

## A Successful Community Learning and Achieving Together

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome Back!

We hope you had a good Easter holiday and a lovely long weekend to celebrate the Royal Wedding. The pupils have come back refreshed and revitalised, ready to work hard during these last two terms of the academic year. We hope they all do well, some of them will be doing end of year tests, and we hope they will enjoy their learning and all the activities we have planned.

Our Calendar of Events is attached for easy reference and lists all the main events giving parents advanced notice. For all important events and activities we will send additional letters and reminders.

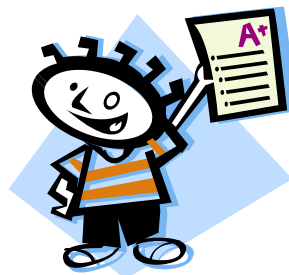


### **Year 2 and Year 6 SATs**

As you know pupils in Years 2 and 6 undertake their Statutory Assessments Tests. Year 2 pupils undertook their SATS in January just before Mrs Vincett left for maternity leave. Teachers have used the results of those tests to diagnose areas of weakness and all pupils will be assessed by teachers in May.

Year 6 will sit tests during the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May. We would like to wish all our pupils well in these crucial tests. These tests help to determine each individual pupil's level of attainment. We want all our pupils to do well in these tests so pupils should not be absent during these periods. Secondary schools consider SATs results very carefully when placing pupils in 'sets'.

We would like to thank all parents / carers for encouraging their children with their homework on a regular basis. This, coupled with regular reading at home goes a long way to helping pupils achieve their best at school.



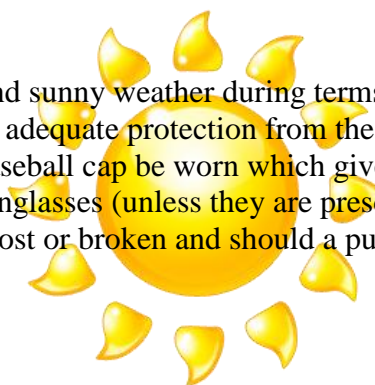
## **After School Clubs**

The following after school clubs will be running this term:

Monday	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Karate Club Miss Rowson and Karate Instructors
	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Yr 5/6 Football Club Mr Bilton
Tuesday	3:30pm – 4:30pm	GFC Football Club Mrs Bragger and Youth Trainer from GFC
Wednesday	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Kwik Cricket Mr Cross
Thursday	No clubs running at present	
Friday	3:30pm – 4:30pm	Dance Club Professional Dance Instructor
Daily	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Chess Club Dr Slade
	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Yr R/1 Breakfast Club
	8:00 am – 8:45 am	Yr 2 – 6 Breakfast Club
	12:30pm – 1:10pm	Oasis Club Mrs Watson, Mrs Cook and Mrs Dunster

## **Sun Protection**

We can expect some warm and sunny weather during terms 5 and 6. Please can you make sure that your child has adequate protection from the sun when they are in the playground. We suggest a baseball cap be worn which gives head and eye protection. However, we do not allow sunglasses (unless they are prescription sunglasses) as these have a tendency to get lost or broken and should a pupil fall on them there could be a nasty accident.



## **School Shoes**

We would like to remind parents that all pupils should be wearing smart school shoes (NOT trainers) in school. Some pupils are coming to school wearing inappropriate footwear: flimsy sandals, heels and slippery soles. Many pupils have to walk up/down stairs daily and these shoes could cause trips and falls.

## **TESCO Vouchers**

We have started collecting TESCO vouchers and would be grateful if you could send them into school. Pupils should bring these into their classes. As in previous years we want to exchange these vouchers for useful equipment for the pupils to use in school.

### Measles Warning

Please find attached a copy of a letter to Parents/Carers from the Health Protection Agency regarding an increase in the number of confirmed cases of measles in Kent.

### Parking on Zig-Zag lines



We would like to say that we have noticed a BIG improvement with safe parking outside the school gates in Napier and Beresford Roads, and in Nelson Road. Our Road Crossing Patrols are able to see more clearly, ensuring the safety of pupils at the beginning and end of the school day. Please remember not to park on the zig-zags, even for a very short while to drop-off / pick up your child(ren) during peak times.

Also, when dropping off / picking up your child(ren) please do not stop your car in the middle of the road as this endangers other road users and pedestrians. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### Mr Gisby

We said Goodbye to and wished Mr Gisby, one of our caretakers, a Happy Retirement at the end of last week. Mr Gisby has worked at the school as a part-time caretaker for five years. We will all miss him, especially all the jobs he used to help with at lunchtimes.

### And Finally...

We are really looking forward to our pupils enjoying their learning and achieving their best over the next two terms. Look out especially for the following: Sponsored Obstacle Races, Sports Days, Year 6 Production, Year Group Trips, SATs for Years 2 and 6 and many, many more events. We particularly look forward to working with you as parents supporting your children.

Yours sincerely

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