

Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone involved in the Scottish Ceilidh which was held in school last weekend. Not only was it very well attended, but you also managed to raise just over £1,000 for the PAT fundraising account! This was a tremendous effort and I am very grateful to all the organizers for their hard work. Mrs Askew will shortly be including a write-up and some photographs on the school website.

My thanks to all the dads and their junior children who attended the Quiz Night last Friday. Great fun was had by all!

Well done to everyone who participated in the 'Walk to School' week, including those parents who helped out as 'leaders' at the various meeting points. The children all received certificates and a book mark in assembly, and the winning class (Year 1) also received some Oakwood stationery.

I would also like to thank the dads (and supporters) who came along to the football match on Saturday. For over 4 years, since the start of the fixtures against Oliver House, Oakwood dads have won every game. Saturday's match was the closest yet, however our dads scored two goals in the second half to win 2-1. Well done!



A reminder for parents to return the data collection forms given out with the last newsletter.

Mrs Candia, Miss Newbould and myself are looking forward to accompanying the Year 6 children from both Oakwood and Oliver House on their 4-day Residential Trip to Marchant's Hill which begins on **Friday 28 May**. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to try out different activities as well as developing their teamwork and interpersonal skills.

Finally, please note that on **Friday 9 July**, we will be breaking up at 12.30pm. As a summer school begins the following day, teachers will require the afternoon to tidy up their classrooms and to make the necessary preparations.

OAKWOOD IN BLOOM

A reminder about the Oakwood in Bloom competition which takes place on **Monday 7 June** for children from Reception upwards. We are once again looking forward to some fantastic entries!

WARMER WEATHER

After the half-term, it will no longer be necessary for children to wear their blazers and berets/caps into school. Whilst the children will have access to water at breaktimes, those parents who wish to provide individual water bottles can bring these into school daily. However please note that children will have access to these bottles at the teacher's discretion and at planned intervals. May I remind parents that should they wish their children to wear sunscreen, they should put it on in the morning before they come into school. The junior children might also like to bring a bottle of suncream into school for when they travel to Warlingham sports grounds on PE days. A reminder that sun hats (available from Lester Bowden) are also recommended.

SCHOOL VISITS

From **Monday 7 – Friday 11 June**, the Year 6 children will once again be participating in the Whitgift Project Week, and they will be involved in a wide variety of activities.

Year 3 will be visiting the Imperial War Museum on **Tuesday 8 June** to learn more about their History topic 'World War II'.

SPORTS NEWS

The Year 5 children will be playing cricket & rounders matches at home against Warlingham Park on **Wednesday 9 June at 2.30pm**.

The U9 cricket & rounders teams will play against Warlingham Park on **Monday 14 June at 2.30pm** (away).

SCIENCE WEEK

This week the Year 6 children have led hands-on science investigations in all classes from Years 1 – 5. This has proved to be a rich learning opportunity for everyone. Class teachers have been thoroughly impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication shown by Year 6 – congratulations children!



LOWER JUNIOR PRODUCTION

The Lower Junior Production '*Peace Child*' involving all Year 3 & 4 children will be performed on **Wednesday 23 June at 2.15pm** and **Friday 25 June at 7.30pm**. More details to follow.

NURSERY NEWS....

A Nursery Open Morning will be held on **Monday 21 June from 10am – 12 noon**, where prospective parents will be invited to come and have a look at the nursery classes in action.

There is a Reception transfer meeting on **Tuesday 22 June at 7.30pm**, for all parents whose Upper Nursery children are moving into Reception in September. This is a good opportunity for parents to start preparing their children for the big 'move' into the main school.

The Nursery Sports Day will be held at school on **Tuesday 29 June at 10am**. More details to follow, but please put this date in your diaries now!

CLASS ASSEMBLY

A reminder that the Year 1 class assembly will be held on **Friday 28 May at 8.50am**. Parents welcome.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

National Family Week (**31 May – 6 June**) aims to highlight the important role families play in society and encourage healthy active lifestyles and quality family time. Now in its second year, National Family Week is the largest coalition on family issues and is backed by all major political parties and a huge range of national charities, community groups and sporting associations. Our very own Blackwell family was one of four finalists in the Family of the Year competition!

Over 5,000 events will take place during National Family Week plus giveaways, competitions and activity ideas to encourage families to spend quality time together. Why not visit their website to see how you can get involved (www.nationalfamilyweek.co.uk).

Merit Badge

Merit Badges for the past 2 weeks have been awarded to:



Reception M: Anastasia Osman & Maeve O'Shea

Reception P: Holly-Heather Cook & Sabrina Schifano

Year 1: Alex MacDonell & Nicholas Burrough

Year 2: Liam Adamson & Thomas Leonard

Year 3: Angus Mawer & Caitlin Osman

Year 4: Peter Tully & Niam Mell

Year 5: Dominic Alting von Geusau & Kate Phillips

Year 6: Alisha Marsh & Xavi Teague

CONGRATULATIONS CHILDREN!

SAVE THE DATES

FRIDAY 28 MAY

Year 1 class assembly – 8.50am

Year 6 leave for Residential Trip (returning Mon 31/5)

School closes for half-term (one week) – 3.45pm

MONDAY 7 JUNE

Oakwood in Bloom

Whitgift Project week begins for Year 6 children

TUESDAY 8 JUNE

Year 3 trip to Imperial War Museum

Parent/teacher meetings (5.15 – 8pm)

WEDNESDAY 9 JUNE

Year 5 cricket & rounders vs Warlingham Park – 2.30pm (home)

FRIDAY 11 JUNE

Fr Frank talk for mums – 9am

MONDAY 14 JUNE

U9 cricket & rounders vs Warlingham Park – 2.30pm (away)

TUESDAY 15 JUNE

Evening for dads – 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 16 JUNE

Reception M & P trip to Hever Castle

Speech & Drama LAMDA exams

U11 cricket & rounders vs Collingwood – 2.15pm (home)

Parent/teacher meetings (4.30 – 8pm)

THURSDAY 17 JUNE

Musical concert (Years 2, 3 & 4) – 3pm

FRIDAY 18 JUNE

Reception M & P class assembly – 8.50am

Musical concert (Years 5 & 6) – 3pm

MONDAY 21 JUNE

Nursery Open Morning (10am – 12noon)

U9 cricket & rounders vs Laleham Lea – 2.30pm (home)