

## Newsletter - Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents,






Welcome back after the Spring break. The staff and I are looking forward to another term full of fun and exciting events for you and your children. Towards the end of term we are planning a whole school art project which will culminate in an exhibition of work for you to view. What with swimming, sports day and two year groups going out on educational trips, we really have an exciting summer term ahead. As the children will be outside for most of their PE lessons, please make sure your child has plimsolls or trainers that fit them in their PE bags.



**Why not start off the summer term with the commitment to walk, bike or scoot to school as often as possible? We know the vast majority of our families do walk, bike or scoot, thank you.**





**PLEASE THINK ABOUT OUR NEIGHBOURS AND LOCAL SHOPS  
DO NOT PARK ON THE ROADS OPPOSITE SCHOOL.**


-  **New Governors** - I am pleased to announce that the school has 3 new parent Governors as follows: Guy Bailey, Leon Stone and Ryan Turner. They have already attended the Spring term meeting and are carrying out their duties effectively.
-  **AUCTION OF PROMISES** - We hold this event every 3 years. It has always been a huge fund raiser and it involves the whole school community. Please see separate letter.
-  **Website, app and parent mail** - We continue to keep you informed via our communication structures. Please let us know if you have any other ideas.
-  **Swimming starts week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May** - Please see additional sheet highlighting how we run and manage our pool and how important it is that we have lots of support from the whole school community. We receive no funding to run the pool so its success really is up to you. You received the Summer Swim Brochure last term and we are already receiving applications to join.
-  **Swimming pool** - This year the maintenance team have undertaken some major works in order to keep our pool maintained to a high standard. The pool was completely emptied, patches of tiling have been replaced as well as some of the pipe work, the pool has had a thorough clean inside and out and the rubber flooring has had a jet wash. All this work has taken many hours over a number of weeks and I am sure you will join me in thanking, Carl Huntingdon, Keith Wigmore, Paul Beech, Paul Barclay and Gary Cooper our caretaker.

- 🐝 **Improvements** - During the holiday we have had some refurbishment work completed on the children's toilets. Our windows have been cleaned and guttering cleared. Thank you to the gardeners, Andrew and Sarah for looking after our planters during the holiday and to the team who have replaced the worn parts.
- 🐝 **Yr 1 phonics Check-** Five years ago the Government introduced a phonics screening check for all children in Year One. The check must take place during the week of 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017.
- 🐝 **Year 2 End of key stage assessments take place in May.** We will be holding information meetings for Yr1 re the phonics check and Yr 2 parents re End of Key Stage tests and assessments to show you what this means for your children (see dates for times). More information is available at [www.education.gov.uk/assessment](http://www.education.gov.uk/assessment)
- 🐝 **Ashtead Village Day - Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June.** We look forward to taking our Yr 2 Maypole Club Dancers to Village day this year. Please let the office know, as soon as possible, as to your child's availability. We will be dancing at 1.00pm approx.
- 🐝 **Art project** - This term we are taking part in an arts project which will involve each child producing a piece of art which will be professionally framed. We plan an exhibition of work at the end of term where you can view the work and purchase it if you wish. All profits will go towards new art resources for the children.

#### DATES AND EVENTS CALENDAR FOR SUMMER TERM 2017

 <b>ALL TERM</b> 	Please walk, bike, scoot to school. Park in the community centre car park. This will count as a walk. <b>DO NOT PARK IN ROADS OPPOSITE SCHOOL</b>
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Date	Time and Place	Event
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school	Beginning of Summer Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am to 12.00pm	FIRST AID training for pool supervisors - part 1
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am to 12.00pm	FIRST AID training for pool supervisors - part 2
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am to 11.30pm	Safety session at the pool - part 3
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	8.00pm	FRIENDS MEETING in BEEHIVE
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	3.00 - 4.00pm	<b>FREE</b> - After School Multi Skills club for Yr 2 children. The club will run every Thursday. Please sign the form in the office for your allocated time.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	SCHOOL CLOSED	BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Morning	CLASS PHOTOS
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm and 7.00pm Please choose a time.	Yr 2 Parents - Mrs Penny will explain the types of tasks and tests your children will be taking in May.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	POOL OPENS TODAY	Swimming lessons start this week.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	ALL DAY	YR1 to Visit Hever Castle
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm and 7.00pm Please choose a time.	Yr 1 Parents - Mrs Penny will explain all about the phonic screening check that all children in Yr 1 must take in June 2017.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm - 10.00pm	<b>AUCTION OF PROMISES (see separate letter)</b>
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am - 12.00pm 11.00am 12.15pm	Pool supervisor training (part 3) Training for parents to be a pool checker (new to role) Training for parents to be a pool checker (refresher)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	1.00pm to 3.00pm	GARDEN SALE in our school playground
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED	HALF TERM Please note - school closed Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June INSET

<b>Second half term</b>	<b>ALL TERM</b> 	Please walk, bike, scoot to school. You can park at the community centre car park. This will count as a walk. <b>DO NOT PARK IN ROADS OPPOSITE SCHOOL</b>
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<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>INSET DAY - STAFF TRAINING DAY</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	7.00pm	GOVERNORS MEETING
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	1.00pm	Ashtead Village Day - Yr 2 to Maypole Dance
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	At some time during the week	Each Yr 1 child will have their phonic knowledge assessed (10 minute sessions approx for each child)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	ALL DAY	RECEPTION VISIT BOCKETTS FARM
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> June		Summer Swim Scheme starts
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.00pm	RECEPTION GRANDPARENTS TEA PARTY. The Reception children will be inviting their Grandparents to Afternoon Tea and entertaining them for the afternoon. More details to follow.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.15am for 20 mins approx	Reception children perform their songs to parents
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	9.30 - 11.30am	OPEN MORNING for prospective families
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>12.00 - 3.00pm</b>	<b>OUR SUMMER FAIR</b>
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Induction Evening for new parents
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July (Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> alternative if 7 <sup>th</sup> is wet)	9.15 - 11.30 11.45 - 12.45	Sports morning followed by : Family picnic (you may take your child home after the picnic but this is not compulsory) Would anyone like to run a refreshment stall? Please let Mrs Penny know.
Week 3 <sup>rd</sup> <sup>th</sup> July		Reception and Yr1 records of achievement out to parents this week.
Week 10 <sup>th</sup> July		Records of Achievement out to Yr2 parents this week.
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning session	All visit new classes (Yr2 gala practise - Mrs Penny)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Afternoon session	All visit new classes (Yr 2 with Mrs Penny)
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (19 <sup>th</sup> alternative if 14 <sup>th</sup> too cold)	10.00 - 12.00	Yr 2 Swimming Gala - parents welcome. Please bring shade if it is a hot day.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm -7.00pm	Celebratory Parents Evening with Exhibition of work. Come and see your child's work and meet your child's new teacher at any time during the evening. Whole family welcome.
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> July		Ashtead Horticulture show. Barnett Wood to display some items at the show.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30 - 7.30	Yr 2 BBQ and Final assembly
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	2.30 pm	<b>END OF TERM</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	From 8.45am	Yr 1 and 2 return to school
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	From 9.00am	Reception staggered start during this week.

**Swimming Pool Information and request for help POOL OPENS ON 8<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017**  
**SWIM BROCHURE AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE - MUST READ**

**Thank you** so much for all the contributions for lessons so far. It has been a really positive response this year- keep them coming! We ask for a £35 contribution and you can pay this in instalments. It works out to about £1.50 per lesson - A BARGAIN!! Please send cheques/cash to office ASAP.

We are now asking you to further help by volunteering to undertake at least **ONE** of the following tasks which need parent support. Some are during the day but lots are in the early evening or weekends. Please choose from:

1. Help with supervision of **swimming changing** and or sitting on pool side during the lessons. We need at least **4 parents for each session** to supervise the children and for one person to sit poolside during lessons. Your role is to encourage children to be independent during changing. You could offer to help once or every week - the commitment is up to you. Class reps usually organise the rota. The time table for lessons along with your child's group will be sent out next week. If you are not available during your child's session please volunteer for another time. Members of staff who have all necessary safeguarding checks will always be present and making sure children are safe and happy.

2. Train to be a '**pool checker**'- to check the quality of the water in the evenings or weekends. We have a team of 4 dads who manage the main maintenance of the pool and they have already spent some time preparing for this year's swimming season. One of them usually checks the pool on a Wednesday and sometime during the weekend. Your role would be to check the water quality and levels and report any issues to the main team who will then address any problems. Training will be given for this role, usually an hour in the pool area with one of our lead maintenance dads, who gives a practical session on the routines. It will require a commitment from you to check the pool on a rota system, possibly 6 times during the season either mornings or evenings. There is always a backup for you from our main team who can be contacted easily. Dates for training have already been sent home last half term. **PLEASE BOOK THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP**

3. We need to have a team of about **12 'Pool Supervisors'**. Your role is to manage any swimming sessions during the summer swim scheme and to be available to manage private sessions from our school community. You need to have a current first aid qualification. You can obtain this on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May in the school Beehive. This is a 6 hour course (3 hours each session) which will give you the qualification. There is a dedicated compulsory session for all present and new pool supervisors on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May from 9.00am to 12.00pm which focuses on safety in our swimming pool. **PLEASE BOOK THROUGH THE SCHOOL OFFICE ASAP**

4. The walls both inside and outside usually need a coat of paint. If we have enough interest, we will stock up with paint and brushes. Please let the office know and we will let you know where to find the paint.

5. Don't forget to join the summer swim scheme. This allows you and your family to use the pool every afternoon in the holidays and weekends (apart from Mondays). More about this in Swim Scheme Brochure which was sent last term and is available on the website.

Any parent of the school may hire the pool and a pool supervisor for a private party. **This is strictly ONLY available for members of the school community.**

A huge thank you to the main maintenance team who have already spent a number of hours at the pool starting the process for safe and happy swimming this season.