



Issue 17

Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful end to the term! Thank you so much for all of the parents and carers who joined us yesterday afternoon for our annual celebration of dance through traditional folk and Maypole dances. We hope you enjoyed the children's hard work and thank you for your participation. The videos and photos will be posted onto Google Classroom, but there are a few technological problems preventing this currently, please bear with us. As always this is a beautifully timed event to mark the end of term 5, providing a week's half term break.



Well done to all of the children and staff for another exceptionally busy and successful term.



SATs: WELL DONE YEAR 6! Year 6 showed great resilience, confidence, and knowledge in completing their Y6 SATs. They were so sensible and shared that the assessments 'weren't bad' at the end of the week. Please know all of the staff are very proud of you all, well done 'for being the best you can be'.



Support: Thank you to the parents who attended the Y4 Multiplication Check session last week. The Y4 children will complete this assessment during the first two weeks of term 6, so please keep practicing times tables during the half term. In addition the Year 1 pupils will complete their Phonics Screening again, on our return in term 6. Please continue to support your child using Phonics Shed to reinforce their Phonics knowledge and early reading.

Thank you to all of the parent drivers who have been helping with transport to the various activities and events we have been able to send pupils too. We know the impact this has on your already busy lives, but also know the positive impact and enrichment this has on your child's development as a young person. This is certainly extending opportunities and keeping costs to a minimum, thank you.



Tennis: On Wednesday 8th May, the Y3/4 tennis team went to Cross in Hand Tennis Club for an afternoon of tennis with Mrs Curquejo and other teams from the local Heathfield Schools. The children enjoyed developing their tennis skills and playing some games in the sunshine. I am delighted to share that the children finished in 3rd position (out of 8). Huge congratulations to the team!



Young at Heart: Half of the Reception class visited Young at Heart on Friday 10th May. This was their first official offsite visit in their first year of school and as you can imagine they were very excited about their visit. They enjoyed reading with the residents, then planting seeds and playing bingo!



Hazel class: Hazel Class have had a very busy term! Everyone has been enthusiastically practising the Shepherd's Hey country dance and the Barbers Pole Maypole dance ready for their public performance yesterday. With only a slight hitch with the music, they succeeded in producing a wonderful performance for their families. Well done on being so determined Hazel Class!

At the beginning of the week, Hazel Class were very lucky to go on a daytrip to Hastings Old Town. The wonderfully sunny day commenced with a talk at the Life Boat Station, followed by an opportunity to have a look at the Life Boat. Next, they went to the Hastings Aquarium. Everyone loved hearing about the rescued puffer fish and enjoyed walking through the underwater tunnel, where sharks and stingrays lurked in the darkness waiting to make them jump! Matthew said he especially enjoyed meeting a chameleon in the Reptile House, "the chameleon walked up to us and waved, and we all waved back!" A quick stop for lunch was followed by a beach break, with attempts made to throw stones into the sea. The final part of the trip was to the Fisherman's Museum, where the class all

clambered into a large, wooden boat in the centre of the museum. The children learned some maritime terminology – 'port', 'starboard', 'bow', 'stern', 'mast' and 'deck'. Do ask your child if they can remember what they all mean!



Hazel Class have also been putting their Art lessons into practice by creating beautiful collages with the RE related theme of 'St. Richards Miracles'. Their fabulous artwork will be entered into the St. Richards Festival Art competition, in Heathfield.



Lost Property: We have an increasing array of school items gathering now the warm weather is here and jumpers come off in school. PLEASE name these items, it is very difficult when names have been washed out, thank you.

Attendance: Please see our attendance table below showing percentage data for the last two weeks. Our overall school percentage is 95%. Please keep your holidays to during the school holidays. I can now share that we will **start the new school year on Wednesday 3rd September 2024**; Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September are INSET days.

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week 5	96%	93%	100%	90%	93%	84%	95%	98%
Week 6	92%	91%	85%	95%	89%	93%	79%	95%

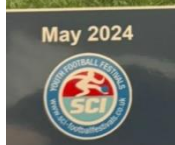


Achievements out of school:

Huge congratulations to Rhys who competed at Hickstead with his horse. He finished 2nd in the Countryside Challenge and 4th in the Dressage. This has resulted in him qualifying for the National Championship in July where he will travel to Hartpury to represent his team! Wow this is sensational news, well done Rhys!



Huge congratulations to George who played with All Stars Eastbourne in a tournament last weekend. The team played 5 games, 4 of which they won and 1 they drew. George and his team then WON the final! This is great news, well done. The trophy was then presented by John Hartson; a former football player for Celtic and Arsenal.



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:

Week 5:

Little Punnetts: Sonny Beech: Amelie Hazel: Wilf Oak: Elle Elm: All Y5 & Y6

Week 6:

Little Punnetts: Violet Beech: Isaac Hazel: Teddy S Oak: Annabelle Elm: Jake

Thank you to everyone for being the best you can be!



Thank you to all who have so far purchased tickets for our Summer Pop up Circus, if you haven't purchased yet, please do so and if any of your friends or relatives also want to come along they are more than welcome!

Wishing you a wonderful half term break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 3rd June.

Kind regards,

C. Kinsella



PTCP&NS Newsletter



All dates are subject to change – more details will follow regarding specifics. **Yellow highlight** will show new additions from the previous newsletter.

Term & Week	Date	Event
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May – HALF TERM		
T6 W1	Monday 3 rd June	First day of term
T6 W1	Tuesday 4 th June	Young at Heart Visit (Reception)
T6 W1	Wednesday 5 th June	Y5/6 Federation Day at Dallington – details to follow
T6 W1	Thursday 6 th June	5.00 – 6.00pm New Reception parents meeting
T6 W1	Friday 7 th June	Y6 Bikeability
T6 W1	Monday 3 rd June – Friday 14 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check
T6 W2	Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th June	Y1 Phonic Screening
T6 W2	Wednesday 12 th June	Reception class outing to Wilderness Wood
T6 W2	Thursday 13 th June	Y5/6 Cuckoo trail art workshop at school
T6 W2	Thursday 13th June at 3pm	Open afternoon from 3pm
T6 W3	Monday 17th June at 3pm	
T6 W2	Friday 14 th June	Father's Day Shop
T6 W3	Tuesday 18 th June	HASP Y5/6 Olympics Day
T6 W3	Tuesday 18 th June Thursday 20 th June	Parent Consultations for Y1-Y6 – times to follow
T6 W3	Saturday 22 nd June	Friends Summer Circus – please join us!
T6 W4	Monday 24 th June	Chartwells food workshop day for all classes
T6 W4	Thursday 27 th June	Y6 taster day at HCC/Whole school change around day
T6 W4	Friday 28 th June	Sports Day
T6 W5	Friday 5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
T6 W6	W/C Monday 8 th July	Early Years reports sent to parents
T6 W6	Thursday 11 th July	Y5/6 Production – details to follow
T6 W7	Wednesday 17 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly and Y6 sleepover – details to follow
T6 W7	Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
T6 W8	Monday 22 nd & Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET (closed to all pupils)
Monday 22nd July – SUMMER HOLIDAYS		
T1 W1	Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September	INSET
T1 W1	Wednesday 4th September	First day of term for all pupils