

# Newsletter

May 2022



## Dear Parents & Carers,

This half term, although shorter than the Spring term, has been absolutely crammed full! Activities, sporting events, as well as all the usual curriculum things too.

It has been so lovely to welcome you all back to celebration assemblies on a Friday Afternoon, we will continue to do these as long as we are able.

Enjoy the Jubilee weekend and half term holiday!

## Oak Class

Such a short term but as usual we have been very busy. In science the children have been observing and tracking the growth of broad bean plants. The class have identified garden and wild plants in the school grounds, started to name and compare trees and label parts of a plant. In geography we have used atlases and maps to locate hot and cold places around the world, noting their relationship to the Equator and Poles. Using the knowledge gained all the children pretended to pack their suitcases and jet off somewhere hot or cold but did they pack the right clothes? Thank you for the great work you have done this half term everyone.

## Ash Class

This term Ash class have enjoyed learning about 'People Who Help Us' and playing in our class fire station. We have continued to work hard at our phonics and are now tackling some of the trickier digraphs. We have also really enjoyed our PE scooter sessions. We love to draw and work in the writing area, but we get through a lot of paper doing this. Mrs Fawkner would like to ask that if anyone has some scrap paper, that we could use for this, could they please let her have it.

## Chestnut Class

This term our history topic is Ancient Greece. We have been reading Greek myths and have had a go at writing our own. We have been looking at the evidence for Greeks and doing lots of research! In Science we enjoyed learning about electricity and making our own electrical circuits.

## Sports and Teams

The year 5/6 tennis team competed in the Gipping Valley tournament. They all played very well and won certificates for perseverance and honesty. Thank you to Miss Crockett for taking the team. The cricket team have their first round match against Bosmere Primary on Thursday and we wish them luck. Next half term we will be entering more events including rounders and athletics. We are aware that many children compete in different sports outside of school and lots of end of season awards are coming up. If your child does win any awards or certificates we would love to see them in celebration assembly.

## Assembly

We've been enjoying having whole school assemblies altogether again! This half term we have been thinking about perseverance. We've listened to Bible stories about different people who persevered, even when they were having a tricky time. It's really nice being able to all sing together as a school!

## Birch Class

Birch Class have had another busy half term. Year 6 completed their SATs tests and we were very proud of how well they coped with the week. They all took the tests in their stride and can now look forward to the rest of the term. The year 5's also coped very well with the changes during the week and continued to work hard with Mrs Marsh. In Science, we learnt about living things and carried out an interesting investigation about mould! In RE we learnt about incarnation and in French, we are learning our numbers up to 100. Finally, in Literacy, the year 5 produced excellent holiday brochures and the class are now writing stories based on the book Stitch Head. We are looking forward to a busy end to the term with a musical performance, sports events, high school visits for year 6 and much more!

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| Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June    | Additional Jubilee Bank holiday              |
| Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June   | KS2 trip to Warner Bros Studios              |
| Mon June 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Enrichment day – International Dance         |
| Sat June 18 <sup>th</sup>   | Summer Fayre / Elmsett football tournament   |
| Thurs June 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Crucial Crew at the Mix – Year 6             |
| Mon June 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Share Afternoon 2:30pm                       |
| Mon July 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Sports Day (1) weather permitting 1.15pm     |
| Fri July 8 <sup>th</sup>    | KS1 Sleepover                                |
| Tues July 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Debenham Induction Day                       |
| Thurs July 14 <sup>th</sup> | Sports Day (2) 1.15pm                        |
| Tues July 19 <sup>th</sup>  | KS1 Trip                                     |
| Tues July 19 <sup>th</sup>  | KS2 Musical Performance – 6pm                |
| Wed July 20 <sup>th</sup>   | Leavers Service - church 1.30pm              |
| Thurs July 21 <sup>st</sup> | Leavers service – school 1.30pm End of Term! |
| Mon Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>    | Back to school                               |

### Battery Recycling

We managed to collect 22.5kg of batteries to be recycled and saved from landfill!

Thankyou!

### Scrap Paper

Ash Class would love some scrap paper if you have any to get rid of!

### School Disco!

What a fantastic evening this was! Some incredible moves we'll never forget. Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the running of the event, we literally couldn't do it without you. We hope the children all enjoyed themselves...there are definitely some more being planned!

### Celebrating the Jubilee in Art and DT

There is lots of bunting on display in school to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. In art lessons this half term, one of the themes in both Oak and Chestnut classes has been working with textiles so both classes have developed their skills and explored their ideas by creating a strip of bunting. They have dyed fabric, printed onto it, used wax resist techniques and had fun embellishing to create their class string of bunting. Birch class have also created a string of bunting in their DT work - developing their sewing skills through embroidering, using applique and attaching buttons. Great work everyone!

### PSA Summer Fayre

We are so excited that we are hosting our first Summer Fayre in 3 years on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>. You will have seen the email sent out recently asking for volunteers to help us run the day, thankyou to everyone who has signed up offering their help. The next request we have is for sweet jars for one of the stalls, and wine bottles for the wine tombola. Your class reps will be collecting these after half term. Finally, we would just love for as many people to come to the event as possible, tell your friends, your family, your neighbours! And hope for some good weather!

### Parking reminder

Thank you to those who are consciously making safe parking and driving decisions. We appreciate that you are putting the children's safety first. There is always more parking behind the village hall.

### Back to school

*TUESDAY*  
*JUNE 7TH*

### Year 6 & 2 SATS

Well done to all our Year 6 pupils who took their SATS in the middle of May. We're so very proud of how well they all coped.

Our Year 2s have also completed their SATS this half term. Well done to you all!

### Sensory Garden

Thank you to everyone who has donated plants for our sensory garden. It's looking and smelling wonderful, and we're hopeful it'll all settle in nicely over the summer months. Pictures have been added to the website, and as always any donations are always gratefully received.