

Newsletter No:7 – June 2017

Creativity, Independence and Respect

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our last half term, with the lovely warm weather we are experiencing, we can enjoy the end of term activities - school trips, Summer Fair, Year 6 Gulbenkian production of Beauty & The Beast, Laze on the Lawn, Sports day and Swimming Gala. During this term there is an increasing air of change and expectancy. Year 6 prepare for their transfer to secondary school and new children prepare to join us in Year 3. We see all the children increasing in their maturity, confidence, independence and creativity. We look for opportunities and ways to move them forward, preparing them for future opportunities.

June is a time of warmth and sunshine and this month our special value is Creativity! Last week we shared some of our exciting work from Arts week and this week we are focused on the key creative aspect of scientific learning, with some amazing science experiments, involving rockets, balloons, electricity, dyes and heat sensors.

This week children that have shown our core values of care, consideration and courtesy have taken part in a special “duck tour” of famous London sights.

I was fortunate enough to attend a National Leaders in Education conference last week with a variety of well known figures from the media and sport talking about what qualities leaders show. Among these speakers was James Kerr who wrote a well-known book called Legacy, which talks about what the All Blacks rugby team from New Zealand can bring to us. Here James Kerr talks about how The All Blacks concept of humility is a crucial aspect in how they conduct themselves. It is well worth looking at on “you tube” and will be something we will be sharing with our children in the next few weeks.

The election will certainly bring interesting times with probably many new agendas at the educational table. We hope that the promised financial budget cuts of up to 20% over the next five years, will not have an impact on the opportunities we provide. We will, I expect, be living in interesting times.

We look forward to welcoming all our parents and families at our Summer events.

Yours faithfully

Mr S. Pywell

Executive Headteacher

Reminders

Please could you ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day, a hat and apply sun cream in the morning should it be necessary. PE Kits also need to be in school every day, there are still a number of children who are coming into school and not being able to join in PE because they have no kit. At this time of year we try to make the most of the good weather and use our outside space, which is hugely beneficial to the children.

Kent Test Applications – Current Year 5

Please note that you are now able to register your child for the Kent Test on the Kent County Council website, the closing date is Monday 3rd July. If you do not have access to a computer and you would like to complete a paper copy, please come to the School Office.

Schools Race for Life

We had a wonderful afternoon on the school field last Friday in aid of Schools Race for Life. If your child has a sponsorship form please could they return it to school with their money by Monday 19th June. We would like to thank everyone for their support.

School Production

This year's Year 6 production of "Beauty and the Beast" will be on Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June at The Gulbenkian Theatre. Ticket prices are £5.00 for adults, £4.00 for Senior Citizens and £3.00 for children (under 18). Tickets are on sale at the School Office or with Mrs Roberts.

Summer Fair

Please note there has been a change of date for the Summer Fair, this will now be taking place on Friday 14th July. We will be having a Non-Uniform day on Monday 10th July for tombola prizes to be donated.

Trip Reminders

If your child is taking part in the Kingswood or PGL trips, payments need to be finalised. Also, if you would like your child to take part in the Italian Ski Trip in January next year, the confirmation slip and second instalment need to be sent into school by the end of term on Friday 21st July.

Pantomime

A letter is coming out next week concerning our annual trip to the Pantomime. The places are given on a first come first served basis, so if your child wants to go, please return the slip and money as soon as possible. Please remember if you have a child coming up in September to book for them as well as your Junior school child.

Laze on the Lawn

We are once again holding this popular musical event on Friday 14th July. Keep the date in your diary and more details will follow shortly!

Breakfast Club/After School Club

If your child already attends either the Breakfast or After School Club, new registration forms will be coming out to you next week for you to re-enrol your child for September. **Please note that these do need to be completed and returned to Ruth Gough as soon as possible to ensure your child has a place in September as places are limited.** Also, if you don't need your child to have a place in September please could you let us know so we can allocate your place to another child. If you have never used either our Breakfast Club or After School Club and need a place for September, you can come and collect forms from Ruth Gough. There will be an end of term Summer Party on Thursday 20th July (3.00pm – 5.00pm) for children who attend either Breakfast or After School Club. After School Club will therefore finish at 5.00pm on that day and we would ask your child is picked up by that time **(there is no 6.00pm pick up that day)**. **Please note there is Breakfast Club on the last day of school (Friday 21st July) but NO After School Club.**

TERM DATES 2017

Friday 16 th June	Apple Class Assembly
Friday 23 rd June	Beech Class Assembly
Tuesday 27 th June	Year 4 Broadstairs Trip
Wednesday 28 th June	Picnic Day (Dress Rehearsal at The Gulbenkian) (letter to follow)
Thursday 29 th June	Year 6 Production at The Gulbenkian
Friday 30 th June	Year 6 Production at The Gulbenkian
Thursday 6 th July	Year 3 Wingham Trip (letter to follow)
Friday 7 th July	Kent County Show Trip (no more spaces)
Monday 10 th July	Non-Uniform Day – Tombola Prize donation
Monday 10 th July – Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 Kidzania Trips to London
Monday 10 th July	New Parent's Evening (for new Year 3 Parents in September)
Friday 14 th July	Summer Fair (change of date)
Friday 14 th July	Laze on the Lawn – Music Concert (more details to follow)
Tuesday 18 th July	Sports Day (more details to follow) (am/pm)
Wednesday 19 th July	Upper School Swimming Gala (am)
Friday 21 st July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (more details to follow)
Friday 21st July	Last day of Term 6
Monday 4th September	First day of Term 1