

THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE CEP SCHOOLS

Newsletter - Term Six July 2019

Summer seems to have finally arrived. Let's hope it continues for all our outdoor events. As it is now that bit warmer please do ensure that sun cream is applied before school, your child has a water bottle in school and, if they are particularly prone to the heat, a sun hat for break times (all named).

Just a reminder of some of our end of term events:

Sports day (12th July) with a reserve date (15th July) if Friday is cancelled.

We also have our year 6 leaver's service (22nd July).

Please see details below for our last day of term arrangements.

Teaching Staff September 2019

Reception – Mrs Soules and Mrs Storey
Year One – Miss Hollis and Miss Peerman/Miss Chantler
Year Two – Miss Graham and Mrs Oram
Year Three – Mrs Ewins and Miss McKenna
Year Four – Mrs Byatt and Miss Gasking
Year Five – Mrs Tysoe and Mrs Allcock/Mrs Underdown
Year Six – Mrs Culver and Mr Thrower
Mrs Anderson – Upper School support until Mrs Glanville returns
Mrs Gaches – Music
Mrs Reynolds - French
Mrs Underwood – Reading Recovery
Team Leaders from September: Miss Peerman (Lower), Mrs Ewins (Middle) and Mrs Tysoe (Upper).

Sports Day – Friday 12th July 2019

The timings are now confirmed as:

9.15am - Years R, 1 and 2

10.30am - Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

(Please note this is 15 minutes than an earlier newsletter indicated)

Each event will be approximately one hour and children will return to class afterwards.

We will send arrangements regarding access to the school site nearer the time.

In the case of poor weather we will inform you of cancellation by 8.45am and reschedule for Monday 15th July at the same times.

Staffing Update

We say goodbye this term to: Mrs Hawkes who is returning to Canada, Miss Nicholas who is off to college and Mrs Langley who is off to pastures new following relocation.

We send them with our thanks and best wishes as they journey on with a new chapter of their professional careers.

Last day of term – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

The children will participate in an act of collective worship at 1.10pm to say goodbye to year 6. When we have finished, all year groups will form a chain along the path outside the year 2, 3 and 4 classrooms leading to Goodwins. Once in position, Year 6 will travel along this corridor and be clapped on their way back to their classroom.

Year 6 Leavers Service

The year 6 leaver's service will be held at St Mary's Church on Monday 22nd July at 6pm. The children will be sharing some of their memories with you and afterwards we invite you to join us for some light refreshments.

Parents are welcome to join us for this. The gates will be open once assembly has finished and the children are gathering in position (this is likely to be around 1.30pm but may be later). We ask that parents gather on either the Blossom playground or the field near Goodwins so that the path is kept clear.

Online Survey

Please see attached an information sheet for parents following a survey of pupils in Years 2-6.

Once the children are back in class you are welcome to take them home. We know that not all parents will be able to join us to say goodbye to year 6 in which case normal home time is 3.10pm.



How will you show Resilience this month?

Discuss together as a family....share your best examples with your class teacher

School dinners - 2019-2020 - Year 3

Children moving from year 2 to year 3 in September will now be required to pay for school dinners unless you have registered for free school meals. A school dinner costs £2.30 each day. It is quick and easy to check if you are eligible for free school meals. Visit <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals> before September.

Dates for next Year

We have announced our five training days in advance for next year. They are either tagged on to a half term or to create a long weekend. Please consider using these to plan holidays as no holiday is authorised in school time.

Monday 2nd September 2019
Monday 28th October 2019
Monday 24th February 2020
Friday 26th June 2020
Monday 29th June 2020

Breakfast Club

Due to the need to increase staffing as well as the general increase in the cost of groceries, it will be necessary to put up the cost of daily breakfast sessions to **£2.50** from September. This will still represent good value for the breakfast the children are able to have each morning.

We will be reviewing our booking system and code of conduct for breakfast club and it is possible that places will be withdrawn should expectations not be met.
Details to follow in September.

Notable Achievements

Children are invited to share with the whole school their achievements in after school activities.

Fiona Y (Y3) – colour run and gymnastics
Freya Y (Y2) – colour run
Jackson D (Y3) – level 2 swimming
Summah W (Y3) – gymnastics proficiency award
Maisie R (Y3) – gymnastics award
Preston B (Y3) – graduated to cubs
Ella C (Y6) – Race for Life
Maisie C (Y4) – Race for Life
Courtney C (Y3) – Race for Life
Jordan M (Y4) – Most improved at football
Evie W (YR) – Level 1 swimming and Level 6 gymnastics proficiency

Musical extravaganza – all the children learning an instrument, and children from the school choir, put on a musical afternoon for family and friends which was an enjoyable event and hopefully has provided the incentive to keep practising

Jakob Y5 and Evie Y4 were actors in the Burning of the Boats production at Northbourne Park. They impressed the adult actors with their professionalism and were fabulous in their roles.

DLA maths challenge = 3rd place
DLA swimming gala = 3rd place

Amazing achievement – well done

Lost Property

Any lost property will be on the field during sports day and on Goodwin playground on the last day of term. Anything left over will be bagged up ready for our next Bags to School collection.

Dealt News – update and invitation from Mrs Hygate, CEO

The Deal Multi Academy Trust (DEALT) is now up and running, thanks to the support and hard work of each schools' leadership team and many members of the local community. As DEALT continues to move forward, we are looking to recruit three Trustees to replace members of the original steering group, who have remained on the Trustee Board to ensure continuity of leadership for the schools.

DEALT is now looking for three new Trustees, ideally with Marketing, Health and Safety or a legal background to strengthen the skills of our current Trustees.

The Trustees Board is responsible for setting the overall strategy of DEALT, monitoring the performance of all the schools and ensuring public funds are effectively and appropriately used. Trustees are expected to attend a minimum of 6 meetings a year. It is a challenging yet rewarding role, as in return for your time and commitment you know you will be making a difference to the life chances of the children in Deal. Training is available to support people in this role.

If anyone in the local community is interested in finding out more about this opportunity could they contact Jo Hygate on headteacher@kingsdown-ringwould.kent.sch.uk

Dates for diary on the next page

DATES FOR DIARY

Dates for the new academic year: 2018 - 2019

Term One 3rd September 2018 – 18th October 2018

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

Term Five 23rd April – 24th May 2019

Half term break 25th May – 2nd June 2019

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 Six

Saturday 29th June

Saturday 29th June

Wednesday 3rd July

Thursday 4th July

Tuesday 9th July

Thursday 11th July

Friday 12th July

Monday 15th July

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Dover Fire Station Open Day, 11:00---16:00, Ladywell, Dover

White Cliffs Wind Band at St George's Church from 12pm. A free event and families are welcome to bring a picnic

Applications to enter Kent Test close today (current year 5 pupils)

Transition day – year 6 to new schools

DLA Summer Cup

Reports Home

Sports Day *

Reserve Sports Day *

Year 6 Leavers Service TBC

Last day of term - children can be collected from 1.30pm

**See timings within newsletter*

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Christmas break 19th December – 5th January 2020

Term Three 6th January – 14th February 2020

Half term break 15th February – 23rd February 2020

Term Four 24th February – 3rd April 2020*

*Easter break 4th April – 19th April 2020**

Term Five 20th April – 22nd May 2020

Half term break 23rd May – 31st May 2020

Term Six 1st June – 22nd July 2020

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Please note the date for the Federation Easter break is different to the published Kent Term dates by two days either side.