

### Newsletter - Friday 20th June

#### **HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE**

As I write this to you, I feel very much in the Yellow Zone. My energy is slightly elevated and I sit here typing with excitement. That's because it's the time of year when our transition plans start in earnest. It always feels like a very busy but exciting time in school. I spoke to all the team this week about which classes they would be working with next year and we will be telling the children on Wednesday next week their new class teams. At the same time, we will also be writing to parents to let them know the same information. Transition is something that we take incredibly seriously as a school. We aim for it to be as smooth as possible so that pupils feel confident and settled moving into the summer holidays.

It has felt very strange this week without Year 6 in school as they are enjoying their residential trip. They have certainly had beautiful weather for it! In their absence it has been lovely to see Year 5 step up to be role models in assembly by showing the Stocks Green Way whilst sitting on the benches and modelling fantastic behaviours for younger pupils.

Our work on the Passport of Possibilities has continued in earnest over the last few weeks with some fantastic opportunities offered to different class including two fantastic assemblies from the RNLI and Wateraid, the Year 5 children learning about First Aid, multiple Sports sessions run by the Sports Partnership as well as a whole variety of trips and events coming up. I look forward to sharing some images of these in this newsletter and the next!

#### **PARENT SURVEY RESULTS**

I sat down with the governors last week to go through the results of the Parent Survey. I know that they have written separately with the actions that we have agreed. I just wanted to express my immense gratitude for your continued support of the school. It was lovely to see so much positive feedback about all we do and we will continue to look at the areas identified as ways to improvements our offer to you.

With this in mind, I wanted to write to say that our new school website will be up and live by the end of June. We hope that this will offer a greatly improved user experience and enhance how we communicate with parents. Some features, we will not be utilising until September, such as the 'latest news' section. This will be area that will be updated weekly with exciting things that have been happening in classes and around the school with beautiful pictures. Last year, we surveyed parents about the school creating a social media presence. However, the majority of parents were not in favour of this and wanted the website to be better utilised for this. We hope that this change will address these concerns whilst also giving parents more of a window into the school.

In the new year, we will also be looking to offer parents opportunities to join us in school more regularly for workshops and lessons, with your child, to learn more about how we teach elements of our curriculum, such as reading and maths. We hope that these will help support parents as they look to follow on the learning from school at home.



#### YEAR I PLANTING

An update from Miss Dargie:

Mrs Fish came to Year One and arranged many activities about plants, in preparation for our visit to Romshed Farm. She talked to us about our visit and we did four activities. We planted broad beans and sunflower seeds. We classified plants into those that we eat the root, stem or leaves and finally we studied seeds and did observational drawings of them. The broad beans have now grown shoots and we will take them to plant at the farm next week.

Mrs Fish also gave us some vegetable plants that we have planted in our school vegetable plot.











YEAR 1 PLANTING AND PLAYING











**OPAL LUNCHTIMES** 





**RNLI ASSEMBLY** 





#### **MENTAL HEALTH DAY**

Before half term, we held a Mental Health Day. During the day, the children took part in a range of activities and workshops aimed at helping children to be able to understand their emotions, learn to regulate and how to promote positive mental health.

On the same day, our amazing PTA also organsied a fantastic fun raising event - the colour run. The children all thoroughly enjoyed taking part and it raised a huge amount of money for the school. Thank you all for your generosity.













#### **MUSIC EVENING**

Our incredible music lead, Ms. Wiltshire, organised a musical feast at the recent Music Evening. Over a third of the school ended up performing either individually, as part of a class or as a duet. The evening was filled with stand out musical performances and incredible talent. Performing is a thread that runs throughout our Passport of Possibilities and watching the children perform so confidently brought joy to everyone watching. The ovation nearly took the roof off. A huge 'thank you' to Ms. Wiltshire for the incredible amount of work she puts into the music at the school.











#### THIS WEEK COURTESY OF YEAR 5

#### PREFECT REPORT

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In maths, reception were learning how to share equally. They were also learning about summer. Every week they learn a different sound. This week, they were learning the OR sound.

Y1

In Year 1 they planted broad beans and watched them grow. They also learnt about the Hindu festival of Ganesh; which they liked.

Y2

In Year two, they were learning how to make maps in geography and writing their own version of the book 'The ordinary boy. Their reading book at the moment is Flat Stanley.

**Y3** 

In history, Year 3 were learning about Ancient Egyptians and they were making and painting death masks. In science, they were learning about the two types of skeletons (exoskeletons and endoskeletons).

Y4

In maths, they were learning about angles and shapes they also wrote an ode poem in English. In P.E., they played their first proper game of cricket and they were learning about jobs and careers.

Y5

In history, Year 5 were learning about Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They were mostly learning about their beliefs, architecture and culture. In French, they were learning how to order food and drinks in French.





YEAR 5 FIRST AID TRAINING



## UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY

Please remember that the full, and constantly updated list of dates, is on the school website under 'News and Events' - 'Yearly Planner'. It can also be accessed at

https://www.canva.com/design/DAFM81PhRVw/8Vz WtjH8GL43QK9p2eK6uA/view



23/6/25 - TASTE FOR SPORT WORKSHOPS YEARS 4 & 5



24/6/25 - SPORTS DAY PRACTISE



25/6/25 - SPORTS DAY



26/6/25 - YEAR 2 TRIP TO GATTON PARK



26/6/25 - YEAR 5 TRIP TO HERTMONCEAUX



27/6/25 - YEAR 1 TRIP TO ROMSHED FARM



27/6/25 - YEAR 3 TRIP TO MAIDSTONE MUSEUM



3/7/25 - MOVING UP MORNING



15/7/25 - REPORTS OUT TO PARENTS



16/7/25 - CHARITY FUND RAISING EVENT



17/7/25 - OPAL PICNIC AND OPEN AFTERNOON



21/7/25 - YEAR 6 CYCLE CHARITY DAY



22/7/25 - END OF TERM 6

#### **SUPERSTAR CORNER**

Well done to all our hardworking superstars from the last two weeks.

The Values Cup goes to a child who has shown our school values during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

13/6/25: Jaxon D - Year 4 20/6/25: - Jake P - Year 3

The Values Cup for Sport goes to a child who has shown our school values during a sporting events, such as PE or a tournament, during the week. This term we are focusing on the value of respect.

<u>Values Cup for Sport Winners:</u>

13/6/25: William W - Year 5 20/6/25: Eleanor K- Year 1



Well done to Serik (Y4) who took part in Delancey UK schools Chess Challenge in Sussex in May and achieved 3rd place in the age group under 9. He also passed the Institute of Chess level 3 exam with distinction.



### SUPERSTAR CORNER CONTINUED



Well done to 'Aspiring Lioness and tough tackler' Emilia W (Y4) was recently awarded the captain's armband for her all-girls football team!'



Well done to Teddy (Y1) who recently won both a gold medal and gold cup at a judo competition and also won the sponsors medal for outstanding effort in a competition.





