Mail on Monday ISSUE No 346 Monday 20th May 2019



Dear Parents and Carers

This half term may be short but it has proved incredibly full and I can't believe we are heading into the last part of the Summer term already! Last week our **Year 6** worked incredibly hard, taking their national tests: SATs. Most of them enjoyed coming in for breakfast club and then tried brilliantly to do their best throughout the week. We are all very proud of them, well done! Unfortunately Lily-May had an accident on the Sunday before SATs and her main disappointment, despite all the pain and discomfort, was that she wouldn't be able to show off how much she had worked for her SATs and how well she is doing. Her attitude is a credit to her and all the people who have worked so hard with her; she is definitely included when **we praise all of our Year 6 for their efforts and attitude**.

Of course, coming up to the end of the Summer term, parents will have some concerns about the future direction of the school in the coming years. Plans are being discussed and with our Full Governing Board Meeting on the 27th June, I will hold a parent's meeting on the 28th June to go through what is planned for the immediate future, with hopefully some ideas for the long term, and answer any questions / concerns you may have.

Additionally, Mr Taylor has handed in his notice and will be leaving us at the end of the Summer. He wants to explore other directions aside from teaching and we wish him every success. Hopefully he will still pop in and visit us for supply from time to time but I know you will all join me in thanking him for the work he has put in over the years through some uncertain times. Plans are underway to fill his role and the outcomes of these will be given to parents as soon as they are confirmed with any questions / concerns to be addressed when plans are clearer on the 28th June.

I know that this will be a worrying time for parents who looked forward to their children going into Class 3 with Mr Taylor or who are concerned at instability in Year 5/6. Generally across the country many Year 5s will be going into a different class as Year 6 and it has been good that our Year 5s have had Mr Taylor as their teacher for the whole year. I will be making every effort to find the best replacement in the role and with the support of the teams from Cheswardine and Hinstock we are all aiming for the position to be managed effectively with the children's interests fully in mind. Please don't hesitate to come in and see me if you would like to voice concerns or have any queries.

REWilliams

Mrs Rachael Williams (Acting Interim Headteacher)

Additional Notes from Admin:

Please be reminded that in accordance with our school policies, staff at this school are not permitted to accept social media Friends invites. Also, during this hot weather to ensure your child applies their sun cream before school, brings a cap and their water bottle.

Mrs Tranter now wishes to be known as Ms Dunn and has spoken to her class to update them.



We extend our grateful thanks to Mrs Glover, Mrs Griffiths, Mr Whitehouse, Mr Wilson and his team for their help and hard work for our school recently.



Remember to use the **Suggestions Box** under the outside board for any suggestions you would like to make to the school.

The school council have also set a suggestions box up for children inside the school, which they are checking and responding to regularly.

Class 1 with Ms Dunn and Mrs Jones	90%
Class 2 with Mr Church	88.33%
Class 3 with Mr Taylor	90.87%

Attendance Achievement

Our attendance target is attendance over 96%



Class 3 Spelling Test	Friday
Class 2 Spelling Test	Monday
Class 1 Spelling Test	Friday

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More details on events, activities, school trips, Mail on Monday dates and term dates can be found under the `Calendar' section on our website.				
	SCHOOL & NURSERY	CALENDAR		
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May	HALF TERM			
Monday 3 rd June	8.45 am	School re-opens to all		
Thursday 20 th June	Afternoon	1 pm Sports Day events followed by Summer Fair at 2.15 pm.		
Friday 21 st June	Morning	Stepping Out Pedestrian training for Class 2 - helpers needed please.		
Friday 28 th June	Morning	Stepping Out Pedestrian testing for Class 2 - helpers needed please.		
	2.30 pm	Parent meeting re update		
Friday 5 th July	All day	Shropshire County Games		
Friday 5 th July	After school	Reports out to parents		
Tuesday 9 th July	3:30pm - 5pm	Open Afternoon for parents		
Wednesday 10 th July	9:30am-2pm	Cluster Sports afternoon at Cheswardine - Hinstock, Stoke on Tern and Buntingsdale to visit.		
Monday 15 th July	4.00 - 6.15 pm Grove School	Shropshire Sings Around The County.		
Friday 19th July	9:30am	Leavers' Performance / Service at the Church.		
Friday 19 th July	3.15 pm	School finishes for pupils for the summer holidays		
Monday 22 nd July	P D Day	School closed to pupils		
Monday 2 nd September	P D Day	School closed to pupils		
Friday 25 th October	P D Day	School closed to pupils		
Monday 6 th January 2020	P D Day	School closed to pupils		
Monday 2 nd March 2020	P D Day	School closed to pupils		

Monday 20 th July 2020	P D Day	School closed to pupils		
While every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the above				
information, some events may have to change at short notice. If this is				
the case, will info	rm you of any changes a	as soon as we can.		



We have continued to be very busy with our 'Pirate' topic. We have made treasure maps and treasure chests. We even made pirate biscuits, using the ingredients they would have used to keep their biscuits fresh for longer. We really enjoyed playing the 'Shark' game where we had to hide from the sharks!



Playing the shark game.

Our favourite activity was using the climbing frame to make our very own pirate ship. We even managed to take some treasure from another pirate ship!



We would also like to say a big 'Thank you!' to Mr. Wilson and friends for lifting the floor on our verandah area. We are now looking forward to making a sensory area and a mark making area which we can use in any weather.



Letters have been given out regarding Wednesday (22nd May) Parents / Carers are invited to come and join in our 'Pirate' morning. Staff will be dressing as pirates and children are invited to as well. We also request that Parents / Carers also have a go at dressing up! Thank you!

Quick reminders:

- Could Parents / Carers please remember that Nursery opens at 8:45 am. At 8:45 am a member
 of staff will remove the chain so that everyone can enter Nursery. Please do not remove the
 chain before. This is Nursery staff's time to set up for a fun filled day and there are also
 health and safety aspects to consider.
- Could all lunch monies and Nursery staffing lunch fees please be put in separate envelopes as they each go to different places and this helps with time needed for administration.

Thank you! Leanne, Claire and Cathy.

<u>Makaton:</u>

Our Makaton sign this week is 'Pirate'.



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done Clara! 🗡 🎽



Ches Chicks:

The last Ches Chicks was a Pirate theme with lots of crafts. The next session is Monday the 3rd of June. Thank you to everybody that continues to support the group.

Please note Ches Chicks continues to run on a Monday. The time is also now in the morning from 9:30 am until 11:30 am.

The next 'Mail on Monday' will be due on the 24th June. Also, keep watching the website for updates on School and Nursery news.