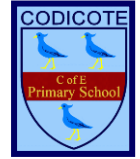


Newsletter



Newsletter 15

22nd April, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been a pleasure to see everyone back in school and to hear the news of the things the children have been doing over Easter. Even in two weeks, they seem to have grown! We have lots of things planned for the summer term, and have the May Day Assembly coming up on Wednesday 3rd May, where the Maypole, Country and Sword Dancing teams will be performing. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. We also plan on inviting families to Class Assemblies this term, so I will add the dates to the next newsletter, to give you time to plan. I hope the sun continues to shine, and that you have a great weekend.



Thank you!

Thank you so much for your incredible support for the Oriana Orphanage in Boryslaw, Ukraine. We received a very moving letter from the Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain, thanking you from the bottom of their hearts for your kindness and support. Within the letter was this wonderful message from the director of the orphanage, *'All is well here, and for two days now we have not felt anxious. We received your gifts yesterday, I never imagined there would be so much; we have enough food/products for six months and medicines for a year! The notes and parcels for the children, which brought tears to my eyes, will be given to them at our Easter and I will send you photos. Our sincere thanks to you all for your help'*.

I have read the whole letter to the children in assembly. We are expecting to welcome some children from Ukraine into our school. You may have noticed our tree of friendship, covered in ribbons with messages of friendship, love and peace written by the children. I will keep you updated.



PTFA

Coin Collection

We will be collecting coppers and any loose change in each classroom, so if you have any cluttering up the house, car, sofa or your pockets, we would love to have them! The class who raises the most money (total divided by the number of children in the class) will be the winners!

Other PTFA events this term:

- 13th May: Children's film Night – 6-8 p.m.
- 25th June: Summer do! Live music & barbecue 6.30 – 10 p.m.
- 29th June: Big breakfast & Sponsored Walk 8.30 – 10 a.m.

Welcome to Reception



Reception 2022

This week, places for Reception, September 2022 were allocated. Due to the high number of children in the village, we will be having two Reception classes next year, each with a teacher, as with the current Year 3 and 5 classes. As you will be aware, we do not have any spare classrooms currently, so to accommodate the children, we have purchased another class set of chrome books, and will be converting the IT suite into a classroom. When the new classrooms are built, ready for September 2023, we will then make a decision whether to convert the room back to an IT suite again.

I am really appreciative of the support, positive attitude and flexibility of staff and Governors, who have made this possible. Further details regarding staffing arrangements for all classes will be sent out later in the term.



Wicker Baskets

If anyone has wicker baskets which are no longer needed, The Reception children would love to have them!



Day	8.30	Lunchtime	3.15 – 4.15
Monday	Fitness Club: Years 2-4	Country & Maypole Dancing: Years 4-6	Rounders: Years 5 & 6
Tuesday	Multi Sports*: KS2	Ultimate Frisbee: Years 5 & 6 Board Games: Years 1 & 2 12.30: Tennis* Year 1	
Wednesday		Sword Dancing: Years 3-6	Athletics: Years 4-6
Thursday		Basketball Club: Years 5 & 6 12.30: Tennis* Years 2 & 3	Music: Years 4-6 – <i>starting on Thursday 12th May</i> Scenery & Props Club: Years 2-6 <i>Starting after half term</i>
Friday	Multi Sports*: KS2	Choir	Dance Club: Children performing in the Stevenage Dance Festival

there is a small charge for the clubs marked with a as they are run by external providers. All other clubs are free.



HAPPY EARTH DAY!

Today is 'Earth Day'.

Earth Day was first held in America in 1970. It was started to encourage people around the world to think and learn about what we can do to look after our planet. The theme for Earth Day 2022 is 'Invest in our Planet'.

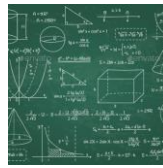
In school these are just some of the things we do to help look after and invest in our planet: We pick up litter, we plant trees and flowers, we recycle, we turn off lights, we re-use resources whenever we can and try not to work with single use plastics.

What types of things do you do at home to help look after that planet? We can all help make a difference no matter how small the action. Turning off that tap. Picking up that crisp packet. Re-using those takeaway containers.

'You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and what kind of difference you want to make'. Jane Goodall.

Kate Grainger and The Eco-Team

A GIANT thank you to all who donated cakes for our Eco team and Year Two / Three Cake Sale yesterday. It was a huge success and we will let you know the total and what will happen to the proceeds in the next newsletter.



Year 5 Maths Team

Congratulations to our fantastic Maths Team – Oliver, Mia, Izaac and Noah M who reached the Finals. Although they didn't win, they gave it their all, and represented the school showing great team work in solving some very tricky questions. Thank you to Mrs Abrahams for leading on this competition.



School Expansion

A number of people have asked us how the school will be organised when the building work is completed. These are our plans:

- The current Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes will be the Foundation Stage classrooms, accommodating two Reception classes and the Nursery. If there is sufficient demand in the future, we will consider the possibility of having a morning and afternoon nursery session, with the potential to offer 30 hours to families who would like it.
- The current Year 2 and Year 4 classrooms will be for Year 1, and the current Year 5 classrooms will be for Year 2.

- The fiction library will remain where it is.
- The Year 6 classroom will be converted to an activity room for dance and floor work in gymnastics, and will also be used, along with the 326 room, to provide wrap around care.

In the new building, will be two classrooms each for Years 3 to 6, with a central space for the non-fiction library, group work and reading areas and an office space. There will be toilets, including an accessible toilet, in the building. Each classroom door will open directly to an outdoor area.

All children will use the current dining room and hall. The current mobile will be dismantled and additional parking will be provided for all staff to park on site.



Other News

Term dates for the summer are shown below. At the end of the newsletter is a poster advertising the Codicote Local History Society day, which takes place tomorrow. Please also find attached details for idance classes which take place in the village.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. Please remember I am always happy to discuss any issues with you.

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER

Summer Term 2022

Date	Time	Event	People involved
27.4.22	All Day	Year 4 Pedestrian Road Safety Skills	Children & Staff
27.4.22	10 - 11.30 am	KS1 inclusive Festival	Selected group
28.4.22	3.45 p.m.	Year 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey	Team
2.5.22	All Day	Bank Holiday	Everyone
3.5.22	9.30 a.m.	May Day Assembly	
4.5.22	7 p.m.	Governors' Meeting	Governors
5.5.22	12.30 p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Staff & Parent volunteers
6.5.22	12.30 p.m.	Maypole Dancing – Living Crafts	Children, Staff & Parent volunteers
9 - 12.5.22	All Day	SATS week	
13.5.22	6-8 p.m.	Children's film night	Children & PTFA
17.5.22	All Day	Year 6 to Harry Potter World	Y6, Staff & Parent volunteers
19.5.22	3-5 p.m.	Year 6 Ultimate Frisbee	Children & Staff
25.5.22	9.15 a.m.	KS2 inclusive Festival	Children & Staff
25.5.22	All Day	Year 6 to Stanborough Lakes	Y6, Staff & Parent volunteers

Date	Time	Event	People involved
26.5.22	All Day	Jubilee Celebration Day	Children & Staff
30.5.22 – 3.6.22 Half Term			
6.6.22	All Day	Year 1 phonics screening check week.	Children & Staff
6.6.22	All Day	Year 4 Tables check – 3 week window opens	Children & Staff
6.6.22 – 8.6.22	All Day	Year 5 to Green Park	Year 5, Mrs Gloyn, Mrs Mesher, Mrs Mason, Mel & Mrs Pollard
8.6.22	3-5 p.m.	Year 4 rounders competition	Team
10.6.22	All Day	INSET day	Staff
13.6.22 – 17.6.22	All Day	Isle of Wight	Year 6, Mr Browne, Mrs Abrahams & Mel
15.6.22	10 a.m.	Year 5 Cricket Tournament	Children & Staff
21.6.22	7 p.m.	Governors' Meeting	Governors
25.6.22	6.30 – late!	Summer Do!	Everyone
28.6.22	p.m.	Image Musical Theatre	Children & Staff
28.6.22	2.30 p.m.	Netball Tournament	Children & Staff
29.6.22	8.30 – 10.00	PTFA Big Breakfast & Sponsored Walk	Children, Parents, Staff & PTFA
29.6.22	3.45 – 5.45	Year 4 Tri Golf	Team
30.6.22	All Day	Rural Schools Athletics	Children & Staff
1.7.22	All Day	Occasional Day – school closed	Everyone
5.7.22	2-5 p.m.	Rounders Competition Years 5 & 6	Children & Staff
7.7.22	All day for dancers	Dance Festival	Dancers, staff & Children
13.7.22	a.m.	Music Club Dress Rehearsal	Children & Staff
14.7.22	All Day	Moving up day for Year 6 & rest of school	Children & Staff
14.7.22	7 p.m.	Music Club Performance	Children, Staff and Parents
15.7.22	7 p.m.	Music Club Performance	Children, Staff and Parents
16.7.22	From 12.30	Village Day	Everyone!
19.7.22	All Day	Festival of Fun and Education	Children, Staff & parent volunteers
20.7.22	9.30 a.m.	Sports Day – Years N - 2	Children, Staff and Parents
20.7.22	1.30 p.m.	Sports Day – Years 3-6	Children, Staff and Parents
21.7.22	10.00 a.m.	Leavers' Service	Children, Staff & Year 6 Parents
21.7.22	1.15 p.m.	Courtyard Farewell to Year 6	Children, Staff and Parents
21.7.22	1.45 p.m.	Term Ends	Everyone
22.7.22	All Day	INSET Day	Staff



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History Day 23rd April 2022

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