

Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed this week of sunshine – particularly the Year 6 children, who have been having a fabulous time on the Isle of Wight. We are all looking forward to hearing about their adventures, when they come back today. The Reception children also enjoyed a day in the sunshine, with their trip to Standalone Farm on Monday. We had lovely feedback regarding their excellent behaviour, and how sensible and polite they were. This afternoon, we have an unexpected opportunity to welcome a theatre group for a performance of *The Wizard of Oz* – I am sure the children will let you know all about it when they get home!



Sensory Garden



The sensory garden has now been installed – it is beautiful and a fantastic place for the children to play, sit and chat. Mr Martin and Mrs Martin (Senior) are already planning the plant scheme – we cannot wait until we have vines growing over the pergola! We are very grateful to the PTFA for funding this project, and to everyone who has supported events and enabled us to raise



the funds needed. Thank you too, to School Council, for their ideas and input, and for choosing the designs.



Athletics

On Tuesday, a team of children from Year 2 to Year 5 took part in the Rural Schools Athletics Competition and came away as winners! As the Year 6 children were on their residential trip, the Year 5 children stepped up a year and raced in their place. We were absolutely delighted with their attitude, determination and support of each other – the older children took particular care to tell me how well the younger ones had done. We are very grateful to all of the parents who helped us with transport and to Miss Doran (athletics coach) and Mrs Brown for leading the team!



Lost Property

We have an amazing selection of Lost Property (kept by the door doors near 326), which we regularly sort through. Any named items are returned to their owners; the remainder will go on display over the next few weeks, so that parents can take any items which belong to their children.



Gates

Although our school gates have now been re-furbished and are operational again, unfortunately, at some point the power for the key pad – which enables drivers to contact the office - was cut, so we now have to wait for this to be re-connected. In the meantime, we are trying to keep an eagle eye from the offices to open the gates remotely for visitors!



Summer Do!

Tickets are available for the Summer Do!, at which takes place on Saturday 29th June, from 6.30 p.m. until late! The price of £7 for children and £15 for adults includes the barbecue and entertainment. Tickets can be purchased via School Gateway, or with cash in the school office. If you have already purchased tickets, these will be sent home next week in your child's bag. Children from Dance Club and Musical Performance Club will be performing at approximately 8.00 p.m. Details to follow.

This is a brilliant event and a great opportunity to join up with others, or come along with friends and family.



Changes to Attendance laws

I know a number of people are already thinking about holiday plans for next year. As I have previously mentioned, new laws regarding unauthorised absences will be in place from September. These are as follows:

- A fine can be issued when a child has an unauthorised absence of 5 days or more.
- Fines are £80 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days. The amount increased to £160 is paid between 22 and 28 days. If still not paid, it is referred to court.
- If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within 3 years, the fine increases to £160 per child, per parent, if paid within 21 days. After this, a parenting order or prosecution is considered. Prosecution can result in a £2,500 fine.
- All money goes directly to the local authority to pay for the attendance improvement system.
- There is no right of appeal.

Term time holidays cannot be authorised. If you are considering taking your child out of school during term time, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this; I would not wish anyone to incur a fine (or worse) unwittingly.



Open Evening

We hope you can come along to our open evening on Tuesday 9th July from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.. This is an opportunity for your child to take you round the school – visiting their current classroom and looking round the rest of the school. This year, there will be catwalk performance of the Year 6 Hats in the atrium in the new building at 5.30 p.m – they are amazing!



Lateness

School starts at 8.50a.m., and the children are busy from the time they arrive – most days, there is a lesson before assembly starts, on key skills such as spelling or phonics for reading. We appreciate that there will be times when lateness is unavoidable, but being punctual each day really does have a positive impact on every child's learning. If you face particular challenges in arriving on time, please do contact us and we can work with you to help.



Café church 7th July

Thank you very much to everyone who has let us know that their child will be able to sing at Café Church on 7th July. We really need some more people, so if your child is able to take part, we would love to have them with us. Children do not need to belong to choir and can be from any year group.



Village Day – 20th July Reminder

We are busy organising things for the parade and the dancers for Maypole and Country Dancing for Village Day. Thank you to everyone who has messaged us so far – if your child is able to be involved in the parade or dancing, please let us know by returning the slip at the foot of the newsletter, or by [messaging school](#) by Monday 1st July? Thank you again.

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

Yours sincerely,

Liz Pollard
HEADTEACHER



Community News



Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

We now have spaces in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, for Boys and girls.

- Beavers meet on a Tuesday 6:15-7:15pm for ages 6 to 8 year olds
- Cubs meet on a Monday 6:30 - 8pm for ages 8-10 1/2 year olds
- Scouts Meet on a Thursday 7:30 - 9pm for 10 1/2 - 14 year olds

Please email 1stcodicotebeavers@gmail.com if you would like your son or daughter (or both) to join the movement.



Sunday 23rd June: Family Fun Run

As part of the Triathlon for Defending William Against Duchenne, there will be a family fun run at the John Clements Sports and Social Club. Come along for 10am to register – the run should start at 11am.

For further information, please contact Vikki Francis via the information on the poster.

Village day Parade and Dancing

My child:

Class:

Would like to take part in the parade:

(Years 4-6) Will be taking part in Maypole/Country dancing:

Signed:

Date: