

Message from the Principal

It's great to hear in this newsletter that the PTA are busy planning their summer fair, this is a big undertaking and volunteers to help out will definitely be most welcome.

On a similar note we would really welcome volunteers into school to help out in a variety of ways. As we have mentioned previously, our two library areas require organising then regular maintenance and many children benefit from opportunities to read with an adult. As we try to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum, we would really welcome visitors into school who could share with us aspects of their culture or their skills/expertise in a particular area e.g. art, drama, woodwork, design. If you could spare time to volunteer in any of these ways please contact the school office or Mrs Williams our Family Liaison Officer.

Transition week - w/b 15 July

Children should line up in their new year groups on the playground on Monday 15 July to meet their new class teachers.

We try to make this week a really positive and exciting experience for the children as they meet their new class teacher for the first time. Lots of exciting activities will be planned during the week to enable the children to get to know their teacher and the teacher to learn their abilities, personalities, strengths and difficulties; it is aimed at promoting good relationships with all the adults working in their classrooms.

Not all the new teachers will be able to join us for every day of transition week, due to their current work commitments in other schools, but we will also have a 'stay and share' activity afternoon on **Wednesday 17th July** for parents wishing to come into class to assist and meet any new teachers. Additionally, we will have a whole school picnic afternoon on **Thursday 18th July** with a carousel of activities on the school field.

Classes for next year will be as follows:

Miss. V. Sherress - Year R (Chestnuts Class)
Mrs. C. Cook—Year R (Juniper Class)
Mrs. E. Newton (*nee Featherstone*) Year 1 (Willow Class)
Mrs. S. Borthwick - Year 1 (Rowan Class)
Mrs. R. Payne (*nee Schofield*) - Year 2 (Maples Class)
Miss S. Sandu - Year 2 (Rosewood Class)
Miss A. Boswell - Year 3 (Birch Class)
Miss P. Brylikowska - Year 3 (Palm Class)
Mrs. S. Foxwell - Year 4 (? Class)
Mrs. Z. Mithen - Year 4 (Bonsai Class)

Class Newsletters

These will be delayed until Monday 10 June as teachers are busy planning their lines of enquiry for the IB curriculum for this term with the children this week and these will be explained in class newsletters.

PE Kits - Reminder

As highlighted in the last newsletter, PE in T6 will be on Wednesdays for Years 1 & 3 and on Thursdays for Year 2 with our new Academy PE Co-ordinator Mr. Barnard, so all children should have a PE kit in school!

Several children were unable to take part in PE this week because they did not have a PE kit in school. During Term 6 as the weather is warm, green school shorts and a house colour T shirt is all that is required. Track-suits can be worn in colder weather but should not replace shorts and T shirts. We are looking into sourcing a green COPA tracksuit to avoid an assortment of track suits for the Winter.

No lycra keep fit shorts or leggings are acceptable.

In addition, all piercings must be removed prior to participating in PE. These can either be removed in the morning or by the child if they can remove them independently, prior to PE - or failing that they should be taped with micro-bore sticky tape by the child

School Uniform Second Reminder!

We have a very smart uniform that we are very proud of and visitors often comment on it. Therefore, all children should be wearing the correct school uniform, all the time!

Ties and collared shirts or blouses **with ties** or summer dresses for the girls. No polo shirts should be worn. White or grey socks - no coloured socks or hairbands, these should be white, black, red or green. Elasticated ties, clip on ties and tie yourself ties are now available from the school office or check LOST PROPERTY.

Green slips will be issued to children wearing incorrect uniform to give them the opportunity to wear the correct uniform the next day.

If anyone is experiencing difficulty obtaining the correct school uniform, please contact the office.

Better Points Competition

Ebbsfleet Garden City are running a BetterPoints competition where the 1,000th user wins £100 worth of Eurostar vouchers for them and a friend.

More information can be found here:

admin.betterpoints.uk/page/win--100-eurostar-vouchers-for-you-and-a-friend



DEADLINE:
1ST JULY

Dogs Trust Assembly

A reminder that the Dogs Trust will be in school to deliver an Assembly and in class talks to the children on Monday 10th June.

Preloved Scooters & Toys

Please donate any unwanted or outgrown scooters and outdoor toys to the ASP for use during outside play. We only have a few and these are proving very popular during the warmer weather.

WIN £100 IN EUROSTAR VOUCHERS

We are extremely excited that we are very close to reaching 1,000 users in the Get Active in Ebbsfleet programme. To celebrate this we want to give away a very special prize to that person and you can also benefit for showing them some BetterPoints love.

The 1,000th user will receive £100 in Eurostar vouchers and if they were referred by an existing BetterPoints user then they will get £100 in Eurostar vouchers too.

Find out more at: <https://admin.betterpoints.uk/page/win--100-eurostar-vouchers-for-you-and-a-friend>

The challenge will run throughout June and the winners will be announced on 9th July.

PTA Summer Fair

We are delighted the new PTA will be running a Summer Fair immediately after school on **Friday 12 July**. There will be bouncy castles, photo booths, eateries and a bar as well as many stalls and activities. Anyone wishing to help should contact the Chair of the PTA - Louise Pullen or one of the other committee members who will be pleased to hear from you.

In addition, on the **21 June**, the PTA will be fund raising with various activities taking place on the school field alongside the picnic to raise much needed funds to help with set up costs for the Summer Fair. Come along and have a Pimms!

The Academy will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 21 June; please could children bring either a bottle or raffle prize such as chocolates or smellies or just a donation of £1 - all proceeds will go to the PTA!

Please support them with their efforts!

Lunchtime Girls Football Club

To coincide with the start of the Women's Football World Cup, Dartford Football Club are offering a free lunchtime club for girls for five weeks commencing **Monday 10th June** from 12:30 until 1pm. There are places for 16 girls from Years 1, 2 & 3, so please make sure your child has a PE Kit and trainers in school on Monday if they wish to take part. An early lunch before the club will be organised so the children are not exercising on a full stomach. Please arrange for refillable water bottles to be in school.

Weekly School Council Slot

Weekly consultations with the newly informed School Council Class Representatives continue to take place; they in turn have been speaking with their classmates.

This week we have been busy planning and resourcing our planned 'Quiet Outdoor Classroom Area'. If there are any parents with power tools and carpentry skills - we would be very grateful to have your assistance in building an outdoor stage decking and seating area. In addition we hope to have several large planters which will require assembling, which will form the base for the green living screen around the quiet area, which you can already see beginning to form outside on the patio area.

If there are any Dads who might be able to lend a hand, please contact Mr. Turner to arrange! Thanks in advance!

Reminders and dates for your diary 2019

- ◆ **Dog Trust Visit & Assembly:** Monday 10 June
- ◆ **Art & Culture Week:** w/b 10 June
- ◆ **Own Clothes Day** - Friday 21 July - 'Bring a bottle for the Summer Fair or £1 donation to PTA'
- ◆ **Celebration Picnic:** Friday 21 June from 3:15pm. Parents Invited to attend
- ◆ **Year R Hearing & Vision Checks:** Monday 24 & Tuesday 25 June
- ◆ **Sports Day:** Friday 5 July (AM for EYFS) (PM for KS1/2) Reserve Day 12.07.19
- ◆ **Year R to 1 Parents Talk** - Thursday 11 July @ 9:00 am
- ◆ **Y3 Shorne Woods Forest School Trip:** Thursday 11 July
- ◆ **PTA Summer Fair** - Friday 12 July @ 3.15pm
- ◆ **Whole School Transition Week:** w/b 15 - 19 July
- ◆ **'Stay & Share Wednesday'** - Wednesday 17 July
- ◆ **Whole School Picnic afternoon** - Thursday 18 July
- ◆ **Return to current classes:** 22 - 24 July
- ◆ **T6 Golden Afternoon** - Monday 22 July
- ◆ **END OF TERM 6:** 24 July

