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NEWSLETTER NO 39: FRIDAY 15th July 2022

Dear Parents / Carers.

Year 6 Performance

On Monday afternoon and Tuesday evening, our Year 6 children performed 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. Those of you fortunate enough to see the performance will surely agree that it was very good and very funny. We are very proud of those who took part. We were delighted to be able to welcome a number of local secondary school headteachers who complimented the children on their performance. Our heartfelt thanks also to Miss Routledge, Mr Bradley and Mrs Kelly for their efforts in organizing the play. Congratulations and well-done Year 6.

Year 2 and 3 Moving Up Assembly

Year 2 and 3 led an assembly this week exploring the differences between KS1 and KS2 in their moving up assembly today.

Year 6 Celebrations

Year 6 have been enjoying their final celebrations of their time at St. William of Perth. On Wednesday they had a class trip to Mote Park where they went swimming in the leisure centre and played in the park. On Thursday they had their leavers party. It is wonderful to be able to have these celebrations again and I thank the staff for all their hard work in organising them, I know the children had a lovely time.

Design Technology Learning

A huge thank you to Mrs Pamphlett one of our parents and the Benenden School for delivering Design Technology lessons to Year 1, 3 and 4. The children had a marvellous time using the tools completing their design projects. Some information about their learning has been posted on Dojo if you would like to see what the children made.

Reports

Be sure to check your children's bags **today** for their School Reports. There is an opportunity for you to respond to the report and we warmly welcome your comments.

Next Week

Moving Up Morning

This coming Monday we will have our transition morning where the children will meet their new teacher and experience their new classrooms. We will also welcome our new Year R intake.

Open Afternoon - Monday 18th July - 1:30 pm - 3:05 pm

We have our **Open Afternoon on Monday 15th July between 1:30 pm and 3:05 pm**. This is an opportunity for pupils to proudly share their work with parents and carers. All the classes will be open for parents / carers (and younger pre-school siblings) to visit and teachers will be in their classrooms. (This is not an opportunity to discuss individual pupils, but an opportunity for families to see the school and their child's learning). Once you have finished looking at your child's / children's work you can take them home. Please do join us if you are able to.

Year 6 Leavers Mass

Year 6's Leavers Mass will be held on Tuesday 19th July at 10 am in our school hall. Year 6 Parents are invited. Year 6 will also be having a leavers lunch (Tuesday 19th July) which has been organised by Contract Dining Company to celebrate their time at the school.

Contract Dining - Change to advertised menu

Roast dinner will not be served on Wednesday 20th July. In its place, Contract Dining will serve Friday's menu of Fish and Chips, BBQ Vegan Meatballs with Chips or Jacket Potato with a choice of filling of Beans, Cheese, Tuna Mayo or Coleslaw and a dessert of either fresh fruit or ice-cream.

Just a reminder that all lunches must be paid for on Monday for the coming week.













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Safeguarding

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link: Report a child safeguarding concern | Concerned about a child | Medway Council You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24-hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children and families/600/concerned about a child/2

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

https://www.childline.org.uk/ https://www.nspcc.org.uk/ http://www.mscb.org.uk/

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf

E-Safety Think u Know is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It provides lots of guidance on E- safety https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/

Parish link

For information about the parish of St. John Fisher including newsletters and Mass times click on the link below. https://stjohnfisher.me.uk/

Summer holiday activity clubs

MedwayGo is offering fun and exciting activities for 5 to 16-year-olds during the summer holidays. Clubs run between Monday, 25 July and Friday, 2 September and are free for children who have benefits-related free-school meals. MedwayGo is run by Medway Council and over 3,000 children have already taken part. Children have a great time making new friends and trying out new activities, from fencing and bush craft to dance and judo. Sessions include a tasty and healthy lunch. To book your place visit https://go.medway.gov.uk

Free school meals / Pupil Premium

Pupil premium is funding to improve education outcomes for disadvantaged pupils in schools in England and to provide support to families. Evidence shows that disadvantaged children generally face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils. Should you feel that your family may meet the criteria and would benefit from this provision you can register online by completing the following: https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200164/school information/354/free school meals

Safety in the Sun

As with every school day during the warmer weather, parents are asked to apply **long lasting sun screen** to their child / children **before** leaving home **(SPF30+ with a 4-star rating)**.

Please also provide children with a sun hat, (branded fashion hats are not acceptable and may not be worn); school branded hats are available to purchase from the school office priced from £3.80. Children do now know that they will have to sit in the shade in these high temperatures if they do not have their hats with them. Please also make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school.

MYG Club

MYG club has now ended for this term. Clubs will resume in September and we will advise you of the start dates in the new school year.

Class Books, Library Books

May we ask that all unreturned items are handed to the school office on Monday morning, (please write your child's name on a piece of paper and place this with the book) thank you.

Unfortunately, any items not returned are liable to a £5.00 lost book fine payable no later than Wednesday 20th July.

Loaned Musical Instruments:

All violins are to be returned to the school office on **Monday morning**.

End of Term 6

The governors have agreed to an early finish on Wednesday 20th July. Therefore, school will finish for all year groups at **1:30 pm Wednesday 20th July**.













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Praise Celebrations for the week!

Merit Award - Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate today. Matilda, Freddy, Hollie Y R, Enzo, Lennon, Naomi Y 1, Midori, Adam, Evelyn Y 2, Rupert, Nicole Y 3, Elly, Matas Y 4, Sophia, Sophie, Alex, Isabella Y 5, Shalom, Leah, Lukas Y 6.

Hot Weather - PE kits

In light of the predictions for hot weather next Monday and Tuesday we invite parents to send their child into school wearing their PE kit in order to keep cool for Monday and Tuesday.

House Points

Team house winner this week: Yellow

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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	Diary Dates - Subject to Change	
July		
Monday 18th	Moving Up Morning	(Pre-school siblings are welcome)
	Open Afternoon – Parents invited to view work (1:30 pm – 3:05 pm)	
Tuesday 19 th	Yr R Family and Fairy Tales will NOT take place today	10 am School Hall
	Yr 6 Leavers Mass – Y6 parents welcome to attend	
	Contract Dining Year 6 Leavers Lunch	Y6 Build a Burger
Wednesday 20th	Final Day of term 6 for children - Early finish 1:30 pm	
Thursday 21st	Last day of academic year	
	Inset day - No Children in school	
Friday 22nd	Extra Day of Holiday in lieu of Queen's Jubilee Celebration	
	Academic Year 2022 / 2023	
September 2022		
Monday 5 th	First Day of Term 1 INSET DAY – children not in school	
Tuesday 6th	Children return to school	
	Change to Contract Dining Week 1 Menu – On Tuesday 6th, Monday 5th's menu will be served	
Wednesday 7 th	Change to Contract Dining Week 1 Menu - On Wednesday 7th, children will be served a	
	sausage roast	









