



## Newsletter 12 27th April 2018

Welcome back to Term 5 everyone! We hope you all had a lovely Easter Break and are eager to be working with us all this term. Everyone has got off to a really good start and I am excited to see what the children and staff achieve!



This term Year R are learning about the farm. We will be comparing farm and zoo animals and finding out about their similarities and differences. We have also been joined this term by lots of tadpoles and so far the children have loved observing their changes

and learning about their life cycle .



Year 1 have been extremely lucky to be able to go to 'The Secret Garden' at the Ellenor's Hospice. We had an amazing time looking at the different flowers and trees. We also found a special magical fairy garden and some lovely wind chimes to help us with our new term's topic.

We saw a lovely water fountain and we drew some pictures of our favourite flowers. We also did some tree rubbings and enjoyed asking lots of questions about the garden. We got to use Vtech

cameras to take photographs of the different flowers that we found.



Year 2 had a great first week back taking part in activities based on four different Julia Donaldson books. We made stickmen, drew maps, designed clothes and learnt some football skills!



## School Improvement Update

Matt Dickson, our Local Authority advisor, visited us on March 23rd. He was very impressed with our reception children, how confident they are, helpful, engaging and focused. He loved joining in with their outdoor 'Discover and Do' and even ventured into the Forest School with them. He is looking forward to seeing how the Reception team enhance the indoor 'Discover and Do' to encourage the children to explore and experiment as they do outside.

Mr Dickson also met with our year group and maths leaders and was impressed with their knowledge and impact of leading the school forward. Well done everyone—a really positive visit.

On Thursday 19th April we warmly welcomed colleagues from, Ashford, Canterbury and Broadstairs who are working with us on our Journey to Outstanding project. They toured the school, visited and engaged with classroom practice and were blown away by our Foundation Stage outside practice, our standards in Key Stage 1 and our handwriting across the school.

Well done everyone for the focused work and support you put into making this happen for our children.

Updates on the Questionnaire feedback:

- In line with GDPR practice we have updated our app and website and removed the gallery pages. All photos are now filtered under year group pages.
- We look forward to seeing you all on the 8th May for the changed reading afternoon.

## Community news



Congratulations to Harley for receiving a sportsmanship rugby trophy for playing well and listening. A tremendous achievement!

We love hearing about your achievements outside of school. If you would like us to celebrate them on our newsletter, please let us know. We can't wait to celebrate with you.

## Day to Day

- On the 25th May 2018 the new GDPR regulations will be coming into force. We have already put on to our website our Privacy notice on how we use your child's information. The information we collect from you is a legal statutory requirement governed by the DFE. However if we need to use your child's information for any other purpose we will always ask permission from you. It is imperative that any letters asking for permission are signed and returned to the school. We are unable to use your child's information unless we have your prior permission. Thank you for helping us comply with the new GDPR regulations. Further information regarding the new GDPR is available at Information Commissioner Officers (ICO) website.

- Principals are celebrating the Royal Wedding on Thursday 17th May with a delicious menu for the children—more information to follow next week.



- We are going to be celebrating the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle on Friday 18th May. It will be a day of celebration including a tea party. Further information regarding this will be coming home soon.



- We are still finding contact numbers have been changed without us knowing. It really is crucial for the wellbeing of your children that we have a current number to contact you on please as well as an alternative if you are unavailable. Please inform the office team with any changes. Many thanks for your support with this matter.





## Diary Dates

Date	Event
7th May	Bank Holiday Monday—no school
8th May	Reading afternoon 2.45pm (Please note change of date to support working parents as requested on Parent Questionnaire feedback)
14th May	SATs week for Junior children—we wish them all the best. They will be fab!
15th May	Full Governing Body meeting
17th May	DFE—Statutory Census
25th May	End of Term 5
4th June	Start of Term 6—children return to school
5th June	Class Photos
6th June	Class 7 & 8—Year 1 Trip to Bodiam Castle
7th June	Class 5 & 6—Year 1 Trip to Bodiam Castle
21st June	Reading Afternoon 2.45pm
26th & 27th June	New Reception Parent Evenings

Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks:



**Week beginning : 23/03**  
Attendance: Class 2—98.33%  
Walk on Wednesday: Class 7  
Disney Points: Simba  
Buster Book Club: 8

**Week beginning: 16/04**  
Attendance: Class 2—99%  
Walk on Wednesday: 7  
Disney Points: Simba  
Buster Book Club: 8

**Attendance**  
**Whole School attendance:** 94.96%  
Whole school target: 97%

Year R: 94.07%  
Year 1: 95.15%  
Year 2: 95.65%

Sadly with unauthorised holidays still being taken alongside the illnesses the children have suffered, our attendance is at an all time low of 94.96%. I am positive with the message of no holidays in term time you will support the importance of your child's education and attendance at school. 5 days lost means 25 hours of quality curriculum input lost and 10 days lost means 50 hours of quality curriculum input lost.

Thank you to all those people who continue to support our attendance policy and strive with us to achieve 97%+ attendance.