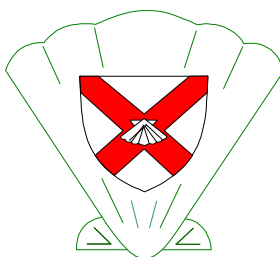


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A message from the Head of School

We've made it! Today is the last day of the Spring Term and we are all looking forward to the Easter Holidays. As predicted this has been a very busy term with lots of fabulous learning and exciting things going on in school. Last week you would have received your child's report and we have already received some lovely feedback about how much the children are enjoying school.

A huge thank you to the PTA for running egg-citing (sorry!) activities for the children this week. They have all had great fun hunting for eggs around the school and were even tricked into doing some hard maths working out the winners! We appreciate all the hard work that goes in to organising these events as well as the financial support that the school receives.

The infants ended their term on a high with Easter Day yesterday. The children took part in fun-filled activities including rescuing jelly bears, making slime and throwing eggs (narrowly missing Mrs King on a couple of occasions) to help them understand the Easter story and why it is important to Christians. Thank you to Mrs King for co-ordinating the day and to all the teachers, teaching assistants and parent helpers who helped to make the day such a success.

Next term, the juniors are starting their new topic with a whole school outing to Wellington Rocks and other interesting parts of Tunbridge Wells. Fingers crossed for good weather for them all!

I wish you all a peaceful Easter Holiday and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Debbie Johnson
Head of School



Sports News

Our netball teams have enjoyed further success in the Tunbridge Wells Tournament. The B team finished top in their group and narrowly lost to St John's in the semi-final. The A team won all their games and played superbly, comfortably winning the final against St John's. They will now play against Staplehurst in a play-off for the School Games finals.

Our football teams have had mixed results - the girls' team unfortunately losing 2-1 to St John's, and the A and B team both securing 1-1 draws against them. The A team also suffered defeat to Paddock Wood.

Yesterday, the Year 5/6 hockey teams played in their tournament at Tonbridge School. The A team won their group, and the B team finished second meaning they faced each other in the quarter final. The B team came out on top and won their semi-final against Speldhurst to progress to the final. In an extremely tense game, Claremont scored the only goal of the game meaning we lost 1-0. We were all so proud of our players who represented the school expertly as always.

There are lots of events coming up in the summer for every year group including athletics, cricket, handball and dodgeball. Please look out for emails with details of the relevant clubs that will be starting.

Easter Service for the children

The Easter service has been moved and will now be on Tuesday 23rd April at 11.00am. As we have a combined celebration with the Infants it will be for the children only.

Whole School Outing to Wellington Rocks

On Wednesday 24th April the whole school will be going on a school trip to Tunbridge Wells' town centre and The Common (including a picnic at Wellington Rocks). **A snack and a picnic lunch will be required.**

We will need at least 3 parent helpers for each class. Please contact class teachers if you are available to help on the trip.

Year 6 Trip to Yalding for Safety in Action – Wednesday 1st May

Safety in Action raises awareness of possible dangers faced at home, at school and in social situations and is overseen by the police, fire fighters and other safety services.

Parent helpers are needed for this so please contact your child's teacher if you are free. . **Please complete the acknowledgement of this trip on Parentmail 'Forms' so that your child can attend.**

Snacks

Just a reminder that, if your child brings a snack into school, it should be fresh fruit or vegetables. We have seen a lot of cereal bars, crisps and even some sweets! Obviously, if your child has special dietary requirements, this can be accommodated – please speak to your class teacher.

Charity Donations

The Junior School has been busy raising money for 2 charities in March. Thank you for all your efforts and donations:-

- The World Book Day, 7th March, raised £138.80. This has been donated to Book Aid International to help their valuable work providing books for school children in Africa.
- Red Nose Day (Comic Relief), 15th March, raised £359.12 from sale of 200 red noses and donations for wearing something red on the day.

Dates for your diary – Please note new dates or changes in bold

23/04/2019	First day of term 5
23/04/2019	Easter Service at St. James' Church at 11am – children only
24/04/2019	Whole school trip to Wellington Rocks –Parent Helpers needed
01/05/2019	Year 6 Safety in action day at Yalding – Parent Helpers needed
01/05/2019	PTA meeting in Infant Community Room at 8pm – Parents encouraged to come along!
06/05/2019	May Bank Holiday
w/c 13/05/2019	Yr 6 SATS Week – Monday to Thursday
w/c 13/05/2019	Yr 5 CATS Week – Monday to Wednesday
15/05/2019	Year 5 transition to Secondary School talk at 7.00pm
24/05/2019	Last day of term 5
01/06/2019	11+ Registration opens
03/06/2019	Staff development day - Children not in school
04/06/2019	First day of term 6
05/06/2019	Isle of Wight talk to parents at 7.00pm
07/06/2019	PTA meeting in Infant Community Room at 2pm – Parents encouraged to come along!
11/06/2019	Year 5 consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm
12/06/2019	Class (Not Yr 6) & Team Photographs
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w/c 17/06/2019	Isle of Wight week for Year 6
03/07/2019	Sports Day - Morning Team events – Children only. Afternoon races - Parents invited
03/07/2019	Yr 2 to Yr 3 transition talk at 7.00pm
04/07/2019	Secondary Transition Day - All local secondary schools invite Year 6s to their new schools
04/07/2019	Class changeover – AM only – Pupils have lessons in their new class with their new teacher
06/07/2019	PTA's Summer Fair
09/07/2019	Open Day - 3.30pm to 5pm Come to view your children's work
10/07/2019	Class changeover – PM only – Pupils have lessons in their new class with their new teacher
16/07/2019	Panto to school at 9.00am
17/07/2019	Panto to parents at 2.00pm
17/07/2019	Panto to parents at 7.00pm
18/07/2019	Panto to parents at 7.00pm
22/07/2019	Church Leavers' Service at 2.00pm at St James' Church
23/07/2019	Last day of term 6
02/09/2019	Staff development day
03/09/2019	Staff Development day
04/09/2019	First day of school for children