

Newsletter

July 2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

Another school year done, and what a fantastic one it was! We have crammed so much into this year and are so proud of the children.

Please have a read of the information below and also check out the class pages on our website for more details about what we have been up to.

Have a wonderful summer & good luck to our leaving Year 6s!

Oak Class

There have been lots of highlights for Oak class this term but one of them was definitely our design technology project - 'Sensational Salads.' The children started by learning about where our food comes from – can you name roots, stems, leaves, flowers and seeds that we eat? Next they explored what a fruit salad is, making and tasting one as a class and everyone learnt how to use a knife to cut safely in three different ways. Finally the children wrote their own recipes and then made their fruit salads. Testing them was much enjoyed! Well done Oak class.

Birch Class

It has been a busy last half term in Birch Class. The main focus has been the class performance of the X Factory. The children have worked really hard to learn their lines, create their costumes, create dance moves and put together a great performance. We have also had children working in the background making props and scenery and putting together a soundtrack. The whole class should feel proud of what they have created.

Year 6 have also been preparing for their transition with a trip to their high school, a visit from a high school teaching assistant and a trip to Crucial Crew. In class, we have been writing superhero stories in Literacy, learning about algebra and decimals in maths, learning about classifying in Science and pilgrimages in RE. Finally, thank you to all of the adults who have worked in Birch Class this year to support the pupils in their learning.

Chestnut Class

It's the end of another term and year in Chestnut. The children have a super year and we are all very proud of them. A huge highlight from this half term in particular has been seeing the children do some fantastic writing all about their own version of a Wallace and Gromit contraption. We have created a book full of their wonderful ideas. Special mention to the year 4s as well for working hard at becoming fluent in their times tables. Well done everyone.

Sports and Teams

The cricket team had a very successful campaign this year. Firstly, they competed in the Gipping Valley finals day and played amazingly to win the tournament. This was a great effort against experienced opposition, the teamwork and support for each other was clearly evident and was the key to their success. The team then went onto the Suffolk Finals. Again, the team faced difficult opposition but performed well to win two games and lose two games. Overall the team finished 9th in the County, a great achievement. Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of the parents who have supported the teams this year by bringing them to events and cheering them on. It has been great to be back at so many competitions this year and we look forward to many more next year.



Ash Class

Ash Class have continued to work hard and have made some super progress this half term. The children have visited Oak class on numerous occasions to familiarise themselves with the classroom and get to know the adults who work there. The highlight of this half term is the beach trip. Everyone is looking forward to it and, at the time of writing, we are keeping our fingers crossed for good weather! Good luck in Oak class everyone. I will miss you all. LF

Mon Sept 4 th	PD Day
Tues Sept 5 th	PD Day
Wed Sept 6 th	Back to school.
Mon Sept 25 th	Teddy Bears Picnic with Barking Pre School
Fri Sept 29 th	School Photos
Mon Oct 23 rd - Fri Oct 27 th	Half Term
Mon Oct 30 th	PD Day
Wed Nov 22 nd	Flu Vaccinations
Wed Dec 20 th	End Of Term
Wed Jan 3 rd	PD Day
Mon Feb 19 th – Fri Feb 23 rd	Half Term
Mon Apr 1 st – Fri Apr 12 th	Easter holidays
Mon May 27 th – Fri May 31 st	Half Term
Fri July 19 th	END OF TERM.

PSA

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PSA this school year, we are always so grateful to those who give up their time and resources to help raise money for our children.

The Summer Fayre was a huge success, raising just under £900 which is fantastic! Please let us know if you have any feedback about the event, we would love to hear it.

We're looking forward to being back in September and to start planning the next events! Have a great summer. FK

Reading at home

Please never underestimate the enormous difference you can make to your child's education and self-esteem by reading with them every day.

Working together as parents and teachers combined, we're helping our children to become confident readers who are ready to access and enjoy and wealth and variety of reading opportunities.

Every half term children who have read with an adult at home 4 times a week or more, receive a certificate. Last term this was the lowest it has been in Chestnut and Year 5 specifically. We would always love to see more certificates handed out, celebrating this achievement!

Leavers

We say goodbye to our Year 6 class, most of whom have been with us since Reception. We are so proud of how far you've come and know you'll continue to excel at High School. We're also saying goodbye to Miss Banthorpe who is leaving to finish off her degree. We will all miss you so much!

Attendance & Lates: 01/09/22 – 18/07/23

Ash	96.63%
Oak	95%
Chestnut	92.94%
Birch	93.91%
Ash	9 lates
Oak	37 lates
Chestnut	24 lates
Birch	13 lates

Remember, the DFE expects all children to attend unless they are too ill to do so.

Year 6 Performance

11th of July Birch Class performed an amazing performance of the X Factory. The show went very well in the morning and night, which were both outstanding. Everyone worked together as a team to help the people who sadly weren't in on that day. It was great how we only had about 1 month to learn lines, actions and songs. This wouldn't have been able to have happened if it wasn't for all the amazing students and of course the amazing teachers and their wonderful help. Really good performance, well done to everyone. P.S Thank you to the prop team, HH and CCB.

Written by Isabelle S, in Year 5

Ash & Oak Beach Trip

Some quotes from Ash Class

"This was my best day ever"

"I loved playing with the sandcastles"

"I liked the ice cream"

"I liked collecting shells"

"I liked going on the coach"

"I liked the whole Day"

"I liked picking up beautiful stones"

"I enjoyed the picnic lunch"

**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

*Wednesday
September 6th*