

## Head Talk

What a lovely bank holiday weekend we have all had. It was great to have the hot weather and I do hope you all made the most of the time off. Over the next week our Year 6 children will be taking the National Assessments (SATs) in Reading, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. The children and staff have worked very hard to prepare for the exams and I am sure you will join me in wishing everyone the best of luck. On Friday next week we will be celebrating the up and coming Royal Wedding. Children and staff are encouraged to wear something Red, White, and/or Blue for the day. The kitchen team will be cooking a special menu for the day too. And don't forget we have Van Cols photographers in on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## Support for PE

Key Stage 2 (Junior) children walk to Abbey Field for PE lessons on either a Monday or Friday each week over the Summer Term and the first half of the Autumn Term. As we walk along some very busy roads we rely on parental support to chaperone the children. We have a wonderful body of volunteer parents at the moment, but we are often in need of a few extra. If you feel you have spare time on a Monday or Friday from 1.30pm—3.10pm to help walk the children, please could you contact the school office team and provide your availability. Thank you.

## Scooters and Bicycles

Can I please remind all children and parents that scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden on the school grounds. This is to ensure the safety of all people on the site.

## Sunny Weather (at last!)

In line with the schools policy of being a sun safe school, can I please remind parents to allow their children to come in to school with a small amount of good quality sunscreen and a hat. We have now managed to put some extra shade on the

infant playground, but it is always better to be protected against the UV rays.

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

Some of you may be aware of the changes taking place around your personal data is handled and processed by organisations. The school is caught under these new demands and as such is working very hard to make the changes required by law. This means that you may receive 'privacy notices' and information on how we process your or your child's data. If you would like to see further information on this, please visit the school website and click the Data Protection Link.

## Red, White & Blue Day

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May pupils are welcome to come to school dressed in red, white and blue clothing to celebrate the Royal Wedding on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## Year 1—Victorian Day

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May the company History Off the Page came into the school to work with Year One children who are learning about the Victorians. The Junior Hall was set up with the different "rooms" which would have been in a big house in Victorian times. The children visited the different "rooms" and took part in the activities that would have been carried out there, for example, washing in the laundry, sewing and taking tea in the library, preparing food and menus in the kitchen. The children learned a lot about what it would have been like to have been a servant or member of the family in a big house. In the afternoon the children performed musical hall acts such as singing, being a comedian, mind reading, the strong man. The children all behaved well and learned a lot about the Victorian music hall. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day and was a great addition to our Victorian topic. A big thank you to all parents/carers who provided such wonderful

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costumes and to all those parents/carers who came to help on the day.

## Year 4—Anglo Saxon Day

On Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, Year 4 were transported back in time for their Anglo Saxon Day led by the fierce Anglo-Saxon, Wulfrick. The day began with a short talk exploring how the Saxons changed the culture of post-roman Britain and learning about the etiquette and hierarchy of a feast in the Lord's Hall. After break, we played an Anglo-Saxon board game called Tafl (also known as Fox and Geese) and took part in an Anglo-Saxon quiz. The afternoon was also jam-packed with activities, we heard a retelling of the Beowulf legend and found out about the Battle of Hastings. Finally we examined some Anglo-Saxon weaponry and learned about how archaeologists make sense of the information they find in the ground. It was an interesting and inspiring day which really brought the Saxon period to life.

## PSA - Summer Fayre

The PSA are pleased to announce that this year's Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2.00-5.00pm. Please put this date in your diaries and look out for ways in which you can help with the preparations. We have some exciting new ideas in the pipeline so watch this space!

## Year 5 Production of Macbeth

Year 5's play will be on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. It will start at 2pm with the gates opening at 1.50pm.

## PSA—Break the rules day

Thank you very much to everyone who took part in Break the rules day. An amazing amount of £848.40 was raised.

## Office Closure

Please note the school office will be shut on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 9.15am to 11am for the end of year

assembly.

## Colchester Royal Grammar School Summer School

Please find attached information on a summer school being run by Colchester Royal Grammar School.

## Pupil News

Congratulations to Tabitha Parker, Zoe James, Isla Smith & Toby Barriball (2SMR) for winning the Under 8s triangular competition with Colchester & Maldon Hockey Club, over the Season 2017-18.

Tabitha Parker was awarded Under 8 Girls League Player and Zoe James was awarded Under 8 Girls Best Improved Player.

## Calendar Dates

### Summer Term 2018

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> —Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Year 6—SATS Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Red, White & Blue Day
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Class Photos
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Year 5 Production of Macbeth 2.00—3.15pm
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May —Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2018	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 6—World War 2 Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Year 6—World War 2 Tea Party
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Celebration Evening 6-8pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	KS1—Sports Day at the Garrison Athletic Track
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	KS2—Sports Day at the Garrison Athletic Track
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Rainbow Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Sunshine Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Wednesday 4th July 2018	Parents Forum
Saturday 7th July 2018	PSA—Summer Fayre 2-5pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 1.30 pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Year 6 Production at 7.00 pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2018	Last Day of Term

### Email Information

If contacting the school via email please use the [parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk](mailto:parents@hamilton.essex.sch.uk) address.