



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parent/Carer,

Summer has finally arrived! It has been a glorious couple of days this week after a wet and cold start. I was delighted to be able to accompany Hedgehog class on their educational visit to Harry Potter Studios on Monday. The weather wasn't perfect but we were inside for the vast majority of the day! The children were magnificently well behaved and learnt a great deal. Well done and thanks to the staff who organised and ran the visit, in particular to Miss Luddy and Mrs Crisp.

It was really pleasing to see the learning reflected in Hedgehog Class later in the week when describing Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans – some poor children had dirt flavour; I was lucky to have banana. I was showing Cambridgeshire's Service Director for Education round the school at the time and he commented positively not just about this lesson but the manner of learning and behaviour across the school.

I should also point out our mathematical success last week. Four children from Badger Class attended the Year Five Maths Challenge at Bottisham Primary and competed against 12 other teams from different primary schools. There were large and small schools represented and I am delighted to inform you that the team came second and are in with a good chance of attending the Cambridgeshire final. Well done to the whole team!

Summer Assessments

The Year Six children have been working tirelessly with Mrs Neish to be SATs ready and I have been incredibly impressed with their work ethic and concentration. They are a joy to work with and are ready for the week. I would like to publicly wish them every success and know how hard they have worked.

Year Two are also busy preparing in a slightly different manner for their assessments and the Year One phonics screening check and Reception Early Learning Goals will be reported in the second half of the Summer Term. All the other year groups will have teacher assessments and this will be reflected within the reports which come out in July.

Parking

Thank you for your continued cooperation regarding safe parking. If you need to travel by car and can use the Memorial Hall and walk down it is appreciated.

Parent Forum

The next Parent Forum will be on **Tuesday morning at 8.50am** in the group room. This is a chance for parents to give their opinions on the items on the agenda and help move the school forward together. If you are available and want to participate just turn up on the day. On the agenda this half term we will be covering:

- Attendance policy
- Events during the summer
- School report format
- Roads and parking





Creative Week

This year we have decided to put a few events together into one week. Having the Sports Morning in May is a great idea; it isn't usually too hot and we are combining this with our open morning and picnic lunch which are normally held later in the Summer Term. Parents are invited to come in for a sharing celebration assembly at 9.30, have tea and coffee before going into the classrooms and working with the children. Weather permitting we hope to have a picnic lunch on the field but just like last year in July, we have the hall just in case!

Whole School Trip

In July the whole school will be going on a trip to celebrate the end of the year and with the finish of the World Cup two days before we are having an international football theme. Badger and Hedgehog classes are going to Wembley for some workshops and a tour and Reception to Year Two are going to Cambridge United for a multi skills festival and then a tour. This will take place on 17th July and we will send out more details closer to the time. There will not be any Nursery provision on this date.

Thank you for your continued support, let's hope this good weather stays with us and the children have a fun packed Summer Term.

Richard Brown

Dates for the diary until the next newsletter

7th May – Bank Holiday

WB 8th May – Year 2 SATs start

WB 14th May – Year 6 SATs week

Thursday 17th May—Royal Lunch / Census Day

WB 21st May – Creative week including

22nd May – Sports morning

23rd May – Y6 event at Teversham (letter to follow)

25th May – Open Morning and picnic lunch

25th May – Last day of the half term

Highest year group attendance to date: Year Three 96.57%

Drop In Sessions

Do you have a concern or query about your child, or would you just like someone to talk things over with?

Come along to one of our Parent Drop-ins and chat to the experienced Family Workers.

No need to book - Just turn up.

Tuesdays 1.30—3.00 pm

22nd May

26th June

24th July

There are other drop-ins regularly at Burwell, Bottisham, Fen Ditton, Teversham, Kettlefields, Soham and Isleham - please ask for details.