

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We end term 5 with yet another busy week. Our Robins had a great day at Wildwood on Tuesday to link in with their Julia Donaldson topic - we saw lots of animals and were particularly impressed with the bears. Some of us dared to go across bear bridge. At the end of our Gruffalo hunt we found a buffalo! We must have misheard!



We have had 2 science workshops this week - KS2 children enjoyed making circuits with the National Grid science team and years 5 and 6 enjoyed a 'STEM' (Science Technology Engineering and Maths) workshop. Finley in year 6 said "We made rockets out of paper, blue-tac, cellotape and elastic bands and then went into the playground to test how high they went on a launcher". Sounds like excellent learning.

Our value for next is community - we are all lucky to be part of a such a strong community, who work together to benefit our delightful children. **Brothers dwell in unity. Psalm 133.**

We also bid a fond farewell to Mrs Marsh in Fledglings who left us today for pastures new. We thank her for all her hard work in the Nirserly and wish her all the best for the future.

Have a lovely half term break - see you all in term 6.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher

Community Gardening Day

A big thank you to parents, governors, staff and children that came to help out on our gardening day. We managed to collect 28 bags of garden rubbish and our outdoor grounds are looking much better. We are developing our nature area and we have ordered various pond dipping equipment from our science grant. The PTFA are paying for the fencing to make sure that we are compliant with our pond safety procedures. We are blessed with fantastic grounds so we do need to ensure that the children benefit from these.

PTFA Film Night

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising our 'Greatest Showman' film night - it was fantastic to hear all the children singing along! All funds raised directly benefit our pupils so a big thank you to the parents who supported this event.

Dover Grammar School for Boys Open Evening

To help parents decide on a secondary school for September 2019, DGSB are holding an opening evening on Tuesday 26th June from 6-8.30pm, so that parents and students can visit and get an idea of whether they would like the opportunity of a Grammar school education. Students registered for the Dover Test will take it on Saturday 8th September at the Grammar School. Register for this by completing the application form available from www.dgsb.co.uk

Shed for Play Equipment needed!

We are after a plastic storage container/shed to store break time play equipment. If you have a spare one or know of anyone that is throwing one out please think of us!

New Play Area

As you know we had to close our adventure playground in Term 2 for health and safety reasons. We are pleased to announce that installation of a new and exciting play area will commence Monday 4th June. It will take approximately 2-3 weeks to install, weather permitting! We pass huge thanks to the Jack Foat Trust and the PTFA for funding this project and thank you all for your patience whilst the play area has been out of action. Hopefully the children will be impressed with the new design. Just in time for the summer months!

Attendance and Stars of the Week for 21st to 25th May in the next Newsletter!

First Aid Course - Spaces still available!

Mrs Brice has organised a paediatric first aid course for Saturday 30th June to raise money for books for the library. The course is 3 hours long and costs £15 per person.

Everyone who attends receives a certificate.

The session timings are: 9 am - 12 Noon or 1.00 pm - 4 pm and 15 places are available per session.

Both sessions will be held at the school.

If you are interested please let the office know, indicating which session you would like to attend.

Please make payment when you book. Training is open to everyone, so feel free to ask anyone you think maybe interested.

Clubs

Clubs resume in Term 6 week commencing 11th June. Dance club will start Wednesday 13th June.

Please note there will be no clubs after school during the School Journey week (18-22 June).

Thank you to all the parents/carers that have supported the school in taking children to matches, tournaments and events during the last term. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Sports Week Schedule

(All events/timings subject to change)

Monday AM	Sponsored run (Matching the average distance of sports stars in a game)
Monday PM	Students vs Teacher Rounders match
Tuesday PM	Healthy Eating Carousel Activities
Wednesday AM	KS1 Athletic field events
Wednesday PM	KS2 Athletic field events
Thursday AM	Trysports (Whole School)
Thursday PM	Transition Afternoon
Friday AM	Sports Day (9:30 - 12.00) - <i>more details to follow - parents/carers welcome</i> Children can be collected after Sports Day has finished
Friday PM	Children staying in the afternoon will watch a Sports Film in the hall

In the event of bad weather, Sports Day will be held on Monday 9th July instead.

Dates for your Diary

Term 6	
Monday 4th June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 5th June	Van Cols Photographer in taking Class Photos
Thursday 14th June	Eagles Class to Pfizer Science Jamboree
Monday 18th June to Friday 22nd June	Falcons Class School Journey
Saturday 23rd June	Summer Fair - more details to follow
Monday 2nd July to Friday 6th July	Sports Week Sports Day - Friday 6 th July
Wednesday 4th July	Pfizer Science Workshop for Years 5 and 6
Thursday 5th July	Transition Afternoon - Pupils meet their new teachers
Friday 6th July	Sports Day - Children will be free to go home with their parents/carers after lunch (1.15pm) if they wish. After School Club will be open until 5.45 pm as normal.
Tuesday 10th July	Phil the Bag Collection. Please bring unwanted items to the office before 9am on Tuesday 10 th July. Year 6 End of Year Production dress rehearsal to whole school
Wednesday 11th July	Year 6 Production - show to parents at 1.45 pm
Thursday 12th July	Year 6 Production - show to parents at 5.30pm
Friday 20th July	End of Term 6 - school finishes at 2.15 pm After School Club available until 4.45pm
Monday 23rd July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 24th July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students

Staff Development Days 2018-2019

Monday 3rd September 2018	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 4th September 2018	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Thursday 3rd January 2019	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Monday 3rd June 2019	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students