

NEWSLETTER

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Godstone Village School



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this academic year - it has been a great year!

This half term has been filled with many more great opportunities for the children including celebrating their achievements. Thank you so much to those parents who have either spoken or written to me, acknowledging our successes this year and the positive impact of changes we have made. The sports day was a great success on the village green. A huge thanks to Mr Kohlbeck and staff – it really was a whole school effort! It was lovely to see all our children take part from nursery through to Year 6. I think sports day on the green, has set a precedent! The Year 6 production 'Pirates of the Curry Bean' was absolutely fantastic. The audience was full on both evenings – with some viewing for a second time! The thank you letters are on show in the reception foyer and serve as a great endorsement and recognition of our great production. Thank you to all parents who have returned their child's report slip with comments – they make lovely reading for staff!

During this term we have also invested a lot of time and effort to improve the fabric of the building. I would like to thank the governors and my premises team who share in my vision to enhance the school building to improve the working environment for children and staff. In addition I would also like to thank Louise Tucker for helping us with the building plans.

We wish our children and staff who are moving on this year every success and happiness in their new ventures. I wish you all a safe and restful summer break with your families and look forward to seeing you in September!

Candida Jarrott-Chase
Head Teacher

Sports Update

SPORTS DAY – THURSDAY 30TH JUNE 2016

On Thursday 30th June, we held our annual Sports day on the Village green. This was the first year that we have used the green to run sports day and the occasion was certainly maximised by some fantastic participation from our children.

The day began with Key stage two taking part in their sprint races followed by their relays. There were some incredibly close races ran and the quality of the change overs during the relays was particularly impressive. We were then treated to the long distance races which were equally competitive and included some excellent running with many competitors pacing themselves brilliantly over the longer distance.

The field events were equally hotly contested with participants competing in tennis ball throw, football throw, standing long jump and discus. Qualifying rounds with seven to eight children in each round were held with four children qualifying for the final of each event. At the end of the morning, the scores were added up by Mrs. Skingley and Slytherin were crowned 2016 Key stage two sports day champions.

The early afternoon saw Nursery come out and compete for their team in their sports day. They took part in a dressing up relay and individual sprint races as well as field events including, tennis ball throw, football throw, long jump and beanbag bowls. Throughout their events, the children, cheered on by the watching Key stage one, showed brilliant running form, excellent throwing power and exceptionally good accuracy during different events. It was an absolute privilege to see our youngest children compete so positively and with such determination and resilience.

Following on from Nursery, Reception and Key stage one began with their sprint races in both boys and girls categories. Once again the quality of the racing was extremely high and the will to win was clearly evident in all competitors. Each year group then competed in their team relay events which were the sack race for Reception, dressing up race for Year one and the egg and spoon race for Year 2. The children showed a great understanding of the requirements of each race, from balance and poise in the egg and spoon race to the use of the legs to create powerful jumps in the sack race and focus and concentration in the dressing up race.

The field events were again a joy to watch as children competed in the tennis ball throw, basketball throw, long jump and beanbag bowls. It was fantastic to see all of our children show such desire to win and such pride in the performances of others, including those not in their teams.

The afternoon drew to a close in dramatic fashion as there was only six points separating first from fourth in the final count up. The champion house for Early Years and Key stage one were Hufflepuf, who narrowly fought off Slytheirn's efforts to complete a double success on the day. This also meant that our overall Sports day champion house was Slytherin.

Congratulations go to all our podium placers on the day and to all our children for making the day so memorable. I cannot remember one child not completing their race and the enjoyment and mutual respect was evident throughout both through the smiles on children's faces, their treatment and support of each other and the support of our spectators. It was also extremely pleasing to see our school values so clearly at all times. Children took responsibility for competing with such determination in all their races. They showed compassion in their support of each other regardless of the result. Respect was clear throughout the day as children competed in the right spirit and shook hands on numerous occasions. The pride they showed in each other's achievements as much as their own was truly fantastic to see and the ambitious attitude shown by all also made the races incredibly entertaining to watch.

Thanks must go to parents and governors for their excellent support on the day and to the numerous individuals who contributed to making sure that we were able to run the event on the green. It is also important to thank the whole teaching team, many of whom were out early in the morning setting up the field and all of whom ensured the calm and smooth running of a day which was a great success.

We look forward to another fantastic day next year when Slytherin and Hufflepuf will defend their titles!

Mr A Kohlbeck
PE Lead

Sports Update

DISTRICT - MONDAY 11TH JULY 2016

On Monday 11th July, pupils from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in District sports at St. Mary's School in Oxted. Our pupils performed excellently and with great professionalism. We had many children placed in the top four positions in each race. It was clear to see the impact of Sports day being run in a similar fashion to District sports as we looked extremely comfortable and confident with the format and demands of the races. Our final position as a school was third, a he achievement which saw us as the highest placed one form entry school and also represented our best ever performance in the District event. Congratulations to all participants and spectators who represented the school superbly.

Our full list of podium placed participants is as follows;

Year 3:

Boys 60 metres - Jack Crofts (second)

Boys 400 metres - Jack Crofts (third)

Boys 60 metres - Tom Lyons (third)

Boys 4 x 60 metre relay - Jack Crofts, Tom Lyons, Josh Dolling, Leo Maunsell (fourth)

Girls 4 x 60 metres relay - Millie Campbell, Natalie Woodward, Ruby Higgins, Bethany Snow (fourth)

Year 4:

Boys 60 metre sprint - Sam Fothergill (first)

Boys 4 x 60 metre relay - Jack Duke, Alex Matthews, James Drew, Sam Fothergill (third)

Girls 400 metres - Anna Simpson (fourth)

Girls 4 x 60 metre relay - Sienna Algar, Anna Simpson, Kiara Wall

Girls 200 metres - Kiara Wall (fourth)

Year 5:

Boys 80 metres - Leo Dell-Foster (first)

Boys 80 metres - Hamish Barwick (third)

Boys 200 metres - Faustas Zygmanta (third)

Boys 600 metres - Cameron Algar (fourth)

Girls 4 x 80 metre relay - Neve Rogers, Izzie Kerr (third)

Year 6:

Boys 80 metres - Oscar Griffin (third)

Girls 80 metres - Lily Edwards (second)

Girls 80 metres - Jessica Hinds (second)

Girls 200 metres - Charlotte Hackshaw (second)

Girls 800 metres - Isabel Leo (second)

Girls 4 x 80 metre relay - Charlotte Hackshaw, Isabel Leo, Jessica Hinds, Lily Edwards (first)

DODGEBALL – WEDNESDAY 13TH JULY

On Wednesday 13th July we ran our school Dodgeball Tournament in aid of the British Heart Foundation. We are just awaiting final sponsorships in, but at last count it was over £500.00. 20% of which we get to keep to help resource PE during the next academic year. The tournament was made up of mixed year group teams. All participating children had qualified through their class events and competed admirably throughout. The winning team was made up of Dylan (Year 1), Ben (Year 2), Bethany (Year 3), Jack (Year 4), Christian (Year 5) and Lily (Year 6). Well done to all children who took part and congratulations to our winning team.

Mr A Kohlbeck

PE Lead

FOREST SCHOOL



This year we have had some fantastic Forest School sessions at Bay Pond. The children have enjoyed many activities such as bug hunting, den building, story telling, learning songs and rhymes and have used various tools to make things! It has been such a valuable experience for all the class and the relationships between the children have really developed.

SUMMER LIBRARY CHALLENGE



On Tuesday Nigel from Oxted Library came to visit to tell us all about the 'Big Friendly Read'. This is a summer reading challenge that is celebrating 100 years of Roald Dahl and some of his best-loved characters. Taking part is easy and free. All you need to do is visit your local library to sign up and keep borrowing books regularly over the summer. The children need to read six books of their choice and they will receive free rewards along the way as well as a certificate when they finish. The children can select anything they want to read- fact or fiction, joke books and poetry! You can even borrow audio books and listen instead.

If your child receives a certificate for this challenge please can they bring it into school to share in assembly on the first week back.

Year 6 Production

On Wednesday, 7th and Thursday, 8th, at 7 pm year 6 performed Pirates of The Curry Bean – our end of year production. We worked extremely hard towards this and the day had finally come...

Feeling excited whilst nervous; we took our places and began. As the spotlight shone into the centre of the stage, the audience settled down for an action-packed performance. Continuously – like a shadow – the camera followed us. We flew through the scenes as quick as flash, and we were soon at our favourite song "Piratical Style!" We danced and sang our hearts out, and before we knew it the show was over. We all took our position for our final song which produced many tears.

We want to thank all of the staff involved such as: all the TA's; for amazing props and support; Mrs Evans and Mr Awan; for giving up lesson time doing this. We also want to give a special thankyou to Mrs Jessop; for professionally advising us through show business.

By Hannah and Maddie - year 6

YEAR 5 TRIP

TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

On Tuesday 28 of June Year 5 went to the British museum to learn more about the Parthenon and use the artefacts on show to help understand how the Ancient Greeks hobbies.

The class had a fantastic interactive session in the Parthenon galley, the children were using tablets to find and located different gifts for Athena within the artefacts on show in the gallery. The children loved the games and the interactivity between the tablet and the artefacts.

The children also looked at different Artefacts looking at the different hobbies which the Ancient Greeks had, they looked at Greek theatre masks and Pots which depicted wrestling and boxing fights to help gain a better understanding about how the Greeks lived

The children also really enjoyed the scenic trip through London, the children identified lots of the famous buildings and landmarks in London.

Also a massive thank you to all the parents who dropped their children into school at 8am.

Mr Leonard



ECO UPDATE

The children sold most of the plants they have been growing this year at the summer fayre and after school.

The children have also replanted their tomatoes in our raised bed.

All the plants which were not sold have been planted by the eco club in the sensory gardens by the front office. We hope by the end of the year that there will be some beautiful flowers and colours on sight.



OXTED SCHOOL ORCHESTRA

Oxted School orchestra and choir visited on Wednesday 6th July. It was fantastic to see some former students of our school in the choir and orchestra. We are sure our current students will have been motivated by this and will go on to either play an instrument or join our choir.



Messages from the Office

SWANS FEES – SEPTEMBER 2016

From September 2016 Swans fees will be increasing by 2%. Breakfast Club will be £4.75 and After School Club will be £9.50

JACKET POTATO REQUESTS

Due to the amount of Jacket Potato orders that are not being updated when menus change, we have decided to change how we process Jacket Potato orders. We are now going to ask pupils to inform teachers at registration if they are having a Packed Lunch, School Meal or Jacket Potato. This then allows you to remind your child on the day what they can have for lunch. We will place a menu in each classroom for pupils to check to see if they would prefer a Jacket or main meal.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS

Thank you to everyone who donated Active Kids Vouchers – we collected **9,023** in total enabling us to replenish lots of playground games/storage, cooking essentials, etc.

Thank you for all your help.

EXERCISE BOOK SALE

Thank you to everyone who bought exercise books / folders on the last day of term – we raised an amazing **£138.18** which is fabulous. Thank you for your support.

MESSAGE FROM THE NURSERY

The Early Years are in need of some good quality donations of the following:-

- * Baby Dolls
- * Sturdy Play Buggies
- * Dolls Clothes and Accessories
- * Dressing Up Clothes (including Party Clothes)
- * Puzzles – age: 3 -5 years
- * Girls / Boys T-shirts / Socks

Thank you very much for your donations.

MESSAGE FROM ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH

Holiday Club - The Storyteller

The main sessions run from 10am to 2pm, and are at:

Tuesday 30th August at South Godstone: starting at the pool at St Stephen's School, and finishing at St Stephen's Church

Wednesday 31st August at Godstone: at St Nicholas' Youth Centre

Thursday 1st September at Blindley Heath: at St John's Church Hall

You are welcome to attend any of these sessions regardless of where you live. We will be running craft activities, and maybe going outside if the weather is kind. You will need to bring a packed lunch.

On Friday 2nd September there will be a barbeque at Godstone Farm.

Further details, including permission slips, can be obtained by emailing Philippa at benefice@godstone.net

STATIONERY REQUIRED FOR

ALL KS2

(YEARS 3, 4, 5 AND 6)



From September please can all children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 bring in a named small pencil case with the following (which will fit comfortably in their trays!):-

2 x writing pencils

Sharpener

Scissors

Glue stick

Ruler (either 15cm or 30cm)

Coloured pencils

Hand writing pen if your child has a pen licence

No erasers please

Many thanks.

Teachers of KS2

DIARY DATES 2016-2017

Date	Time	Event
Monday 25 th July – Friday 2 nd September		Summer Holidays
Monday 5 th September	All Day	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th September	All Day	Inset Day
Wednesday 7 th September		Start of first half of Autumn Term
Thursday 8 th September	9:00am / 7:00pm	Head / Parent Presentation
Friday 9 th September	9:00am	Reading Morning – R – Year 6
Monday 12 th September	9:00am	Reception Teacher / Parent Presentation
Tuesday 13 th September	9:00am	Year 1 Teacher / Parent Presentation
Wednesday 14 th September	9:00am	Year 2 Teacher / Parent Presentation
Wednesday 14 th September	9:30am	Year 6 – Heights and Weights
Thursday 15 th September	9:00am	Year 3 Teacher / Parent Presentation
Friday 16 th September	9:00am	Year 4 Teacher / Parent Presentation
Monday 19 th September	9:00am	Year 5 Teacher / Parent Presentation
Tuesday 20 th September	9:00am	Year 6 Teacher / Parent Presentation
Friday 23 rd September		Harvest Festival
Friday 30 th September		Individual School Photos
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st October	Dates / times to be advised by Nursery Teachers	AM - Cygnets Parents Appointments PM - Cygnets Parents Appointments
Wednesday 19 th October	4:40pm – 7:30pm	Parents Evening – R – Year 6
Thursday 20 th October	3:30pm – 5:40pm	Parents Evening – R – Year 6
Friday 21 st October	3:20pm	Last Day of 1 st Half of Autumn Term
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October		Half Term

Monday 31 st October	All Day	Inset Day
Tuesday 1 st November		Start of second half of Autumn Term
Wednesday 9 th November	9:00am - 11:00am 6:30pm - 9:00pm	Open Morning Open Evening
Friday 11 th November		Remembrance Day
Thursday 1 st December	AM	Flu Vaccinations – Years 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 20 th December		Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 21 st December		Last Day of Term

Monday 2 nd January		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd January		Inset Day
Wednesday 4 th January		1 st Day of Spring Term (1 st Half)
Tuesday 7 th February	9:30am	Reception – Heights & Weights
Friday 10 th February		Last Day of Spring Term (1 st Half)
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th February		Half Term

INSET DAYS - 2016 – 2017

- * Monday 5th September 2016
- * Tuesday 6th September 2016
- * Monday 31st October 2016

- * Tuesday 3rd January 2017
- * Monday 5th June 2017