

Friday 20th May 2022

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

Many of our Year 5 pupils are looking forward to their trip to the Kench Hill activity centre in Kent next week. This will give them the opportunity to experience the great outdoors and try out new adventure activities. Year 6 will also be undertaking a residential experience at a PGL activity centre to make up for their missed experience last year due to COVID 19. We look forward to sharing news of their activities with you through regular noticeboard and website/Twitter updates as well as in this newsletter.

Making sure our school sites are safe and secure is a constant priority for us. The end of the school day is a very busy time when the school gates are necessarily open. We have members of the senior team stationed at exits but please make sure you keep young children with you in case they get lost on school grounds. Children should be collected from the line in the playground, letting the adults know that they have been collected. We also ask that you leave the school site promptly in order that school clubs can safely access the playground for their activities. We are fortunate that there are many public green spaces and parks near our school to enjoy the sunshine after school and continue socialising with other members of the community.

We still have spaces in Nursery from September 2022 for 3 and 4 year olds. Both part time or full-time applications are welcome and application forms can be collected from the school office. Many studies have shown that children who have the opportunity to attend nursery develop good communication and social skills shown through confidence, self-assurance and demonstrating good interpersonal skills!

All children will be set homework tasks and projects for half term which will commence on Monday 30th June 2022. Please support children with this by making sure that tasks are completed and children have the opportunity to read and talk about their learning at home. Knowing times tables is particularly helpful, along with telling the time on both analogue and digital clocks, counting money and of course sharing a book.

Thank you for your support.

Ms Aimee Walker  
Headteacher

Ms Rachel Davie  
Executive Headteacher

## EYFS ROAD SAFETY

Our Junior Road Safety Officers visited EYFS to teach them how to cross the road safely. The JRSOs explained the simple rules of staying safe including 'Stop, look, listen, think'. They also shared the importance of holding their adult's hand every time they cross a road.



## YEAR 2 ART

Year 2 have been exploring clay in Art sessions. They have learned techniques such as pinching, rolling, carving and joining pieces of clay together. Next they will apply these skills when creating their very own animal tile.



## YEAR 4 SCIENCE

This week the children in Year 4 carried out a science experiment, in order to explore what materials can be used as insulators and what can be used as conductors. The children worked together to carry out their investigation and record their findings. Next, they will explore how to communicate findings through their conclusion.



**SMART BLACK SHOES FOR SCHOOL PLEASE!**



## YEAR 6 KAYAKING

To celebrate the end of Year 6 SATs, Chestnut Class went to Laburnum boat club to take part in the first of 3 kayaking sessions. The children learned how to safely get into and out of the boat, how to move themselves through the water and what to do if (or when) they capsized!



## YEAR 4 APOLLO VISIT

Last week we had the Woodwind family from Apollo Music visit our Year 4 students at school. The musicians performed music from a range of musical eras. The children were able to ask questions and were very excited to learn how the woodwind instruments were made and played.



## COFFEE MORNINGS

Date	Focus
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Maths:</b> How can I support my child to learn times tables?
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Design Technology:</b> What skills will my child be learning during DT Day?
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Literacy:</b> What strategies can I use to help my child learn and apply their spellings including handwriting?
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Keeping Healthy:</b> What does keeping healthy mean and what can we do at home to support this?
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Transitions:</b> How can I prepare my child for transition to a new class?
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Summer Holiday activities:</b> What activities can we try in the holidays and what local places can we visit?
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Parent Reading Celebration Event for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2</b>

## KEY DATES

### Summer Term 2022

**Easter Monday:** Monday 18th April 2022

**Children's Start Date:** Tuesday 19th April 2022

**Families' Week:** Starts Monday 25th April 2022

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 2nd May 2022  
**Science & Technology Day (with Science Fair):** Monday 23rd May 2022

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 30th May 2022 – Friday 3rd June 2022

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 6th June 2022

**Staff Training Day:** Friday 24th June 2022

**Keeping Healthy Week (including sports day):** Starts Monday 27th June 2022

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 7th July 2022

**End of Term Finish Date:** Thursday 21st July 2022 at 2pm

**Staff Training Day:** Friday 22nd July 2022

### Autumn Term 2022

**Staff Training Day:** Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September

**Children's Start Date:** Monday 5th September

**Meet the Teacher:** Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th September 2022

**Bring a Dad/Significant Male to School Day:** Wednesday 28th September 2022

**World Week & Democracy Day:** Monday 17th October 2021 – Friday 21st October 2022

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022

**Children Start Date:** Monday 31st October 2022

**Parents Evening:** Thursday 8th December 2022

**End of Term Finish Date:** Friday 16th December 2022 at 2pm

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## ATTENDANCE

Coming to school everyday makes a real difference!  
Whole school attendance for last week was **96.6%**  
Well done to **Redwood Class** the weekly winners with **99.3%**.

