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Friday 12th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The two long bank holiday weekends have certainly made the last two weeks pass quicker than ever at school. The Coronation certainly provided a lot for the children to see and learn about both at school and home. Chartwells provided a wonderful Coronation lunch last Friday, which was certainly enjoyed by all those who ordered. There has been great engagement in learning about the facts and marking this moment in history. Thank you to Friends who funded some commemorative coins – we hope your children keep these safe as a keepsake of this event.

As we rapidly approach the end of the term it has been a wonderful time to see the confidence of the children in school and their dedication to their learning. As you will know the Year 6 children have been sitting their end of Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs) and have all worked so hard, showing the best they can be. The children showed great resilience and confidence and said that the assessments were okay, some also said they were 'quite fun'. Well done to you all, we are very proud of your hard work. Year 2 are also working through their end of Key Stage 1 assessments (SATs), again the children have enjoyed the quizzes and have been really confident using their knowledge. Well done.

Alongside the academics it has been nice to see the traditional focus of the Maypole and folk dances being learnt on the playground. The staff and children now know many traditional dances and this week we were fortunate in working with Sean and Dave from the local folk dance group who have taught Hazel and Oak class a version of 'The Shepherds Hey' – we look forward to showing you on the afternoon of Friday 26th May and will hopefully encourage a little audience participation!



Young at Heart: As you will know we have a fabulous community link with Young at Heart. Last week the year 1 children visited with Mrs Andrews and Mrs Darville. This was a very special visit because Young at Heart turned 5 on Monday 8th May. This is such a wonderful link within the community and for our children to be part of bringing generations together and making memories for all.



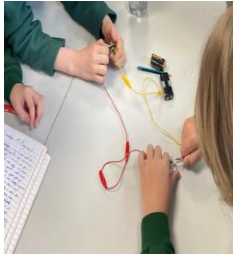
RNLI: We continually strive to engage with different organisations who provide help and support to us in our everyday lives. Last week we hosted an assembly delivered by 2 lifeguards from the RNLI who spoke about how to stay safe and how to help in case of an emergency. This was a wonderful assembly with some role play and question and answer sessions with the whole school.

Tennis: On Wednesday 10th May, we went to a Tennis Festival at Heathfield Leisure Centre. It was so much fun. 8 of us from Oak Class learned 10 different skills and we came 5th out of 10 teams. One game was called Coconut Smash, you had to throw a tennis ball at some balls on a cone and knock them off. In another game you had to move a ball from a cone to another cone, and you got a point when it landed on the cone. It was great fun. Report written by Charlotte and Ethan





Chartwells: Chartwells are running a competition to support World Bee Day on Saturday 20th May, in partnership with the Bumblebee Conservation Trust (BBCT). We have today sent out a competition form with each child. This is an optional competition and the children are asked to design a poster sharing their ideas on how we can help bumblebees. All entries must be received by 9.15am on Friday 19th May. There will be one winner who will receive a badge and a t-shirt. We look forward to receiving the entries.

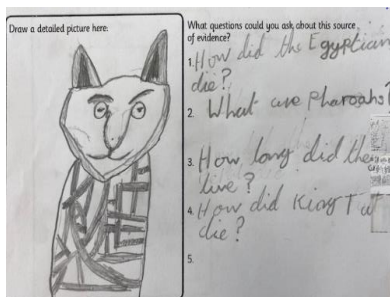
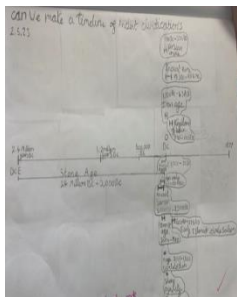


Oak class: Oak class are having an electrifying time!

Oak class Science learning this term is electricity. We have looked at what uses and needs electricity and this week we made a basic circuit. We then had to decide whether the symbols that we were shown would make a working circuit or not and give good reasons for our answers.



We have also been learning about Ancient civilisations and Ancient Egypt. We found out about lots of different Ancient civilisations and then had to put them in chronological order as well as put them on a time line. This took a lot of thought! Oak class then looked at different real Ancient Egyptian artefacts and thought what they might be. We hope to have an Ancient Egypt day soon (date to be confirmed for Term 6!).



We have also been working on learning about shapes and angles. Year 3's can turn in different amounts and Year 4 can now correctly use the terms, acute and obtuse angles.

| Class attendance | Beech | Hazel | Oak | Elm |
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| Week 3 | 93.7% | 92.8% | 95.4% | 92.3% |
| Week 4 | 94% | 92.8% | 95.3% | 92.2% |

At the end of week 2 our school attendance is 93.6%, our target is 96%.

Out of school achievements:

It is so wonderful to hear about the success of our pupils outside of school. Well done to the following children:

Congratulations to Neve who has finished in 3rd place during her first solo Street dance competition at the South Downs Dance Festival. Well done!

Congratulations to Grace who competed in a Horse Show, riding a horse called Boss, who stands at 19 hands high! Grace finished 2nd in the Young Riders competition – well done!

Congratulations are also sent to Rose who performed in her first solo at The Stag Theatre, Sevenoaks and finished in second place. Also for working hard in the group dance and finishing in second place. Well done!

Henry B entered a story writing competition. He used his playtimes to write his story and then finished it, typed it up after making up the ending at home. Well done Henry, we are so pleased that you are enjoying writing stories so much! He said "I did not know how to end it. But then thought I could end it so the villain lost but could come back and I can write another chapter!" Great work and we look forward to reading chapter 2!

Star of the week: Each week the adults and children reflect in their classes and choose a member of the class to receive the 'Star of the week' certificate. I am pleased to share that in...



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Weeks 3 & 4:

Beech: Charlie
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Hazel: Emily & Della
Hazel: Aria

Oak: Joey.
Oak: Ethan

Elm: Damla
Elm: Poppy C

Thank you for being the best you can be!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
C. Kinsella

All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics.

Yellow highlight shows new additions/ changes from the previous newsletter.

| Term and Week | Date | Event |
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| T5 W5 | Thursday 18 th May | Census day |
| T5 W6 | Wednesday 24 th May | Y3/4 Tri-Golf at Beacon – details to follow |
| T5 W6 | Friday 26 th May | Maypole afternoon – parents/ carers to attend from 1.30pm – 3.00pm – further details to follow |
| T5 W6 | Friday 26th May | Last day of term |
| Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June Half term | | |
| T6 W1 | Monday 5th June | First day of term |
| T6 W1 – W6 | Dates TBC | Y2 and Y3 outdoor learning – letter to follow |
| T6 W1 – W3 | Monday 5 th – Friday 23 rd June | Y4 Multiplication check |
| T6 W1 | Tuesday 6 th June | Y6 Bikeability |
| T6 W1 | Friday 9 th June | EY to visit Young at Heart |
| T6 W2 | Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June | Y1 Phonics screening check |
| T6 W2 | Monday 12th June | Y6 Safety in action event – details to follow |
| T6 W2 | Wednesday 14 th June | Friends Father's Day gift shop – details to follow |
| T6 W2 | Friday 16th June | Oak and Elm visit to Wilderness Woods |
| T6 W3 | Tuesday 20 th June | Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm |
| T6 W3 | Wednesday 21 st June | New EYFS (for September) Parent/ Carers evening |
| T6 W4 | Wednesday 28th June | Beech and Hazel visit to Battle Abbey – details to follow |
| T6 W4 | Tuesday 28 th June | Reserve Sports Day – EY/Y1/Y2 am and Y3/Y4/ Y5/ Y6 pm |
| T6 W4 | Thursday 29 th June | Y6 to HCC for transition day Whole school transition day in readiness for September 2023 |
| T6 W5 | Wednesday 5 th July | Y4/5/6 Swimming gala – details to follow |
| T6 W5 | Thursday 6th July | Y3 Federation Day at Punnett's Town (details to follow) Y6 Federation Day at Dallington (details to follow) |
| T6 W6 | Tuesday 11th July | Y6 & 5 to visit Young at Heart |



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| | | Y1 Federation Day at Dallington (details to follow) Y2 Federation Day at Punnetts Town (details to follow) |
| T6 W6 | Wednesday 12 th July | Y5/6 End of year production at the Village Hall |
| T6 W6 | Saturday 15 th July | Friends Summer Fete – details to follow |
| T6 W7 | Tuesday 18 th July | Y4 Federation Day at Dallington (details to follow) Y5 Federation Day at Punnetts Town (details to follow) |
| T6 W7 | Wednesday 19 th July | Punnetts Towns Got Talent – child to share a talent to the school |
| T6 W7 | Friday 21st July | Last day of term |
| Monday 24th July – Thursday 31st August Summer Holiday | | |
| Friday 1st September – INSET | | |
| Monday 4th September – Children to return to school | | |