



3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents

The weather is finally starting to warm up and the children are starting to go up on the field. Please would you send your child in with a named sunhat and continue to send in a named water bottle for the classroom as the children are encouraged to drink plenty throughout the day. Please put sun cream on your child prior to coming to school if this is required.

We have lots of different events taking place between now and the end of the year – please take time to note the diary dates at the end of this newsletter.

### **SUPERSTAR MATHEMATICIAN AWARD FOR KEY STAGE TWO**

April's Superstars are: Ben Murphy, Zachery Shepherd-Mogensen, Mark Stevens, Adarsh Gurung, Theo Stacey, Omer Helvacioğlu, Jack Marshall, Alice Gurung, Sam Mortimer, Steven Thomas, Rebecca Porterfield and Stanley Mathias.  
You should be very proud of your hard work – well done!



### **SUPER STAR WRITERS' AWARD FOR KEY STAGE TWO**

April's Superstars are: Faye Brough, Charlie Farrell, Lily Plumtree, Martha Tims, Alexia Mihai, Kimberley Lewendon, Millie Read, Jasmine Scott, Layla Sliwinski, James Vessey and Imanee Manning. Well done – what a lot of brilliant writers!

### **PARENTS' FORUM**

Our next parents' forum is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00 – 6.30pm.

### **PLANT DONATIONS**

We are keen to continue to develop the garden areas within the school grounds. Any plants you are able to donate would be very gratefully received. If each family were able to contribute one plant, it would make such a huge difference to our gardens. If you are able to make a donation, please send these in as soon as possible to the school office so we can start planting! If you would be interested in helping the children with gardening, we would love to hear from you - please let the school office know.

### **PARKING**

This is a polite reminder not to park in the school car park between 8-9am (unless you are dropping off for the Breakfast Club) and 3-4pm.  
We have also received a letter from local residents, who have some concerns with regard to parking on the road outside the school – this has been attached to this newsletter for your information.

## **MATHS (ROCKS) DAY**

We will be holding a 'Maths Day' on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May (the last day before half term). On this day we will be celebrating maths in lots of fun ways, including a range of games and competitions. We would like to invite the children to come in dressed as a 'Rock Star' for the day, to tie in with our recent launch of Times Tables Rockstars. The costume can be as simple or as extravagant as you wish, and no donation will be required. We look forward to seeing some amazing Rockstars!

Miss Poulter and Miss Grant



## **ARE YOU A MUSICIAN?**

We would love to give the children the chance to hear more live music. If you, or anyone you know can sing or play an instrument and would be happy to perform during assembly, please get in touch. Any style of music would be great and we would love to have either groups or individuals performing. Please leave your details with the School office. Many thanks, Mrs Brown-Nicholson

## **CLASS PHOTOS**

Cardwell, the School Photographer, is coming to take class photos on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June. If for any reason you don't want your child in the class photo, please let the class teacher know in advance.

## **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS**

This is a polite reminder that if your child is signed up to an after school club and cannot attend a session for any reason, please ensure that you let the school office know. Thank you.

## **USE OF SCHOOL TOILETS**

Please can we ask parents not to take their younger children into the children's toilets in the school building. If they need to go to the toilet at drop off or pick up, there is one located by the main school office which you are welcome to use instead. Thank you.

## **FABRIC DONATIONS**

Year 1 would like to develop their outside area and is in need of any large pieces of fabric. The fabric will be used to cover the Tepee to create a shaded learning area for the children. Any donations would be gratefully received.

Mrs Leggett

## **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK**

Walk to school week is an event celebrated by many schools nationally. This year it will take place Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. During this week, pupils are encouraged to walk to school if possible in order to promote healthy lifestyles and be more environmentally friendly.



## **SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

A reminder to put this date in your diary. More details will follow.

### **OUTDOOR GYM**

We recently celebrated the opening of our new outdoor gym and play equipment. The ribbon was cut by two members of our school Sports Council, Augustine in year 1 and Kelton in year 6, and each class has since had the opportunity to use it. The play area is located next to the ball playground, and will be available for children to use during playtimes. We politely request that the children do not use this either before or after school, as it will not be supervised by school staff at those times. We would like to thank the PTA for funding the equipment. We are sure the children will love having this additional area to play in!

### **OUR SCHOOL MILK SCHEME**

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils, which is free to those pupils who are registered with us under the Government's scheme known as Pupil Premium. For those children, we also offer free school trips and so it is well worth registering if you are entitled to (see below). We have decided that the best time of day to offer the children milk would be at morning break. If you would like your child to receive milk at morning break and they are not entitled to free milk, please register and place your order with Cool Milk. (<http://www.coolmilk.com/>)

For every child registered under Pupil Premium, the school will receive £1320 from the Government, This funding is called a 'Pupil Premium' and is designed to close the gap between pupils from disadvantaged families and their peers.

Pupil Premium helps to provide:

- Additional teachers to ensure smaller classes
- Additional teaching assistants and nursery nurses to ensure smaller classes and intervention groups
- Improved computing provision to sustain pupil achievement and further enhance teaching
- Funding for free school trips

As you can see, this additional funding can really make a substantial difference. Do you qualify?

You can register your child at our school office if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Sunder Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit



## NETBALL

The school netball team continued their winning ways and played brilliantly against Crown Wood, winning 20 – 0, and Sandy Lane, beating them 32 – 4. The players of the match in those games were Connie Gaskill and Callum Whitehead and both were deserved winners.

The team played so well in those games and we were feeling really confident as we approached our nemesis, the mighty Whitegrove (a team who regularly win the league). Then, as we returned after half term, disaster struck! Our main goal shooter, Isabella, kicked a wall during the Easter holiday (as you do) and broke bones in her foot, our reserve goal shooter was away on holiday for the match, and Grace had badly bruised her fingers and had them all strapped up so was unable to play. However, in true Owlsmoor spirit, the team rallied and, following a top tip from Rachel who helps to coach our Y3/Y4 team, I went to talk to Lily-Marie in Y4 to see if she fancied playing as a shooter in the match. To our huge relief, she agreed so we stepped out to face Whitegrove last Thursday.

It was a fantastic match with lots of supporters from both schools cheering all of the players. Whitegrove quickly settled into their game with slick passing, great defending and an amazing shooter. They started scoring goals straight away building up a good lead. Then Owlsmoor started fighting back. They matched Whitegrove in defending their space and Callum was playing so well on court that, at times, he was being double marked and still beating both players to the ball. Caitlin and Sophie leaped, jumped and battled for every ball to get it into the circle and Connie and Lily- Marie started scoring some great goals. Keira and Lily were up against some tough opposition as defenders but listened to Rachel's advice during breaks started making it much harder for the Whitegrove shooters as the game progressed.

The match was played at a furious pace and, in the end, we just could not quite close the gap with the final score being Owlsmoor 13 – 20 Whitegrove. The Whitegrove players chose Connie Gaskill as the player of the match – thoroughly well deserved. The most impressive thing about this match was the attitude of the team throughout who never gave up despite a really hard game. At the end, Wendy, who coaches Whitegrove with a club coach, also told us that we have potential club level players in our team and how impressed she had been with their skills and attitude. Super huge congratulations to everybody involved and, of course, to our loyal supporters.

Mrs Fish

## THE MONTH IN BRIEF

### Puffins Class (Nursery)

The children have settled back into Nursery after the Easter holiday. This week we have welcomed some new children to the Nursery and have been learning about mini-beasts. For the rest of this term we will be learning about the life cycle of a frog, African animals and construction.

Some children are now beginning to recognise their names and it would be helpful if all items of clothing had names in them, particularly cardigans, jumpers and coats. We now encourage those children moving to Reception in September to enter the nursery independently and put away their own belongings to help aid the transition into their new class.

Now that we are in the summer term, we ask that you supply your child with a named sunhat, a named water bottle and apply sun cream before coming into school. Most sun creams are now designed to protect for at least 8 hours and therefore do not need to be re-applied during school hours.



Due to its popularity, the 'Mystery Reader' sessions will be run again during this half term. The children have really enjoyed having different adults coming into read and get very excited to see who the reader will be. A sign-up sheet will be on the nursery door.

On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**, we are being visited by Millar's Ark Farm. The children will learn about various farm animals and will have the opportunity to spend time with the animals and the chance to groom them. More details will follow closer to the time.

As always please feel free to come and talk to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Miss Edwards, Miss Sandy and Mrs Toal

### **Reception**

We will be receiving 5 tiny caterpillar eggs this term. The children will be able to see them hatch and the little caterpillars will grow and grow and eventually turn into beautiful butterflies which we will release into our pond area.

We are now outdoors making the most of our outdoor learning area in the sunshine. Please ensure that the children bring in water bottles with their names on, sunhats and have applied sun cream at home. No sunglasses please, thank you.

The children will be planting up the vegetable containers and will be responsible for looking after their growth. Please send in any plants that we can grow and compost bags for them to use. Thank you to those who have already brought some in. If you have any tomato or bean plants available for us to plant, please could you bring them in. Thank you very much.

The children will be learning about sharing, halving and doubling in maths and will be doing lots of practical activities linked to this, so at home you could ask them to double numbers or halve a few objects, or share things between the family, such as cakes and pizzas.

For our school trip this year we will be going to Birdworld on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. We have booked for the children to attend an 'Animal Encounter' workshop, to go to the 'Farm' and to go through the 'Aquarium' while we are there, as well as going to see 'Penguin Feeding' and 'Pelican Feeding'. A more detailed letter will go out closer to the time.

On a final note we have now used up all our boxes of tissues due to all the cold weather and sniffles that have been going around. Please could we ask each child to bring in a box of tissues for us to make use of. Thank you so much in advance.

Mrs Layton – Matthews, Mrs Bryan and Miss Grant

### **Year 1**

We are really looking forward to our school trip next week, where we will be identifying the features of a castle and searching for items in the state rooms and St George's Chapel. Back at school, we will be building our own castles and would be very grateful if you could send in any empty cardboard boxes (e.g. cereal boxes) and kitchen roll centres for this. If you are able to help us build our castles on Monday and Wednesday afternoons please speak to your class teacher.

Soon you will be receiving words to learn for our year group production 'There is a sunflower in my supper', as well as a note on what the characters should wear. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 9.10am for our 'Show Stopper' production.

Now the nice weather is here, children are spending more time outside and on the field. Please may we remind you to apply sun cream before school, if necessary, and bring in a named water bottle. Please also check that all jumpers and cardigans are named as we already have a huge pile of uniform in lost property.

As you are aware we have to administer the government phonics screening test next half term, so please support your child to complete any extra practice that is sent home. Come and talk to your class teacher if you have any concerns or queries. There are lots of free phase 3 and phase 5 games online at [phonicsplay.co.uk](http://phonicsplay.co.uk) that the children are used to playing and will help to consolidate their learning.

Year 1 Team



## Year 2

Throughout the month of May, the Year 2 children will be completing their Maths, Grammar and Reading Standard Assessment Tests. You can help your child at home by continuing to read four times a week and completing the homework we have sent. If you ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a sensible breakfast they will be ready for the day ahead. Please remember these tests form only part of our assessment of your child.

This term we are learning about plants and will be planting seeds and bulbs in our garden. All volunteers for digging and weeding are welcome to join us in the afternoons. In Art we will be making junk model monsters so please send in boxes, cartons and cardboard tubes. There are a couple of spaces left on the HIIT training sessions on Thursday mornings at 8am so please let your child's teacher know if they are interested in joining.

We will be having an end of term party to celebrate the children's hard work and achievements and will let you know more details about this closer to the time.

Year 2 Team

## Year 3

We have now started our new topic 'The Romans' and the children have been learning about the spread of the Roman Empire and Roman gods. In English, their writing has been linked to the Roman myth, Mercury and Apollo. To enhance the children's learning further, Year 3 will be visiting Butser Ancient Farm on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**, where we will explore an Iron Age round house, visit a Roman villa, make jewellery and help to build walls using techniques called 'wattling' and 'clunching'. A separate letter will be sent home nearer the time providing full details of the trip.

Later this term, we will be designing and making a healthy breakfast for a Roman soldier. The children will be considering appropriate ingredients that a Roman soldier could eat on the go (no cooking while marching); they might choose ingredients such as honey, natural yoghurt, fruit and oats. Please could you let your child's class teacher know about any allergies that we would need to consider.

Last week, the children had a wonderful time exploring countries around the world on Geography Day and visited Iceland, Chile, Jamaica and Singapore. They all took part in activities ranging from learning some words in a different language to creating the aurora borealis (Northern lights) using chalk pastels.

As part of our art curriculum, we will be practising the technique of tie-dyeing during the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please could we request that all children bring in a plain, white cotton T-shirt to be used for this activity; these can be brought in any time from now on.

As the weather gets warmer, and hay fever season begins, please ensure your child has a fresh bottle of water in school every day and we are always grateful for boxes of tissues for the classroom. Children may need sun cream applied before school and a sun hat for playtimes. The warmer weather also means the children hugely enjoy their reading treat outside using the play equipment. Please could we remind you to read at least four times per week with your child and, very importantly, sign their reading record to ensure they enjoy the extra play session.

Mrs Fish, Ms Barton and Mrs Walden

## Year 4

We have now started our new topic 'The Anglo Saxons'. We will be learning about the Anglo Saxon settlers, why they came to Britain, where in Britain they settled and how archaeologists and historians can use place names and artefacts found in the ground to answer these questions. Also, in English, as part of our Anglo Saxon topic the children have been learning the story of Beowulf and writing their own version of it.

We are well into the swing of rehearsals for our exciting Year 4 play – 'Dragon!' and the children are doing very well at learning the words for the songs and their lines. Please encourage them to continue to learn these at home so that they are secure with the words.



The costume list will soon be coming home. Please do ask any of us if you have any questions or concerns about costumes once you have received this.

Children in Year 4 are expected to know all their times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year. Please be aware of this and support your child in daily practice of times tables in any order. Don't forget we have the 'Times tables Rockstars' app to use to help. Your child's login for this should be in their reading record book.

As the weather gets warmer, please make sure your child has a named water bottle and hat in school every day. On sunny days, please apply sun cream to your children before school.

Year 4 team

### Year 5

We hope you enjoyed the Easter break and that you are ready for a busy summer term. Many thanks for all the support given to your children in researching their North American landmarks; we had some absolutely amazing models and posters, which are now displayed in the Year 5 area. This will help the children in our topic lessons this term, as we look more closely at comparing our locality with parts of North America.

'Bikeability' will be taking place this term, and the children involved will need to make sure that they come ready to start their training on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. A letter outlining the requirements has already been sent out to the children taking part, so please make sure you have completed the checklist before Tuesday.

Next week (week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May), the children will require a yoghurt pot for science. We would be grateful if you could send one or two in with your child.

As Ostriches have completed their brass sessions, Emus will now be taking part in learning to play the trumpet.

As the weather gets warmer, and hay fever season begins, please ensure your child has a fresh bottle of water in school every day and we are always grateful for donations of tissues for the classroom. Also, it is advisable that children wear shorts during PE, to stop them from becoming overheated and that they have trainers as the children will be doing PE lessons on the field as well as taking part in a regular daily mile around the grounds.

Please could we remind you to read at least four times per week with your child and, more importantly, sign their reading record to ensure they enjoy the extra weekly reading reward session.

Year 5 team

### Year 6

We are delighted with how well the children coped with the practice testing last term and are sure that this has helped prepare them for SATs week, which is fast approaching. During SATs week, please make sure that your child has had a good night's sleep, a hearty breakfast and remembers to bring in a water bottle. We will be providing a biscuit before the tests - if this is a problem, please let us know.

Day	Paper
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	English grammar, punctuation & spelling
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths arithmetic (paper 1) & maths reasoning (paper 2)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Maths reasoning (paper 3)

If you have any questions regarding SATs week, please don't hesitate to contact one of the Year 6 team.



Once SATs week is over, our thoughts will move on to our residential trip to Mill Rythe (17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June). Please note that the final date for outstanding money is **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. We will be holding a final information meeting, regarding Mill Rythe, on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 6.00pm in Eagles' classroom where we will discuss kit lists, possible activities and answer any of your questions. We will be sharing this information with the children prior to the visit so it is not necessary for them to attend. Children who will not be attending the residential visit will take part in an activity week; further details regarding this week will follow at a later date. We will be starting our new topic later this term, which is World War 2. The children have already completed some excellent homework and are looking forward to learning about what life was like for people living in Britain during this time period. We will also be looking at how the war started and how countries such as Japan and America became involved at later date. Finally, we will be introducing the children to the script for our end of year play which is always a highlight for both pupils and teachers alike! Each child will be given the opportunity to audition for a speaking role and we will be encouraging every child to take part in some form or other. We will give out information on how to get tickets nearer to show time.  
Mr Taylor, Mrs Johnson and Miss Horner

We would also like to congratulate our deputy head, Mrs Warner (used to be Miss McAllister) who got married at Easter.

Yours sincerely

EA Cole (Mrs)  
Headteacher



## DIARY DATES: (new dates or information in bold)



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May

W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
**W/C Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**  
**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June**  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Bank Holiday  
**Parents' Forum 6-6.30pm**  
**Y5 Bikeability starts**  
Robins' Class Assembly  
Kiwis' Class Assembly  
Y1 trip to Windsor Castle  
Y6 SATs Week  
Swans' Class Assembly  
Year 4 Play 9.10am  
Blackbirds' Class Assembly 9am  
Year 1 Play 9.10am  
**Walk to School Week**  
**Y1 Production 9.10am**  
**Mill Rythe Meeting for Y6 Parents – 6pm**  
**Maths Day – 'Rockstars' Fancy Dress**

Half Term

Inset Day  
Children back to school  
**Class Photos**  
**Arts Fortnight Gala & exhibition 2pm**  
**Y6 Residential**  
**Y3 Trip – Butser Ancient Farm**  
**Millar's Ark to visit the nursery**  
**Hummingbirds' Class Assembly 9am**  
**Ostriches' Class Assembly 9am**  
**Reception Trip – Birdworld**  
**Summer Fair (more details to follow)**  
**Nursery Sports Day 9.30am**  
**(more details to follow)**  
**Sports Day KS2 am and KS1 pm with picnic**  
**on the field (weather permitting)**  
**Year 4 sleepover (more details to follow)**  
**Year 6 Disco 6.30-8.30pm**  
**Reserve Sports Day**  
**Year 6 Production – 6.30pm**  
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**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9am**  
**School ends at 2pm**