



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Families,

The last few weeks have flown by and we are already nearly into July. The year six children have worked so hard this term with SATs week and then completion of some fabulous writing; they just haven't stopped! The whole of Badger and Hedgehog classes are now very busy preparing for their production next week, it sounds fantastic and the children are doing so well.

Sports day and open morning were excellent events again – thank you for your support with your attendance and the kind words about the classrooms and teachers. Thanks also to Miss Luddy and Mr C Brown for running and organising the sports day – we really do have some talented children! During the open morning, I delivered a talk about online safety and would like to point you to our website where the presentation and accompanying resources have been placed. There were a select few parents who stayed all afternoon and did some magnificent work around the school in a tidy up and I have to thank them for their hard work and effort – it was hot work!

A small group of year five and six children took their Energy Challenge project to a competition in Dullingham earlier in the month, presented really well and were so effective that they won the area heat and are now taking this presentation to the final. Well done and good luck for next week!

In a similar trait, pupils from Squirrel and Hedgehog classes took their controllable buggies and safari buggies that they had made from scratch to a competition at the Institute of Manufacturing last week and the girls from Squirrel class won 'Best theme'. Well done! Lastly on an engineering /science theme, we had our last visit from the institute of Engineering for the 88 pianists project – 3 of Badger class have had their designs made and they were brought in this afternoon before the world record attempt in Birmingham during August – very exciting!

It has been a busy few weeks sporting event wise too. 10 children from Badger class represented the school at the 'Quad Kids' event where they participated in a number of athletic events. They tried their hardest and their effort and behaviour was exemplary; in some events they excelled. The whole of Hedgehog class attended a similar festival of athletics, 'the Youth Games', and were equally admirable for their efforts and high standards of behaviour.





There are only a few weeks left of the academic year already and still so much going on! We will be having some building work starting next week, unfortunately some of it unplanned. I regret to inform you that over the last few weeks our school site has been illegally trespassed, with intruders climbing the fences to gain access. These fences are now broken and will cause a vast amount of cost to replace. We will begin replacing and repairing the fences next week and hopefully they will not be damaged again. This week there was evidence of a fire in the woods beside the school using items taken from the school site, alcohol labels and lids and cigarette butts left on our school site and one of the football goals has been damaged and a piece removed making it unsafe for our children to use. This is completely unacceptable and we are considering our next steps. If you think you know who might be involved and could inform them of the difficulties their actions have caused it would be appreciated. Alternatively, if you notice anything suspicious when the school is closed then please call 101. These recent spate of events are sad and disappointing. They do not reflect the wonderful community the school is a part of and your help, support and vigilance in keeping our school safe would be greatly appreciated.

We will be having Squirrel class and Fieldmice classes decorated over the summer; we have already had some work completed in Badger and Hedgehog classes with air conditioning units being installed and every class now has a new touch screen. The vast majority of this work has been possible through grants awarded to the school or fundraising with the PTFA. Without these funds the school would be unable to implement such projects so huge thanks must go to the PTFA and those who have been accessing grants. One way of helping the school is attending the summer fair and/or the Piece of Cake 10k tomorrow. It will be a hot one! Please ensure you and your family take precautions with hydration and sun protection but it should be a fantastic day. The 10k race starts at 9.30 and runs from the school, through Little Wilbraham, out into the fields and back again. I ran the route last Friday and can attest that it is a beautiful run. If you live on or near the route please give some cheers to the runners as they go past! The route is on our website.

Ending with some fabulous news, which you probably know already, that Mr Few's wife gave birth to their son last weekend. Our best wishes to the whole family and thanks to Mrs Noble for teaching Squirrel class whilst Mr Few has his paternity leave. We look forward to seeing Mr Few back before the end of term.

Richard Brown

Highest year group attendance to date: Year 2 with 97.74%



Proposed Dates 2018 - 2019

Summer Term 2019

Saturday 29th June—Piece of Cake 10k Run & School Fete

Tuesday 2nd July—Mad Science Assembly

Wednesday 3rd July – KS2 play—9.30am dress rehearsal and 6pm performance

Thursday 4th July—Energy Challenge Final

Thursday 4th July – KS2 Play—6pm performance

Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July—Year 6 to BVC Induction Days

Tuesday 9th July—'Move Up' afternoon

Wednesday 10th July—Introduction to Brass assembly

Wednesday 10th July—last swimming session for KS2

Thursday 11th July—Fulbourn Library launch Summer Reading Challenge in assembly

Friday 12th July – Governor Morning

Monday 22nd July—KS1 trip – Mountfichet Castle & Toy Museum

Monday 22nd July—KS2 trip to the Houses of Parliament

Monday 22nd July—No Nursery Provision available on this date

Monday 22nd—Wednesday 24th July—no after school clubs or Discovery Club this week

Tuesday 23rd July - Leavers Service 2.30pm—Great Wilbraham Church

Wednesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly 9.15am

Wednesday 24th July—School closes

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Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 3rd September—staff training day

Wednesday 4th September—School Opens for Years R—6

Monday 9th September—School Opens for Nursery

Tuesday 10th September—Mad Science Assembly

Monday 23rd September—Mad Science Club starts

Monday 21st—Friday 25th October—half term

Monday 28th October—staff training day

Thursday 7th November—Flu Vaccinations for Years R to 6

Friday 8th November—Individual & Family photos

Monday 2nd December—Pantomime to school—pm

Thursday 19th December—School Closes

Friday 20th December—staff training day

Spring Term 2020

Monday 6th January—staff training day

Tuesday 7th January – School Opens

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February—half term

Monday 16th March—Class Photos

Friday 3rd April—School Closes

Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April—School Opens

Friday 8th May—May Day Holiday

Thursday 21st May—School Closes

Friday 22nd May—staff training day

Monday 25th—Friday 29th May—half term

Monday 1st June—School Opens

Tuesday 21st July—School Closes

School Fete—Saturday 29th June

There will be a tractor to pose on, an ambulance to explore, ponies to ride, a castle to bounce in, wheelbarrows to race, coconuts to dislodge, teachers to drench, gymnastics to watch and many stalls to try your luck at. A barbeque as well as drinks, ice cream and cake stalls will provide sustenance and refreshment.

Please also remember to bring hats and sun cream. It is going to be very hot. We will put up as many gazebos as we can - if you have one to lend then please bring it beforehand.

June is a busy month but please do come along, even if only for a short while. The fete provides almost half of the money raised each year by the PTFA and is our biggest social event. Your support is very much appreciated.

Finally, if possible, please bring coins.

With best wishes,

THE PTFA