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> – Dress rehearsal for Yr 6 End of Year performance/Evening performance - 6.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> – Evening performance – Year 6 – 6.30pm

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> – Open afternoon/Meet your child's new teacher 3.30- 6.00pm

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers' assembly 9.30am (parents of leavers welcome)