

Friday 17th May 2019

Weekly Newsletter

Much better weather this week has seen the children making most of the outside facilities and spending their break and lunchtimes in the Dingly Dell or the Trim Trail. Please do remember to apply sun cream before sending your child to school and that they have an appropriate sun hat with them. Should staff see that a top up is required they will apply Nivea Sun Spray Factor 40 and encourage children to apply it to arms, legs and faces – younger children will be assisted. If you believe your child may be allergic to this product please send in their own sun cream clearly labelled with their name.

This week has been our last Open Week of the year and we have welcomed seven families on visits around the school. The class ambassadors have been outstanding in their discussions with our visitors and make me very proud of our children.

On **Tuesday 14th May** Y1 were able to go on their rearranged trip into Hildenborough and Tonbridge on the bus! They caught the 402 and completed traffic surveys as part of their geography work. They then enjoyed lunch on the lawn at Tonbridge Castle.



Also on Tuesday was our **Disability Awareness Day**. The whole school had an afternoon to reflect what it would be like to be disabled in some way. The assembly, delivered by Mrs Winnifrith was both informative and thought provoking and made us think about how disability can impact lives. Year 3-6 then took part in some activities to fully appreciate what it might be like to be disabled in some way. Activities included a wheelchair obstacle course, designing a wheelchair and composing a risk assessment of the school to identify areas that people with difficulties walking, wheelchairs or blindness might encounter. Y6 have said 'we really enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot, it made us think about everyday difficulties people in a wheelchair might have. We feel we know a lot more about disability'



Wednesday 15th May saw U11/10 boys play a cricket match against Beechwood. This first match of the term for the boys unfortunately ended in defeat. The different playing surface surprised the boys, especially the speed the ball moved once hit. Some promising bowling and good communication when batting were some of the positives to take from the game, but an improvement on our fielding will be of help. An improvement on our fielding is a target for Fosse Bank.



Thursday 16th May started with the whole school taking part in this year's Poetry Recital. The standard of public speaking was much improved this year as most children had worked hard on their poems. There were some outstanding speakers and those children who are naturally shy are to be congratulated on confident performances.



Thursday also saw U9 and U8 boys play a home cricket match against Radnor House. A very close U9 match that came down to the last ball, where Radnor prevailed. Some excellent bowling from Amrit, Fletcher and Charlie, and some solid hitting from Teddy and Jago helped by Christopher and Nathan in the field, led to an exciting match with plenty to look forward to.



The U8s had another close match, with Fosse this time the victors. Man of the match Benjamin took some excellent wickets and scored valuable runs, but was helped by the rest of the team in their first competitive cricket match. The future looks good.

A number of items are live on ParentMail accounts and require your attention:

- **Club** invoices are now live – please note the deadline for payment to be received is **Friday 24th May**. Parents can pay using childcare vouchers but we would ask that you make the office aware so they know to look out for this payment and update ParentMail accordingly.
- **Kidenza Concert** for Y2-5 – **all** children are expected to attend this event. Tickets cost £14.00 and the deadline for payment to be received is the **Monday 20th May** so please address this urgently over the weekend.
- **Y6 Surprise Event** – All will be revealed but Y6 parents please make payment for this by the **Friday 24th May**.
- **May Holiday Club** – invoices have been applied to accounts and as per usual need to be cleared before the club starts by **Wednesday 22nd May**.

Many thanks if you have already actioned these items.

Summer Holiday Club is now available to book via the forms section of ParentMail. Please complete the form if you wish to book sessions. The deadline for requests to be received is **Friday 14th June**. Invoices will be applied to accounts the following week to be settled by no later than **Friday 5th July 2019**. Do book early to avoid disappointment as we are only able to accommodate late requests if the pre-arranged staffing can cover the adult:child ratios required.

Please can we ask that there are no children down in the Dingly Dell at the end of the school day. We have noticed a few younger children down there unsupervised and it is not safe for them. Your help with this would be much appreciated.

Next week Y5 and 6 embark on their residential trip to France! If you have a child in these year groups your designated mobile numbers have been added to a WhatsApp group and photos and updates will be sent out via this means of communication. We wish them a great journey and an exciting week. Y4 will be responsible for the school next week.

Finally, Y3 have the chance to swim at Tonbridge School pool on Monday as Y5 and 6 are away. They will be back at school at 4.20pm. If you would like to collect from the swimming pool please let the School Office know.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates for the future

20 th – 24 th May	Y5/6 French trip	
27 th – 31 st May	Half term (Holiday Club available – Tues-Fri)	
Wednesday 5 th June	Individual music concert	9.00am – 10.00am
Wednesday 5 th June	U11/10 Girls Cricket v Russell House (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 6 th June	U9/8s Girls Cricket v Hilden Grange (Home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 6 th June	U9/8s Boys Cricket v Hilden Oaks (Venue TBC)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
10 th – 14 th June	Inca assessment week (Y2-Yr 6) Timetable to follow	
Wednesday 12 th June	Y2 Homefront trip to Ightham Mote	9.00am – 3.30pm
Wednesday 12 th June	U11/10s Boys Cricket v Radnor (Home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 13 th June	U9/8 Boys Cricket v Hilden Grange (away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 19 th June	Class and Sports Team photos	
Wednesday 19 th June	U11/10s Boys Cricket v Hilden Oaks (Venue TBC)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 20 th June	U9/8s Boys Cricket v The Mead (Away)	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Friday 21 st June	Y2-5 Kidenza Concert	1.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 26 th June	Sports Day	9.30am – 3.00pm
Thursday 27 th June	U9/8 Girls Cricket v Beechwood (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Friday 28 th June	Campover 'Fossetival	
Monday 1 st July	School production dress rehearsal	9.00am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 2 nd July	School production – matinee performance	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd July	School production – evening performance	6.30pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 4 th July	Reserve Sports Day (if other day rained off)	
Wednesday 10 th July	Sports Assembly	1.20pm – 2.20pm
Wednesday 10 th July	Inter-house Cricket Y3-6	2.20pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 10 th July	School Disco (Reception-Yr6)	4.00pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 11 th July	Prize-giving	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 12 th July	Leavers assembly (Y6 parents invited)	9.00am – 10.00am
Friday 12 th July	End of Summer Term	
Friday 1 st November	Fosse Association – Disco and Treasure Hunt	
Saturday 24 th November	Fosse Association – Christmas Market	

