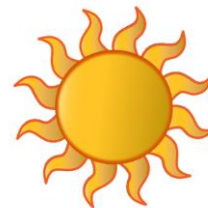


NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Newsletter for July 2021. This term has certainly been a busy one! From the crowning of our May Queen, to various sporting achievements, as well our Year 6 children preparing for their transition to secondary school in the autumn, this term has certainly flown. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch our Year 6 children as they prepare for the next part of their education journey for September. The online production of 'The Greatest Showman' has been wonderful to watch, which will be available to view for all our Year 6 parents and carers via a secured link. As we head into a well-deserved break for the summer, I would like to thank our parents and carers and my staff for their invaluable support. This has been another incredible year for the school and despite certain challenges, together we have been able to ensure that the continuity of our children's learning has remained absolute. I really hope that you all have a wonderful break over the summer and I look forward to seeing all the children return for the start of **Term 1 on Monday 6th September 2021**. Please remember that Wednesday 1st, Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September are our In Service Training (INSET) Days, which are for staff only.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher

Welcome and Farewell...

We have great pleasure in welcoming the following teacher who will be joining the school from the autumn:

Miss Brain will be teaching Roundwood 2 in Year 2.

A warm welcome back also to:

Mrs Matharu who will be returning from maternity leave and will be teaching Bramleyham 4 in Year 3.

Fond farewells also go to:

Mrs R Smith who taught Roundwood 2 in Year 2 this year and to

Mrs Welch, who taught Roundwood 5 in Year 1.

Thank you to both of these teachers for all their hard work and invaluable support.

Supporting our Parents and Carers

Attached to this newsletter are some top tips from the Kent Community Health Team, to support our school community. This handy 'postcard' provides helpful bullet points on how to help your child develop resilience and to maintain good mental health. We hope you find this information useful.

NHS

Kent Community Health
NHS Foundation Trust

Reminder: for Year 5 Parents and Carers
Procedure for Entry to Secondary School for September 2022

We would like to remind all Year 5 parents and carers of the next forthcoming deadline:

Wednesday, 1st September 2021

which is when the online application to secondary schools opens.

Further details may be found at:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-2>

Key Dates:

Event:	Date:
• Registration for Testing opens	Tuesday, 1 st June 2021
• Closing Date for Registration	Thursday, 1 st July 2021
• Application for Secondary Transfer opens	Wednesday, 1st September 2021
• Test Dates for Pupils in Kent Primary Schools	Thursday, 9 th September 2021
• Test Date for Pupils not in Kent Primary Schools	Saturday, 11 th September 2021
• Assessment Decision sent to Parents and Carers	Thursday, 14 th October 2021
• National Closing Date for Application Forms	Monday, 1 st November 2021

Further details regarding how to apply for a secondary school place will be sent to our **current** Year 5 parents and carers in the autumn.

**National Online Safety
During the Summer Break**



As children will no doubt be spending more time on their devices over the summer break, we have attached the link below which will take you to the National Online Safety website. This platform has details of how to set boundaries and limits on individual devices together with specific advice for particular games and apps.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

**After School Holiday Club:
West Hill Life Ltd**

Our After School Club, **West Hill Life Ltd** will be running a Holiday Club over the summer break at our school and at various other local sites. Please find further details attached to this newsletter.

Brigade: Uniform Supplier



We would like to remind all parents and carers that if you wish to order any new uniform for September, then all orders must be completed by **1st August 2021**.

For any orders which have already been made, we have been informed by Brigade that there will be a slight delay in receiving the bottle green logo jumpers. Parents and carers who have ordered any of these jumpers will be receiving a letter from the supplier informing them that these items may arrive after their main order, but will still arrive in time for the start of Term 1 in the autumn.

Please also note that we do not have an agreement with this supplier to deliver any items to the school. All orders will need to be delivered to your home address.

For further information, please refer to the attached website: <http://www.brigade.uk.com/>



Launching Our New Outdoor Learning Classroom!



We were delighted to be able to launch our new Outdoor Learning Classroom this week. Laura Trott, the MP for Sevenoaks, was able to officially open this area and as the fantastic picture below shows, this amazing structure will provide a wonderful area for the children to enjoy their outdoor learning. Thank you once again to both the local **Co-op Community Fund** and our **PTA**, who co-ordinated this project, as without their involvement, this exciting project would not have been possible.



Local Community Fund



Crowning of the May Queen

Please join us in congratulating the recent crowning of our May Queen (seated), who as you can see from the picture opposite, is with her Attendants, the May King and his Attendants in our new Outdoor Learning Classroom.

The children are:

May Queen:

Rosie H (H3)

Female Attendants:

Matilda H and Olivia B (H3)

May King:

AJ C (H3)

Male Attendants:

Jacob D and Ronnie L (H4)

Many congratulations to you all.



New Ash Green Primary School: Sporting Achievements



We were delighted to be able to take some of our children to the Royal St. Georges Golf Course in Sandwich, as they were hosting the 149th British Open. The children were given the opportunity to visit the course (in a Covid secure way) and watch some of the professionals practising.

Everyone had a great day and represented the school very well.

Following the success of our Tri-golf tournament, where all of the children in Years 3 and 4 took part, 10 children from Year 4 were chosen to represent the Dartford Schools at the Kent Finals. They had to complete a number of different golfing challenges including pitching and putting skills. The scores were then collated and compared with 8 other schools representing the different areas of Kent.

We are pleased to announce that New Ash Green Primary School came third in the competition.



Gravesham District have forwarded medals, certificates and photographs to **Lewis M, George H** and **Albert A**, all from **H2**, for their contribution to this year's team.

Despite the disruption caused by Covid the coach was extremely pleased with the commitment the children shared.



To end this term, we had a Fit4kids workshop where we all learnt about the importance of a balanced diet and keeping active. We had great fun learning about the different food groups and taking part in the fitness circuit.



Certificates have been awarded to those children who came 1st, 2nd or 3rd in our school cross country event. These times were then compared with the other Dartford Schools and so we would therefore like to congratulate **Matilda H (H3)** in Year 5 who will receive the Bronze medal for coming third overall in the whole of the Dartford area.

Bikeability Cycling Training for our Year 6 Children

Many congratulations to those Year 6 children who were able to take part in the Bikeability Cycling Training this week. Everyone completed the course to the best of their ability. Well done.



Our New Activall Boards at the School

We are pleased to announce that we have recently had installed two Activall boards, paid for with the Sports Premium funding. The boards not only encourage the children to be active, but also help with focus and concentration. All the classes have, in the last week, enjoyed taking part and challenging themselves with their hand/eye co-ordination, as you can see from the photo below.



Music Competitions

A huge well done to **Madison G (H3)**, from The Mad Hatters Class in Year 5 and **Nethra A (B2)**, from the Varjak Paws Class in Year 4 for their winning music competition entries. Thank you to all the children who took the time to send videos of their lovely compositions and musical talents!



Booknics - Reading with a Picnic

Each class had a reading picnic in the new Outdoor Learning Classroom to launch the Library Summer Reading Challenge. They enjoyed a reading activity and had crisps and a cake.



Parent Feedback

We take great pleasure in attaching some recent feedback from our parents and carers on the Comments Cards issued with the End of Year Reports. Please find these attached to this newsletter. Thank you for your kind thoughts.

Reminder for Next Term: Our 'No Nuts' Policy

We would like to remind all parents and carers for next term that we continue to be a 'No Nut' school, so please do not include any nuts or nut related products (i.e. chocolate) in your child's packed lunches. Thank you.

Emotional Well-Being and Support for our School Community

The Kent Emotional Well-Being Team would like the attached information to be circulated to our parents and carers. We hope you find this useful over the summer break. Kent County Council have also asked that we raise the awareness of their **Reconnect Summer Programme** - this guide to events in Kent is throughout the summer and provides something for children and young people of all ages. Read on to find out more:
[Reconnect: Kent children and young people - Kent County Council](#)

Summer Holiday Activities



01533 827268
info@playplace.org
www.playplace.org

Where Everyone Counts

Unlocking a Summer Of Fun!

8-19 year olds
2nd - 27th August 2021 @ Dartford FC, Princes Park
10am-12pm or 1pm-3pm
Healthy Snack Provided

MONDAY Nerf Battle Hockey Football	TUESDAY Art Multisports Fruit Kebabs	WEDNESDAY Archery Dodgeball Tri-Golf	THURSDAY Scooter Races Multisports Sugar Quiz	FRIDAY Gaming Van Nerf (Relaunch) Rounders
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Book your one week slot now

During August, Princes Park in Dartford will be offering 4 weeks of free activities for families. Please click onto the link below to register your interest.
<https://form.jotform.com/DFCCCommunity/playplace-august-2021>

Years 5 & 6 Children Write to the England Football Team

The whole school thoroughly enjoyed watching the Euro 2020 competition and are so proud of how well England performed and for getting to the Final. However, we were all shocked by the reaction after the penalty shootout, particularly the abuse that was targeted at certain members of the squad. The children in Hemstalls (Years 5 and 6) wanted to write letters of support to the team so that they could express their pride in the team, how they have inspired them and how upset they were about the behaviour of some people after the game. These letters have now been sent to the England Football Team for them to read. Here is a very small selection of their thoughts:

"I am writing to you to say thank you for giving me a spark inside of me... You have made me realise that England win together and lose together."

"I am so sorry for the abuse you have received. You might feel that it is unbearable. I don't understand how they could say those things to three, especially, inspirational men."

"You don't deserve hate or racism. You deserve love. We will cheer until the last man stands."

"You have made Britain proud and made history by getting to the first Final since 1966. You aren't just an inspirational team; you are all heroes to Britain."

Well done to all our Years 5 and 6 children for such lovely letters.

Academic Term Dates for 2021/2022



AUTUMN TERM 2021

INSET DAYS	Wednesday 1 st , Thursday 2 nd and Friday 3 rd September
Term 1	Monday 6 th September - Friday 22 nd October
HALF TERM	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October
Term 2	Monday 1 st November - Friday 17 th December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January

SPRING TERM 2022

INSET DAY	Tuesday 4 th January
Term 3	Wednesday 5 th January - Friday 11 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February
Term 4	Monday 21 st February - Friday 1 st April
Bank Holidays	Good Friday 15 th April and Easter Monday 18 th April
EASTER BREAK	Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Term 5	Tuesday 19 th April - Friday 27 th May
Bank Holidays	Monday 2 nd May
HALF TERM	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June
INSET DAY	Monday 6 th June
Term 6	Tuesday 7 th June - Friday 22 nd July

