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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

National Children's Day - **TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC**

NCDUK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and how we all need to protect the rights and freedoms of children in order to ensure that they grow into happy, healthy young adults.

As part of the Celebration of Childhood we have planned a Teddy Bear's picnic, on the school field, for next Friday 17th May. This is an event for pupils only. On this day, if your child has a school meal via the kitchen, they can order a picnic lunch. We aim to sit out on the school field with our teddies, however if the weather is at is has been this week then we will still picnic, but in the school hall. It won't exactly be the same as the whole school being outside to eat together but the event will still go ahead, and on this date.

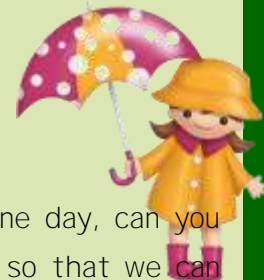
The late Nelson Mandela once said: "There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children."

Statutory Assessment Week

Next week our Year 6 children will be completing their last formal assessments within primary school. To support them in this can we please encourage all of you to ensure that your children are in school on time so that the whole school settles and it is quiet for them. It can be an anxious time for some pupils, therefore we all need to work with them so that they feel enabled to share their best. Sadly, Government ministers feel that the best way to assess seven years of academic work is via six test papers. I wonder if NCDUK has deliberately planned for their Celebration of Childhood to be in the same week as SATs?! Ironic really, **especially as the tests won't give a single Year 6 teacher any more information about a pupil's progress than what they would have known anyway!**

Weather

As our lovely British weather can sometimes share all of the seasons in one day, can you please ensure that your child still brings a coat/cagoule in to school daily so that we can ensure that, even with a bit of rain, we can still allow the children to get some fresh air and time to run about.



Orchard Cross Country Run

Last Friday, twenty one of our pupils competed in the Sutton Valence Prep school cross country run,



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which is always a very exciting and enjoyable event. This year our runners were amazing, with many improving on their positions from last year. I was especially proud of the Year 3 pupils as this was their first run. Congratulations to Rohan who came first out of about fifty boys and won a gold medal for his efforts! A special mention should also go to Chloe and Eve who both came fifth in their age group, and Evie (Year 4) who came sixth. Well done to you all, and for running your very best on the day.

Thanks also to the faithful parents who continue to support their children, whose manners and behaviour were both, as always, excellent. Keep jogging or running until next year!

- Mrs van Rensburg, P.E. coordinator

Planting of Trees and Hedging

Back in November last year, the school was successful in its application to The Woodland Trust for over 250 saplings of a wide variety of copse, hedge and tree species. We are slowly beginning to plant these saplings all over the school site, to improve our hedging and greenery as well as to boost natural habitats in order to connect and attract wildlife.



Thank you to all of the children that have so far helped with the planting of the saplings. We **hope that they will continue to thrive and enhance the school's natural environment both now, and for many years to come.**

Attendance Ted

Attendance Ted will be dividing his time between both Earth and Mars classes next week as a result of both classes having 100% this week. This is super attendance and so a big well done to everyone in both classes!



Punctuality Pup

Punctuality Pup will be visiting Jupiter class next week; the pupils of Jupiter class had no lates at all this week! Well done to all of you, for being perfectly punctual pupils!



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Staffing Update

During a meeting for West Kent headteachers yesterday, it was discussed how many schools have vacancies for September - there were a lot of schools in this situation! Whilst I cannot yet share the name of the teacher who will be joining us in September (as the school where they are currently working is yet to inform its own parents) I am pleased to report that we have no teacher vacancies. In addition, we have just appointed a Teaching Assistant who joins us on Monday; Mrs Nicholls will be working with Saturn class.

An advert will be going out very soon with regards to an additional office role, and a support role for Forest School to support Mrs Bell.



PTFA Corner

24th May - End of Term Sweet Shop in the playground. The sweet shop will visit children in after school clubs or other clubs running, so that all children get an opportunity to buy **something. Don't forget your £1!**

100 Club

If you would like to go on the waiting list for the 100 Club which renews in September, this costs £12 for the year and each month you have the chance to win £50! Please let the school office know and we will contact you once we know which numbers are available.

Outdoor Disco

Following the success of the outdoor disco for the whole school last year, we will be holding this event again on Thursday 6th June, straight after school on the school field. The disco will run until 5.30pm. Tickets are £3 per child and include a hotdog and an ice cream from the ice cream van which will be visiting. Fliers went home last week - to purchase a ticket please apply via the PTFA post box.



Other PTFA events to look out for:

21st June - first non uniform day to support the Summer Fair. Please bring in a jar filled with anything you like, this can be sweets, hair bands, pencils, mini rolls etc..

22nd June - Wine and Cheese evening at the Queens Head pub in Sutton Valence village. The evening starts at 7.30pm; tickets are £7 which includes a glass of house wine and cheese.

5th July - second non uniform day to support the Summer Fair. KS1 pupils, please bring in cake(s) for the cake stall. KS2 pupils, please bring in bottles for the bottle tombola.

6th July - Summer Fair

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14th/15th September - Welcome Back Camping

17th October - Halloween Disco

30th November - Dinner & Disco at The Ridge Golf Club (adult event)

December - Christmas Craft and Movie Night, date TBC

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!

Diary Dates

13th-16th May

Year 6 SATs

17th May



20th-24th May

Year 6 Residential trip

21st May

Maypole Dancing workshop for Years 2-5

23rd May

Outdoor Classroom Day

24th May

End of Term Sweet Shop, 3.15pm (PTFA)

24th May

Last day of Term 5

3rd June

Back to school, Term 6

6th June

Outdoor Disco, PTFA

7th June

Class Photographs, all year groups

10th June

Start of Phonics Assessment week, Year 1

13th June

Drop In Thursday

14th June

Dad's Day

14th June

Music Festival, 4pm-6pm

21st June

Non-Uniform Day to support Summer Fair - filled jars please

24th-28th June

Healthy Body, Health Mind week



More dates are available on the school website.

Wishing you all a lovely and, hopefully more sunny, weekend!

Miss Terry
Headteacher

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Bring low backed chairs, picnics & warm clothing

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JUNE
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OUTDOOR DISCO & ICE CREAM VAN!

School field | All year groups
Thursday 6 June
3:30 - 5:30pm

Celebrate summer with an outdoor disco on the school field.

Ticket includes a hot dog, ice cream from the van and drinks.

TICKETS COST £3 EACH

WINE AND CHEESE NIGHT

Sat 22nd June @ 7.30pm

Queens Head pub (In the barn and courtyard)

£7 per ticket

(Includes glass of house
wine and cheese)

