

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the start of Term 5. I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter.

#### **PGL/SAT's meeting**

There will be a meeting on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm in the KS2 hall to review video footage and photographs of the recent year 6 PGL trip, along with a briefing regarding the SAT's test process.

#### **Clubs**

Our extensive programme of extra-curricular club activities will start next week and continue to w/c 24<sup>th</sup> June. I appreciate the additional opportunities that staff make available to the children and would ask that once your child has joined a club(s) they make the commitment of attending each week. This programme is far in excess of that available in other schools.

#### **Online Safety**

In recent weeks, I have been contacted by parents concerned with the online content of some of the programmes their children are accessing via YouTube and social media. This is extremely valuable as it allows us to alert parents to potential dangers.

#### **Key Stage 2 SAT's Week**

May I remind parents of Year 6 children that SAT's week commences on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. It is extremely important that the children are in school this week so please avoid any medical appointments etc.

#### **CIF bid**

As an academy we are entitled to make bids to the Conditions Improvement Fund which is held centrally to support schools in improving the facilities and fabric of their buildings. After unsuccessful bids in the past 3 years, I am pleased to inform you that we have been allocated £350,000 to replace the dilapidated roofing at various points around the school. This will be a major benefit to the fabric and quality of our school.

#### **Safeguarding**

We continually review our safeguarding procedures and have changed our duty rota first thing each morning so that a member of staff is visible at both the Wentworth Drive and James Road entrances. Children in both KS1 and KS2 attended NSPCC assemblies on 1<sup>st</sup> April which further reinforced our safeguarding message.

#### **Easter bonnets and gardens**

Thank you to all those that made such a tremendous effort in making either an Easter bonnet in Foundation and KS1 or an Easter garden in KS2. The number of bonnets and gardens massively exceeded that of previous years. The designs and level of detail was first class – well done.

#### **Easter Bingo**

My thanks to the PTA and volunteers who supported the two evenings of Easter Bingo. The children had a great time and a little bit of money was raised which will further enhance the environment and resources for the children.

### **Stand up 2 Cancer**

Congratulations to Amy Podger (year 6) who along with two ex-pupils Alex Podger and Chloe Jaques baked and sold cakes as part of a bake sale to raise money for Stand up 2 Cancer. They raised a massive £600. Well done girls, a fantastic effort.

### **September 2019 Reception intake**

If you have been offered a place for your child, would you please contact the office as soon as possible to let Mrs Pearson know that you are accepting the place and return your acceptance letters to the office along with your proof of address. We also need to know urgently the name of your child's pre-school/nursery.

### **Cycles/scooters on the playground**

With the number of children, parents, pre-school children on the playground each morning, can I please ask your co-operation in not allowing your child to ride a cycle or scooter on the playground before school starts or at the end of the day. Obviously we want to avoid any accidents.

### **Key dates for terms 5 & 6**

25th April	House Athletic competition for Years 3 – 6 3.30pm – Year 6 parents – PGL review and SAT's briefing
29th April	9am PTA meeting in conference room
<b>6th May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
W/C 13th May	year 6 SAT's week
22nd May	District Sports –Central Park, Dartford 4pm-6pm
24th May	PTA Inflatables Day – after school
W/C 27th May	<b>HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
3rd June	Start of Term 6
4th June	District cricket tournament
6th June	Classes 5/6CD, DC & JM – to Chessington
10th June	Classes 4/5JD & 4/5DH to Knole House
13th June	Foundation Stage to Leeds Castle Summer Music event – evening
17th June	Whole school panoramic photo to mark 20th anniversary of the amalgamation of the infant and junior schools Year 6 panoramic photo
18th June	3.30pm KS2 hall – Year 5 secondary transfer talk followed by sex education briefing
20th June	Year 2 to Hever Castle Classes 3FB & 3BD to Horton Kirby
W/C 24th June	last week of school run clubs
24th June	Year 6 production to parents 7.00pm
28th June	Year 1 to Godstone Farm
2nd July	District rounders tournament
3rd July	3.30-6pm Open evening
4th July	5.00-7.30pm Open evening
11th July	10.00am Foundation and KS1 sports day 1.30pm KS2 sports day
12th July	PTA summer fair
16th July	7.00pm Year 6 Leavers presentation
19th July	End of school year