



NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd June 2017

VALUE	WALKING BUS NUMBERS	THOUGHT OF THE WEEK	REMINDER
WISDOM	43	Mistakes are proof that you are trying	Tickets for the Bridge Music Festival are now on sale from the school office

Dear Parents

We have had a busy couple of weeks in school.

Educational Visits

Year 4 children recently went on a canoeing trip, which included paddle start. The children also visited the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve, where they spotted rare birds and took part in outdoor orienteering activities. On Tuesday, children from Reception visited Wingham Wildlife Park on one of the hottest days of the year. They had a lovely time consolidating their learning about things that grow and change, had a good look at all the animals, practiced their map reading skills and were lucky enough to see the penguins being fed. The children were exemplary in their behaviour and a credit to the school.

Yesterday, some children from the orchestra attended a Big Band Day at Barham school, for a day of music-making fun. The children were presented with three unrehearsed pieces, which culminated in a short concert at the end of the day. The children performed 'Z-Cars', 'Eye-Level' and the theme from 'Wallace & Gromit'. They were extremely well behaved and they seem to thoroughly enjoy the day. Our school orchestra meet on a Friday after school and is open to instrumentalists of all abilities. If your child would like to join, please speak to Mr Luck.

Sporting Events

We have a very busy term in front of us and have already started it with lots of success. Year 4 children attended a Minilympics competition recently and won the event, the mixed cricket team won and are through to the Kent School Games finals and the girls' cricket team competed well recently, getting through to the semi-finals of the Partnership competition. On Tuesday a group of children from Years 1 and 2 performed brilliantly at the gymnastics final in Maidstone, for which we are still awaiting the results. BIG NEWS!! – on Wednesday the Years 3 and 4 quicksticks (hockey) team WON the Kent School Games finals, which meant that they are the Kent Champions. We have not achieved this before in the history of the Kent School Games, so we are immensely proud of the children: Tom, Adam, William, Savanna and Johanna. In tennis, Rosie, Moss, Joel, Archie, Michael and Jadon won the district tennis and have gained places in the Kent finals in Bromley, which are being held today. I am sure you will join me in congratulating all the children in their amazing achievements – well done to you all!

School's Out for Summer – Bridge School Music Festival, Saturday 15th July 2017

The Bridge School Summer Music Festival will take place in the school grounds between 2pm and 6pm. Mr Luck and a group of parents from the PTA have been organising this event. We want it to be a fun, relaxing, and musical festival celebration. There will be class acts, the YMS steel pans and a guest appearance from Fallback, featuring Sarah Thornby; a BBQ, bar, strawberries and we have just had confirmation this morning that a festival stage will be set up for the afternoon. Gates will open at 1.30pm, so bring your chairs, picnics and festival flags! Tickets are now on sale from the school office as follows :

- Family Ticket (2 adults and up to 3 children) £5.00
- Adult Ticket £2.00
- Child's ticket £1.00

Race for Life – Sunday 25th June 2017

On Sunday, a group of staff from our school are taking part in Race for Life at Herne Bay, to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The group have called themselves 'Di's Diamonds'. This is a charity which is very close to our hearts, as we have been affected at school in many ways by this terrible disease. If you have any spare pennies, all donations would be gratefully received. There will be a collection box in the school office, or you can donate online by visiting <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/>, type Di's Diamonds into the 'Find a Giving' box and this will guide you to the donations page.

Administrative matters

Please could I remind you that if there are any changes in your contact details to kindly let the office ladies know, so that we can update your records. Many thanks.

Next week is the last week for after school activity clubs, apart from choir, orchestra and French with Armele, so please remember to collect your child at the normal time the week commencing Monday 3rd July.

Unfortunately, we were saddened to receive a phonecall from a motorist passing through the village yesterday, who witnessed a child being pushed off the pavement and onto the road. Please could I remind parents/carers to ensure that children are escorted safely across any road to and to ensure that they are not placed into any dangerous situation.

Upcoming Events

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th July at 7.30pm in the school. All welcome to attend.

Canterbury & District Early Years Project host a monthly meeting for grandparents and kinship carers. The next meeting will be on Thursday 13th July at 9am, at Poets corner in Canterbury and they would like to invite any grandparents/kinship carers that are connected with our school.

Holiday Tennis camps will be run at the Kings' School Recreation Centre during the weeks commencing 31st July – 4th August and 29th August – 1st September. For further information, please visit www.kingsrecreation.co.uk or email tennis@kingsrecreation.co.uk.

Canterbury Hockey Club will be running summer holiday camps at Polo Farm Club. Contact Annie Hare at cjhpolfarm@outlook.com or telephone 07793 799870 for further information.

Canterbury Gymnastic Club is offering a summer gymnastics camp, aimed at all abilities. The club is situated on the Wincheap Industrial Estate, just behind Iceland and there is plenty of parking. For more information, contact info@canterburygymnastics.co.uk or visit www.canterburygymnastics.co.uk.

Term Dates for Academic Year – 2017-2018

These dates are the **confirmed** term dates for 2017-2018.

THURSDAY 31st AUGUST and FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2017 – Staff development days
TERM 1 : MONDAY 4th SEPTEMBER – WEDNESDAY 18th OCTOBER 2017 (19th and 20th Staff development days)
TERM 2 : MONDAY 30th OCTOBER – WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER 2017
TERM 3 : MONDAY 8th JANUARY – FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2018 (no development day)
TERM 4 : MONDAY 19th FEBRUARY – THURSDAY 29th MARCH 2018 (no development day on 30th - Good Friday)
TERM 5 : MONDAY 16th APRIL – THURSDAY 24th MAY 2018 (25th Staff development day)
TERM 6 : MONDAY 4th JUNE – TUESDAY 24th JULY 2018.

And finally – the children from Year 6 have decided to organise a fund-raising day to help raise money for the Grenville Fire disaster. Monday 10th July will be a non-uniform day where everyone will be requested to wear green and to bring in a cash donation. They would also like to organise a cake sale after school, so please get baking – green cakes would be great! Further reminders will be sent out nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Renuka Chinnadurai
Headteacher

TERM DATESand **ACADEMIC YEAR DATES 2016/17****OFFICE NEWS**

26th June : Last week of clubs
 KS1 Sports Morning
 3.20pm, New Reception Activity Session

27th June : KS2 Sports Morning
 1:30pm, Tri Golf Finals

28th June : Year 3 Trip to Quex Park
 Year 5JP Parent Consultations
 Choir Singing at Bridge Haven

29th June : Year 1 Trip to Samphire Hoe
 Year 2 Trip to Tyland Barn
 Year 5EB Parent Consultations
 3.20pm, New Reception Activity Session

30th June : 1.15pm, Sports Afternoon KS1

3rd July : 1.15pm, Sports Afternoon, KS2

4th July : Year 4 Hever Castle Trip
 1.30pm, New Reception Children in and Parent's
 Talk

5th July : Year 5 Dance at the Marlowe Theatre

6th July : 7.30pm, PTA AGM in the School Hall

7th July : Reports to Parents for Years R, 1, 2, 3 4 and 6

10th July : Transfer Morning

11th July : Year 5 Parent and Child Open Morning at Girls'
 Langton
 Optional Parent Consultations

12th July : Year 1 Reculver Trip

14th July : Whole School Languages Day
 Year 6 Leavers' Disco

15th July : 2pm – 6pm Bridge Music Event

17th July : Church Service (classes to be confirmed)
 Transfer Afternoon

18th July : Reception Tea Party (time to be confirmed)
 7pm Year 6 Production

19th July : Church Service (classes to be confirmed)
 7pm, Year 6 Production

21st July : 1.30pm, Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

END OF TERM 6

Please may we kindly remind you of the following:

No dogs are allowed on the school for health and safety reasons.

Please park courteously in Conyngham Lane and in the village. Parents are not allowed to come down the school road unless they have permission to do so for valid reasons. If your child is being collected by someone else, please would you kindly remind them of this – Thank you.

In the interests of safeguarding, if any parent would like to give a message to, or see their child's teacher in the morning, please could they let one of the adults on duty know or go round to the school office.

PTA NEWS

**The next PTA AGM will be held in the School Hall on
 Thursday 6th July at 7.30pm
 in the School Hall – all welcome**

INCLUSION NEWS

If you or your child has a medical condition, has a specific need or you think you are eligible for pupil premium, please contact Mrs Long, via the school.

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