



7th June 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back after half term. I hope you all had a restful break.

This last half term before the summer holidays is always a very busy one. We are in the middle of our annual Arts Fortnight, and are looking forward to sports day, transition week and the PTA summer fair – all of which will be taking place over the next few weeks!

Please take time to read the diary dates at the end of this newsletter so that you do not miss any of the events that are planned. Many of the events are open to parents and we would love to see you if you are able to join us.

SUPERSTAR MATHEMATICIAN AWARD FOR KEY STAGE TWO

May's Superstars are: Molly Routh, Faye Brough, Roman Brown, Amelia O'Leary, Alexia Mihai, Sammy Dale, Lily-Star Talbot, Harvey Newman-Maidment, Joshua Jones, Eve Spredbury, Leo Appleby and Darryl Hinton. You should be very proud of your hard work – well done!



SUPER STAR WRITERS' AWARD FOR KEY STAGE TWO

May's Superstars are: Mark Stevens, Max Parker, Evie Mills, Madi Guest, Spencer Coe, Rojina Rai, Rhiannon Rees-Jones, Lilly Keen, Lexie Carter, Rebecca Porterfield, Caitlin Hickey and Eloise Lavers. Well done – what a lot of brilliant writers!

PARENTS' FORUM

Our next parents' forum is on Tuesday 11th June from 9.00 – 9.30am.

ARTS FORTNIGHT

This week we started our annual Arts Fortnight. This year we have chosen the artist David Hockney as the theme. All classes will use his work as a stimulus for their learning across a range of subjects, with a particular emphasis on the Arts. On the final day of the Arts Fortnight, Friday 14th June, we would like to invite parents to a performance and exhibition. The performance will involve all children from each year group and will start at **2pm** – this is planned to take place outside so will be weather dependent. The children's work will then be on display in the hall and in classrooms – parents are welcome to come and have a look at this following the performance.



PLANT DONATIONS

Thank you to all those parents who have donated some plants. They have been planted by the gardening group and are being well tended. We would be very grateful for any more donations!!

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA

Our last event in the school calendar is the Summer Fete to be held on Saturday 29th June, 12.00pm - 3.00pm.

There will be a non-uniform day on 28th June (27th for Reception due to their school trip) – in return we are asking for a contribution for the bottle tombola.

As always, we need volunteers to make it a successful event!

If you can spare a couple of hours to help run a stall or set up/pack away please leave your contact details with the office.

We are providing wristbands for all the volunteers' children to have a free go on a number of activities.

Thank you for your continued support and kind donations of raffle prizes, teddies and books received to date.

NETBALL

The school netball team have continued to play brilliantly and we built on our winning ways when we played our league match away at Harmans Water on 2nd May and won 17-3.

The following week, however, we played host to St. Joseph's school, the only team to beat us in the High 5 tournament back in October. Although the Owlsmoor team played very well, the team from St Joseph's were excellent and they thoroughly deserved their big win when they beat us 17-3. This was only our second defeat all season and, determined to make it the last, our team came out battling hard against Winkfield St Mary. All of the passing, attacking and defending was brilliant and we came away with a huge win of 38-2 which was thoroughly deserved. Then, on the last day of half term, we played host to Wooden Hill school. Wooden Hill had brought lots of supporters with them but, undaunted, the Owlsmoor team showed their superiority from the start with a run of brilliant goals from Connie and Mia, staunch defending from Lily, Keira and Sophie and the centre of the court dominated by Caitlin, Callum and Izzy. Wooden Hill hardly got a look in and we ran away with a 34-2 win.

The whole team deserve huge praise for their skill, commitment and professionalism at all times but special recognition should go to Caitlin who was chosen as 'Player of the Match' by the opposing team in all four of the above matches – very well done Caitlin.

TRANSITION WEEK

This year's transition week will take place in the week beginning 1st July. This is where the children will spend time in the class they will be in next year with their new teacher. The children should go to their usual classroom on the Monday morning and they will then be told which class they will be in after break. The children will return to their usual classroom before the end of the day so collection on the Monday will be as normal, but for Tuesday to Thursday they will need to be dropped off and collected from their new classroom. You are very welcome to visit your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher on that Monday after school.

GREEN TEAM

On Friday 21st June, the Green Team will be taking part in a litter pick in the streets around the school. This is to coincide with a Sandhurst Schools' Community Day where Sandhurst schools will be picking up litter in their local area. This will be happening during the first half hour of the children's lunch break when we would normally have our Green Team meetings and the children on that team who would like to come will be able to have an early lunch pass for this day so that they can still have school dinners if they want to.



Summer Holiday Club

We will be open 22nd July - 23rd August 2019 - 830am - 6pm
at New Scotland Hill Primary School

We offer affordable & flexible fees starting at only £3ph and an Early Bird Special of £11.50 half day or £23 full day if booked and paid for by 30th June 2019

We provide lots of fun for your children with a variety of free play opportunities, arts & crafts, sports games & much more

For more info or to book please email theafterschoolclub2011@yahoo.co.uk

THE MONTH IN BRIEF

Puffins Class (Nursery)

Welcome back after the half term break. As the weather is starting to get warmer, on sunny days we ask that sun cream is applied before nursery to help protect your child's skin during outside play. Most available products provide enough protection to last the day. Please can all children also bring a named sun hat and a named water bottle every day.

As we are now in the final stages of the year, it is not long until lots of the Nursery children will be moving into Reception. In preparation for this, please can they try coming in on their own and independently finding their names and hanging up their coats.

We are currently creating a range of artwork for Arts Fortnight, based on the work of David Hockney. Some of his artwork focuses on the seaside, and we have chosen this theme for our artwork. On the afternoon of Friday 14th June, the whole school will be holding a performance on the field for parents and family to watch. Following the performances there will be an Art Exhibition in the school hall and classrooms, showcasing artwork from each year group. We hope to see you there!



The Miller's Ark Farm visit to school is fast approaching (Friday 21st June). Thank you to those who have already returned their permission slip and voluntary contribution for this activity. A polite reminder – please could all permission slips and contributions be returned as soon as possible, so that we can confirm that the visit will be able to go ahead. If your child does not normally attend on a Friday, and they would like to attend, a sign-up sheet will be placed on the nursery classroom door. Those children can come in for either the morning session (10:00am-11:30am) or the afternoon session (12:30pm-2:00pm). Due to staffing ratios, parents are asked to stay with their child if they are coming in (extra) for the visit.

We are now practising skills for Sports Day which will be taking place on **Thursday 4th July** (weather permitting) at 9:30am and 1.15 pm on our school field (a sign-up sheet will go up shortly so you can select your session). This is a great fun event and is open to all nursery children, and parents are encouraged to come along. Between 12:00pm and 1:00pm, we will be holding a picnic in the area next to the nursery classroom for parents and their children. The main school's sports day is the following day **Friday 5th July** and we would like to invite you to join us for a picnic lunch with your child on the school field. Please collect your child at 11:45am and take them up to the field where they can picnic with you. Afterwards they can either re-join us in the nursery (if it is their session) or stay and watch their older siblings with you.

Our door is always open, please come and talk us if you have any questions or concerns.
Miss Edwards, Mrs Toal and Miss Burns

Reception

Welcome back after what we hope was a wonderful half term break with lots of sunshine. You may have noticed we have been coming in and sitting straight on the carpet this half term – this is to help prepare the children for their transition to Year 1. Please could we ask that children are in school for 8:45am to ensure they do not miss any of their valuable learning time at drop off so we can get straight into teaching. Please could we ask that no parents come into the classrooms, but allow their child to independently get their things ready for learning. This helps prepare them for year 1 and becoming more independent.

We are well on our way into our term of growing, we have planted up our fruit and vegetable planters. Thank you so much for all your generous donations. We cannot wait to see what grows. The next two weeks we will be looking at an artist called David Hockney for Arts Fortnight - we look forward to performing for you on the school field on Friday 14th June at 2pm. The second half of this month we will be learning about birds linked to our trip to 'Birdworld' on Friday 28th June, please refer back to our 'Birdworld' trip letter for details. Please can we remind you that all forms and money should be returned by Friday 21st June and that children will need to be in school in full school uniform for 8.45 am that day. Please could all parent helpers bring a rucksack, a packed lunch and are dressed suitably for all weathers. Thank you, We are beginning our practising for sports day with KS1, which will take place on Friday 5th July on the school field in the afternoon. This is a great day to bring a picnic lunch and enjoy it on the field with your child. Don't forget to bring a few pennies for the ice cream van too. Please can we ask that if you are purchasing an ice cream, you get your ice cream it before the afternoon sports day session begins, so that you don't get stuck in a long queue and miss the start.

In July we will be learning about 'Holidays' and will end the year off with a 'Garden Party' on Wednesday 17th July on the school field (so lots of warning about a costume, towels and super soakers for a water fight). The weather is heating up so a gentle reminder to please apply sun cream and supply your children with a named water bottle and a sunhat.

Mrs Layton – Matthews, Mrs Bryan and Ms Grant



Year 1

We hope you had a lovely half term holiday. Thank you to those parents who have continued to support their children with their phonics. As you know, we will shortly be administering the Phonics Screening Test and so would appreciate your continued support to ensure the children do the very best that they can.

This half term our topic is 'Seas and Oceans'. This will also link to our science and English work. Later in the term we will need some extra adult help to sew sea creatures so please talk to your child's class teacher if you can offer any help, even if it is for one hour! Aunties, uncles, grandparents, big brothers or sisters are more than welcome to help.

We loved showcasing 'There is a Sunflower in my Supper' and we would like to thank you for your support and help learning the lines at home.

As it is getting warmer, please make sure that your child has a **named** water bottle and named hat in school. Also we may be going outside more often, so please ensure that children have sun cream applied before they come to school.

Year 1 Team

Year 2

Welcome back to the sunniest half term of the year! We are all looking forward the **Arts Fortnight Performance & Exhibition on Friday 14th June at 2pm** and would like to remind you to check your child's reading record for costume requirements. We are also still collecting cardboard tubes (e.g. kitchen paper rolls and wrapping paper rolls) for our art work.

This half term we are looking forward to our school trip to Winchester Science Centre on Tuesday 25th June. If you are available to help on this trip, please do drop in and speak to your child's teacher.

As the weather is warming up, we would like to encourage you to put sun cream on your child at the start of the day (no suncream bottles in school please) and provide them with a hat and fresh water. Please also ensure that all clothing is labelled with the correct names so that lost items can be returned to their owners.

Our topic this term is 'Great Explorers' and we will be learning about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. In science, the children will be investigating habitats and mini-beasts. If you have any books at home that we can share with the children, please send them in.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year 2 Team

Year 3

Welcome back after what we hope was an enjoyable half term. The children have settled back into school quickly and have enjoyed the first week of Arts Fortnight. We have been focusing on the modern contemporary artist, David Hockney, and taking inspiration from his work – particularly his paintings, 'A Bigger Splash', and landscapes such as 'Garrowby Hill'. The children have already designed and made mosaic tiles and experienced the technique of tie-dye. Next week, they will also be using a range of materials to create a textured image and be involved in a whole school project using iPads to paint flowers. On Friday 14th June, parents are warmly invited to our Arts Fortnight showcase on the school field where we will be performing a song and dance routine linked to Hockney's 'Splash' paintings.

This week, letters have been sent home detailing our trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Thursday 20th June. During the visit, the children will stand in an Iron Age roundhouse and experience building walls using techniques called 'wattling' and 'clunching'. They will also make Roman jewellery and visit a Roman villa. Please ensure all permission letters, along with payment for the trip, are returned to class teachers no later than Monday 17th June.

To finish our Roman topic, we will be holding a 'Roman Day' on Tuesday 16th July when the children are invited to come to school dressed as a Roman citizen in a toga (white sheets and safety pins are ideal for this), a centurion or a gladiator. During the day we will enjoy a Roman feast and complete a number of themed activities.



Finally, as the weather is getting warmer, please make sure that your child has a **named** water bottle and sun hat in school every day and that sun cream has been applied before they come to school.

Thank you,
Year 3 teachers

Year 4

We would like to thank all the adults for their help with costumes and learning words and to congratulate the children on an amazing Year 4 play. Everyone agreed that it was a real triumph with all the children giving super performances and singing beautifully.

We are now in the middle of Arts Fortnight. The theme is celebrating the life and work of David Hockney and we have lots of exciting activities happening. As usual, there will be an exhibition of the children's work on the final day (14th June).

We are continuing to study the Anglo-Saxons from a range of points of view. We are loving the Anglo Saxon artefacts and reports that the children have made. We will be going on a day trip to Ufton Court later this half term on Monday 15th July. There, the children (and teachers) will have the opportunity to engage with lots of different aspects of Anglo-Saxon culture and life with hands-on activities. A letter with more details will be sent out shortly.

Please remember that children need to have a named water bottle in school every day, particularly during the sunny weather. Sunscreen should be applied to your children before school and they should also bring in a named sun hat.

Thank you for all the support you have shown so far and will continue to show for this last push to have the children achieving all that they can by the end of the year.

The Year 4 Team

Year 5

Welcome back to what will hopefully be a sunny half term. We have many exciting things coming up: our trip to Oxford, transition week, visits to Sandhurst School and much more. We are currently half way through Arts Fortnight, where we are learning about David Hockney, and are looking forward to showing you our artwork on Friday 14th June in the afternoon

This half term, we will continue learning about North America, looking at the gold rush and how early settlers colonised parts of America. This also includes a short study of Native American Indians and how they lived – including studying some of their stories and traditions in English. As part of our PSHE this term, we will be looking at 'Living and Growing' and what this means for the children as they get older and develop into adulthood. We will send home a further letter outlining what we will cover nearer to the date and will offer you an opportunity to view a DVD that the children will be watching.

As a reminder to parents, children should have a PE kit readily available to be used in school at all times. This should be suitable for outdoor PE lessons. On PE days it may also be advisable for the children to wear sun-cream and hats/caps.

With the hot weather approaching, it is essential that the children come into school with a named water bottle in order that they are always fully hydrated and learning time is not being wasted by unnecessary trips to the water fountain.

Year 5 Team



Year 6

We hope you enjoyed the May half term and you are fully rested for the busy half term ahead. The children are looking forward to Mill Rythe/ Activity Week – please let us know if you have any final questions before we go or if there are any changes to medication. Leavers' hoodies are allowed to be worn to and from school but not during class or assembly times, where only school jumpers/ cardigans can be worn.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 14th June for the Arts Fortnight Performance – for this, the children are required to wear a coloured t-shirt, the colour needed has already been written in their reading record. Your child's work will be displayed in their classroom and in the hall so please take the opportunity to take a look.

As you may be already aware, the end of year production – 'Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat' – will be taking place at Sandhurst School on Monday 15th July and Tuesday 16th July at 6.30pm. This will be a ticketed event with 2 tickets per child for each performance – there may be a few spare tickets nearer the time when all the children have had the opportunity to obtain tickets. Tickets will be available outside Kites' classroom after school each evening from the 24th June and will cost £2.50 each. Please be aware that the hall at Sandhurst School is not suitable for buggies and prams. All of the children will need to be at Sandhurst School at 6.00pm to be ready for a prompt start at 6.30pm. Doors for the audience will open at 6.20pm. Please look out for a little slip in your child's reading record detailing the costume required for these performances.

The year 6 leavers' disco will be on Tuesday 9th July from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. There is no cost for this event. A letter with more details will be sent home soon, along with a permission slip which needs to be signed and returned to school.

We would like to remind you of our Leavers' Assembly which takes place on Friday 19th July in our school hall and will start promptly at 9.15am. Please feel free to bring cameras as there will be an opportunity to take photos afterwards.

Many thanks,

Year 6 team

Yours sincerely

EA Cole (Mrs)
Headteacher



DIARY DATES: (new dates or information in bold)



Tuesday 11th June

Friday 14th June

Mon 17th – Fri 21st June

Thursday 20th June

Friday 21st June

Tuesday 25th June

Thursday 27th June

Friday 28th June

Saturday 29th June

W/C Monday 1st July

Thursday 4th July

Friday 5th July

Monday 8th July

Tuesday 9th July

Friday 12th July

Monday 15th July

Tuesday 16th July

Wednesday 17th July

Friday 19th July

Parents' Forum 9.00-9.30am

Arts Fortnight Gala & exhibition 2pm

Y6 Residential

Y3 Trip – Butser Ancient Farm

Millar's Ark to visit the nursery

Y2 Trip to Winchester Science Centre

Hummingbirds' Class Assembly 9am

Non-uniform Day for just YR - bring a bottle

Ostriches' Class Assembly 9am

Reception Trip – Birdworld

Non-uniform Day (except YR)-bring a bottle

Summer Fair 12pm – 3pm

Transition Week

Nursery Sports Day 9.30am/ 1.15pm

Sports Day KS2 am and KS1 pm with picnic on the field (weather permitting)

More details to follow

Year 4 sleepover (more details to follow)

Y5 at Sandhurst

Year 6 Disco 6.30-8.30pm

Reserve Sports Day

Year 6 Production – 6.30pm

Year 4 – Ufton Court Trip

Roman Day Y3

Year 6 Production – 6.30pm

Garden Party YR

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

School ends at 2pm