

THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE CEP SCHOOLS

Newsletter – End Term Five May 2019

The summer terms have got off to a shaky start with the weather. Even on lovely warm and sunny days, please do ensure children have coats/lightweight waterproof in school – we do like to get out in the drizzle but do not like to sit in damp clothes.

I would like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils on the way they have conducted themselves during their SATs week. They have shown how focused and mature they can be during a challenging week. Year 2 pupils have also been undertaking statutory assessments this month and they too have tackled everything with resilience. We are very proud of all the children, across the school, for their efforts and positive attitude to learning this term. Well done. Please do make a note (below) of all the assessment dates for next year as well as our term dates, paying particular attention to the start and end date for the 2020 Easter break.

<p style="text-align: center;">Remaining assessment dates - Term 6 2019.</p> <p>Year 1 Phonics tests are Monday 10th – Friday 14th June. Year 4 Multiplication tests take place between 10th June and 28th June.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Books</p> <p>The office can get very busy in the mornings and at the end of the school. Many of the messages that the office are given, to pass on to the teacher, could be written in the contact book. Please do use this as your first point of contact with class teachers rather than the office. Thank you in advance for your assistance.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Term and Holiday Dates</u> <u>Next academic year 2019 2020</u></p> <p>Term One 2nd September 2019 – 18th October 2019 <i>Half term break 19th October – 27th October 2019</i> Term Two 28th October – 18th December 2019 <i>Christmas break 19th December – 5th January 2020</i> Term Three 6th January – 14th February 2020 <i>Half term break 15th February – 23rd February 2020</i> Term Four 24th February – 3rd April 2020* <i>Easter break 4th April – 19th April 2020*</i> Term Five 20th April – 22nd May 2020 <i>Half term break 23rd May – 31st May 2020</i> Term Six 1st June – 22nd July 2020</p> <p>Please note the date for the Federation Easter break is different to the published Kent Term dates by two days either side.</p> <p>The 2019 2020 staff training days, when school is closed to the children, will be published shortly.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Notable Achievements</p> <p><i>Children are invited to share with the whole school their achievements in after school activities.</i></p> <p>Hugo T Y1 – Level 1 Swimming award Fiona Y Y3 - Blue Belt in Kung Fu Ruby M Y4 – Level 4 swimming</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Amazing achievement – well done</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">2019 2020 Statutory Test Dates</p> <p>Year 6 Kent Test - Thursday 12th September 2019 Year 6 Dover Boys/Girls Test – Saturday 14th September Year 2 SATS – all of May 2020 Year 6 SATS – week beginning 11th May 2020 Year 1 Phonics – week beginning 8th June 2020 Year 4 Multiplication – week beginning 8th June 2020</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Current Year 5 - Kent Test September 2019 Admission to Secondary School September 2020</p> <p>Year 5 parents will have received a letter outlining the process for choosing a secondary school place. If you have not received this please contact the school office.</p> <p>Leaflets have also been sent home providing more information – please do check book bags and remind children to empty their tray/locker.</p> <p>Key Dates: Register for the Kent Test/11+/PESE online between 3rd June and 3rd July 2019 Register with Dover Grammar School for Boys or Girls to sit their own grammar test by 3rd July 2019. <i>Register for both the Kent test and the grammar schools test</i></p>



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DATES FOR DIARY

Dates for the new academic year: 2018 - 2019

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Half term break 19th October – 28th October 2018

Term Two 29th October – 19th December 2018

Christmas break 20th December – 2nd January 2019

Term Three 3rd January – 14th February 2019

Half term break 15th February – 24th February 2019

Term Four 25th February – 5th April 2019

Easter break 6th April – 22nd April 2019

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Term Six 3rd June – 23rd July 2019

Staff Development Days when school is closed to children

Friday 19th October 2018
Monday 26th November 2018
Friday 15th February 2019
Friday 21st June 2019
Monday 24th June 2019

Term Five

Friday 17 th May	Upper School celebration assembly 2.30pm – by invite
Tuesday 21 st May	Middle School celebration assembly 2.30pm – by invite
Thursday 23 rd May	Lower School celebration assembly 2.30pm – by invite
Friday 24 th May	Year six swimming (session two)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of term five – normal finish time

Term Six

Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd June	Year 6 forest school starts
Friday 7 th June	Year 6 swimming (3 more sessions)
Monday 10 th June	Walmer in Bloom assembly – by invite 9.00am
WB Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics assessment week
	Year 4 Multiplication tests
Friday 21st June	Training day – school closed to children
Sunday 23 rd June	Burning the Boats production (choir and actors from The Downs CEP)
Monday 24th June	Training day – school closed to children
Saturday 29 th June	Dover Fire Station Open Day, 11:00---16:00, Ladywell, Dover
Thursday 4 th July	Transition day – year 6 to new schools
Tuesday 9 th July	DLA Summer Cup
Thursday 11 th July	Reports Home
Friday 12 th July	Sports Day *
Monday 15 th July	Reserve Sports Day *
Monday 22 nd July	Year 6 Leavers Service TBC
Tuesday 23 rd July	Last day of term - children can be collected from 1.30pm

**Provisionally, we are aiming to hold a key stage one (Years R-2) and a key stage two (Years 3-6) sports event, during the morning, across two sessions. The children will remain in school afterwards. More details to follow next term.*

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