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Cheapside CE Primary School June Newsletter 2016

Our Value for the Month

This month we are focussing on the value of Respect. The season of the Church is Ordinary Time 2. We shall be celebrating this value in assembly on Friday 1st July at 9.20am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Parent Governors

We currently have vacancies for two parent governors on our Governing Body. If you are interested, please contact the school office by Monday, 4th July.



School Lunches and On-line Payments

Our current contract with Pabulum expires at the end of the summer term. The Head teachers of five schools within the “Ascot Cluster Group” have joined forces to find a new contractor to supply all five schools. This working group has worked with a professional catering consultant to find the best catering company to deliver what we want.

Following a thorough tender process, and suppliers giving an in-depth insight into their vision for the schools, menus, special diets, quality, displays, communication and how they would interact with the parents & PTA as well as sampling food, we are very excited to announce that Wilson Jones has been appointed as the new catering contractor. The company has already begun liaising with the schools to ensure a smooth transition for September and further details will follow.

It is the policy of the new caterers to take payments for lunches on-line. The school is in the process of setting this facility up, not just for lunches, but for uniform payments, donations for trips and other voluntary contributions.



New Laptops

The staff and children welcomed sponsors of their 'Laptop Appeal' to an open morning in school on Thursday, 26th May. Children from all classes showcased their skills on the set of brand new class

laptops (35 in total) which the generosity of the sponsors has enabled the school to purchase. Funding has been achieved in a number of ways. In addition to the generosity of the sponsors, parents, pupils and friends held a sponsored walk. The school was also fortunate to receive additional finances from a parent through the matched funding scheme of his employer Microsoft. The laptops have transformed teaching in all areas of the curriculum, allowing each child to work on their own laptop and therefore maximise their learning. The school would like to thank all those involved in this amazing achievement. A particular thanks should go to Kate Bartlett for organizing the appeal and Lisa Osborne for her marketing expertise.

SATs Fun Day

We were really excited to be visited by Miller's Ark on Thursday, 9th June. Marmalade the pig, donkeys, ducks, geese and goats of all ages as well as different breeds of chicken spent the day on the school field.



Children and staff alike had the opportunity to handle all of the animals and birds and learn various facts about each. Further photographs will be available on our school website this week.

Great Park Open Day

All children in KS2 had an enjoyable day out on Wednesday 8th June, when they visited the Great Park to learn about the various different aspects of life associated with the Crown Estate. A great day was had by all, with many children bringing home a souvenir 'oak sapling'!



90th Birthday Celebrations

On Friday, 10th June, we had a very enjoyable 'Tea Party' to commemorate the Queen's 90th Birthday. During the morning, Owl class made crown napkins; Kingfisher class decorated 120 cakes, Robin class made sandwiches for the whole school and Wren class made bunting to decorate the



playground! Children from Owl class helped in preparing the tables and serving everyone – demonstrating exemplary team work skills and initiative.

Ascot Week

Despite looming rain clouds we were really pleased to be able to see the Queen arrive at the races each day. Each class also had the opportunity to visit the tea tent and take in the atmosphere as well as eat one of the cakes that their class had decorated earlier in the day.

We would like to say a big 'Thank you' to all parents and friends of the school who helped to make the Tea Tent such a success – with sandwich/cake baking, serving, setting up and parking to name but a few. As with any event like this, there is also a great deal of work 'behind the scenes' and to all those involved in every aspect we are extremely thankful for your time and commitment.



Key Stage 2 End of Year Performance

We are delighted to have the opportunity to be able to use the Rose Theatre at St.Mary's School, Ascot for our end of year performance for our junior children. The teachers have chosen to produce Bugsy Malone. As in previous years, our older children will have the majority of speaking parts and years 3 and 4 will be cast members and choir.

We shall be rehearsing on Thursday 14th and Friday 15th July at the theatre, with an evening performance to family and friends on the evening of Friday 15th July at the theatre. We will be inviting all of our infant children and parents with younger children to our dress rehearsal on the morning of Friday 15th July. Our infants will be taken to and from the school by coach.

Further details regarding costumes, tickets, timings etc will follow shortly.

Diary Dates

Monday 27th June

- Sports Day (in the afternoon – parents invited) – children need school PE kit

Tuesday 28th June

- 'Portals to the Past' visit to Kingfisher class

Wednesday 29 th June	- 'Move up morning' (children spend the morning in their new year-groups/classes)
Wednesday 29 th June	- Current reception parents' meeting
Wednesday 29 th June	- Parent meeting about potential school expansion – 7pm at school
Friday 1 st July	- Values Assembly 9.20am – all welcome
Friday 1 st July	- Swimming Gala (afternoon only) at Bracknell Sports Centre – Years 5 and 6 – More details to follow
Tuesday 5 th – Wednesday 6 th July	- Year 6 Induction at Charters
Wednesday 6 th July – Thursday 7 th July	- Year 6 Induction at Ranelagh
Wednesday 6 th July	- Cluster sports event at St.Mary's School for all year 5 children – more details to follow
Week beginning Monday 11 th July	- Reports to parents
Monday 11 th July	- Parents invited to come and watch their child/children swim (further details to follow)
Tuesday 12 th July	Kingfisher Class am – Robin Class pm
	- Parents invited to come and watch their child/children swim (further details to follow)
Thursday 14 th July	Owl Class am – Wren Class pm
	- KS2 Play rehearsal at St.Mary's School for both days – further information to follow
Friday 15 th July	- KS2 Play – Dress rehearsal performed for KS1 during the school day - Evening performance for parents
Monday 18 th July	- Leavers' Assembly – 1.30pm – See below for further details
Thursday 21 st July	- Term ends with an end of term picnic – See below for more information

Parent Consultations

This term there are no parents' evenings, but following the issue of School reports, should you wish you may book an individual appointment with your child's Class Teacher.

Leavers' Assembly

We will be holding our 'final assembly' on Monday 18th July. All parents are invited to attend and the assembly will include entertainment by our year 6 children, presentations such as Headteacher's Awards for the year for each class and various other awards for children across the school, including celebrating the value for July and FAB awards will be given.

End of Term Picnic

Weather permitting, parents may bring a picnic for themselves and their child/children at 1.15pm. If you would like to provide your child with a light snack for lunchtime prior to this, please feel free. Alternatively, school dinners are still available. For children whose parents are unable to attend, the school lunch/packed lunch system

exists as normal. The school staff will supervise your child until 2pm on the school field with everybody else. We will provide them with a small snack but you may also send in a small picnic for your child if you wish. Although the school day will officially end at 2pm, picnickers are welcome to stay longer, supervising their own children. If the weather forecast looks bad, we will send a text on the morning to all parents and pick-up will be at 2pm.

INSET DAYS – 2016 – 2017

Please note that our first INSET days for the next academic year will be:

Thursday 1st September 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

Further INSET dates will follow shortly.

Communication

Our methods of communication are primarily newsletters, class letters and reminders by email, with hard copies in book bags as well if a reply slip is needed. These letters are also uploaded to the Website and spare copies are available in a folder in the entrance foyer.

For short messages and reminders, we also use the texting service. The office staff checks on their system to ensure that emails and texts are successfully sent from our end. If you are not receiving messages and emails, please check with your service provider, check your junk mail and check that the office has the correct details. If you need a hard copy of any correspondence for any reason, please inform the office staff.

Our office staff takes great pride in supporting children and parents and we kindly ask that particularly at busy times during the day, you show patience and understanding.