



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a wonderful week to end our Spring Term. The weather held off long enough for the walk to the Easter service at St John's church; thanks to Steve for leading the service and to any of you who attended and helped walk the children. Today's Spring Concert was magnificent and a great way to celebrate the last day of term. A huge array of talent was on show demonstrating the hard work and commitment to the arts; the children were superb. Massive thanks to Mr Few for organising it and to Tim Brown and the music teachers for attending and working with the children.

Since I last wrote, the children from Badger class took part in a hockey tournament and every child played superbly, well done! Badger class also had their class assembly and demonstrated some brilliant writing and some excellent raps, well done to the children and to Mrs Neish and Ms Chapman for organising the assembly; I hope you enjoyed it. I would like to warmly welcome Miss Bartholomew, a trainee teacher from the Faculty of Education, who will be working with Badger class until mid June. She has already made a great impact on the children and we look forward to working with her.

Over the past two weeks the school has unfortunately been victim to hoax emails. We have not been alone and there have been intensive police investigations which have led to recent arrests. Any incidents like this are reported to police and the County and their advice has been very much valued. I would like to thank you all for your supportive comments during this time.

I would also like to thank those who are parking considerably after the discussions we have had in the past few months. The Memorial Hall is a great place to park for a short space of time and with the Parish Council able to facilitate the repainting of the road markings, it has made a great difference. Thank you for your continuing support with this.

The Quiz and Chips night was a great success and the staff team have finally been toppled from their perch. Well done to The Winners and to all those who came along and enjoyed the evening. The film night was also really successful and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves; thanks to the PTFA for both events, I know they are already incredibly busy organising events for the summer.

I have liaised with parents, staff and governors to set the Professional Development (staff training) days for next year. These are now part of the diary dates included.





One of the key roles we have at school is to monitor attendance. No holidays will be granted as authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances and we aim to achieve at least 96% attendance. This term we have had quite a few absences and although this is down to a series of illnesses, we expect the attendance to be improved next term. Attendance procedures for next academic year are being reviewed and I will be bringing a new attendance policy to the next parent forum to be discussed. Your thoughts on this would be appreciated.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a great Easter break. I am embarking upon my second (and probably final!) marathon in my home town of Brighton on the 14th April raising money for Cancer Research UK so if I am looking a bit tired and jaded on the 15th you will know why! Have a great holiday!

Richard Brown

Highest year group attendance to date: Year One 96.49%

Governors

The Governing Body plans to meet on Wednesday 9th May @ 8am (Budget ratification) and Friday 6th July – Governor morning from 8.45am

Clubs running after Easter

- Monday** **Circus Skills**—please see separate flyer
Code Club—please email SLockwood@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk if you would like your child to attend—open to Badger Class children
- Tuesday** **Athletics**—please book via Agora—12 weeks—£40—Yrs 1-6
- Wednesday** **Hockey** —please book via Agora—12 weeks—£40—Yrs 1-6
- Thursday** **Multi Sports**—please book via Agora—12 weeks—£40—Yrs 1-6

Booking for Circus Skills is direct with the provider. Please note it is cheaper to book Athletics, Hockey & Multi Sports for the block of 12. You can book direct with Mr McGeorge and pay him cash for Hockey & Multi Skills or online via AGORA. Athletics should be booked via AGORA or by emailing SLockwood@greatwilbraham.cambs.sch.uk and sending payment into school.

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 the our Parent Drop-ins and chat to the experienced Family Workers.

No need to book - Just turn up.

Tuesdays 1.30—3.00 pm

24th April

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.



Dates 2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April—School opens

Tuesday 17th April—9.00—KS1 Phonics Check & SATs Parents Meeting

Thursday 19th April—9.00—Year 6 SATs Meeting

Friday 20th April—PTFA Cake Sale after school

Tuesday 24th April—1.30—3.00 pm Locality Drop In

Tuesday 24th April—4 Year 5 pupils to Maths Challenge at Bottisham Primary

Thursday 26th April—National Child Measuring Programme—Yr R & Yr 6

Monday 30th April—Hedgehog Class trip to Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studios—English lesson on Instructional Writing

Monday 7th May – May Day holiday

Tuesday 8th May—Parent Forum 9.00 am

Wednesday 9th May—Governors Meeting 8am

Thursday 10th May—Group of Yr 4 to mini tennis

Monday 14th –Thursday 17th – KS2 SATS

Thursday 17th May—Census Day

Monday 21st—Friday 25th May—'Creative Week'

Tuesday 22nd May—Sports Morning

Tuesday 22nd May—1.30—3.00 pm Locality Drop In

Wednesday 23rd May—Yr 6 to Problem Solving event & BBQ at Teversham School

Friday 25th May—Open Morning & Picnic Lunch

28th May—1st June—Half Term

Monday 4th June – Staff Training day

Tuesday 5th June—Swimming starts for KS2 children

Thursday 7th June—group of Yr 5/6 pupils to Quadkids athletics

Thursday 7th June—New Parents Evening

Week beginning 11th June - Phonics Screening Check Week

Tuesday 12th June—Mr Baker from BVC to visit Yr 6 children

Friday 15th June – Father's Day lunch

Thursday 21st June—Yr 3/4 to Youth Games

Friday 22nd June—Squirrel Class Sharing Assembly and 'Book Look'

Saturday 23rd June—School Fete

Tuesday 26th June—1.30—3.00 pm Locality Drop In

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd July—Yr 6 to BVC

Tuesday 3rd July—'Move Up' Afternoon

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th July—KS2 Play—Treachery at Traitors' Quay—more details nearer the time

Friday 6th July—Governors Morning in school

Friday 6th July—Reports sent home to parents

Tuesday 10th July—last KS2 Swimming

Friday 13th July—Fieldmice Class Sharing Assembly and 'Book Look'

Saturday 14th July—Wilbrahams Flower & Produce Show

Tuesday 17th July—World Cup Day of Trips—no nursery provision

Thursday 19th July—Leavers Service 9.15 am

Tuesday 24th July—1.30—3.00 pm Locality Drop In

Tuesday 24th July—School closes

Dates 2018 - 2019

Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4th September—Staff Training Day

Wednesday 5th Sept—School Opens

Wednesday 3rd October—Hedgehog Class to Ely Cathedral Schools Day

Monday 22nd—Friday 26th October—Half Term

Monday 29th October—Staff Training Day

Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th November—Badger Class to Aylmerton Field Studies Centre

Wednesday 19th December—School closes

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January—Staff Training Days

Monday 7th January—School opens

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd February—Half Term

Monday 25th February—School opens

Friday 5th April—School closes

Monday 8th April—Monday 22nd April—Easter Holidays

Tuesday 23rd April—School opens

Monday 6th May—May Day Holiday

Friday 24th May—School closes

Monday 27th—Friday 31st May—Half Term

Monday 3rd June—School opens

Wednesday 24th July—School closes