



Welcome to our final newsletter for this academic year.

THE BEES HAVE LANDED!

We are sure your children will have told you about the bees that have been installed on an area of our marshland. Children from Room 13 painted the hives which look fabulous and once they were in place on the marsh, the bees arrived.

The area is well fenced off with warning signs. We hope eventually that some of our children might get involved, but we will, of course, let you know if this is happening and ensure that everybody has adequate training and protective clothing.

However, we are pleased to be able to play a part in helping an endangered species that is so vital to our countryside.

Wheels Day

The Wheels Day organised by the School Council was a resounding success - after looking at countless weather forecasts for the day we decided to go ahead and it proved to be the right decision as it didn't rain in the end. We were delighted to be able send £150 to Kidney Research UK.

Thank you for your support.

RACE FOR LIFE

Once again our children and families came up trumps for this very important cause. All the children walked around the inside perimeter of the school field 10 times, and we raised the magnificent total of £1,680. Huge thanks to everybody who was involved one way or another - you are amazing!

Year 5 Trip to Sealife Centre

Year 5 had a successful visit to Brighton Sealife Centre to see their Rainforest Exhibition which tied in with this term's topic.

Moving On.....

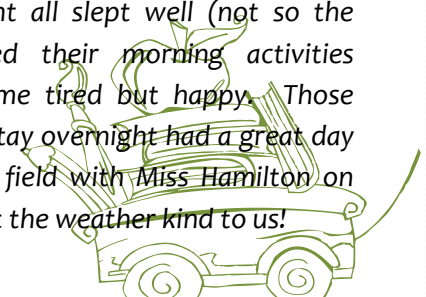
Taster Days - We hope all the children enjoyed their Taster Day on Tuesday 1st July. Year 6 spent the day at their secondary schools, and all the other year groups moved to their new class for the afternoon. We were pleased to welcome children from Year 2 - we hope they enjoyed their afternoon at Junior School and meeting their new class teacher.

Raising Aspirations/Careers

As part of the Raising Aspirations project, the Year 6 children have enjoyed several visits to: Toby Carvery, St. Wilfrid's Hospice, Sovereign Radio and the University of Brighton. We have been looking at a diversity of careers and discussing all the different skills and qualifications that you need for each job. It has been an exciting project and everybody who met the children has commented on how well behaved and polite they are. All the children have taken part in the Careers Morning this week at school where they met a variety of people from police officers, a surgeon, an accountant, a health and safety officer, nurses, a prison officer, a BBC journalist, a professional singer and an equestrian and a water sport instructor!

YEAR 3 VISIT RSPCA MALLYDAMS

We had a great time at Mallydams - both the 'day trippers' and the residential children! We were so thrilled because we saw badgers on our Badger Watch once the sun had gone down. The children who stayed overnight all slept well (not so the adults!) and enjoyed their morning activities before returning home tired but happy. Those children who didn't stay overnight had a great day making dens on the field with Miss Hamilton on Friday..... and wasn't the weather kind to us!



Gardening Club

Gardening Club have gradually been transforming our outside area. We would like to say a huge thank you to Homebase for donating some plants and a greenhouse. We also need to thank Waitrose for coming in and spending three days clearing the vegetable patches and courtyard garden. They worked incredibly hard. Ms Somerville is running a free gardening club during the summer holidays – please pop into the office for more information.

MARSH DAY

Our Marsh and 'BeeFest' Day was a lovely experience for everybody. Every year group spent time on the marsh taking part in various activities from archery to making clay pots or bees out of cones. It was lovely to see so many families turn up for a picnic after school.

Following on from this, someone has suggested getting a parent choir together. If anybody would be interested, please let the office know and we can put you in touch with each other.

Uniform

We understand that it is nearing the end of term and parents are reluctant to buy new items of uniform. However, we have noticed that several of our girls are wearing very short skirts which are not suitable for all the activities they do in school. Please can you make sure your child comes to school appropriate dressed (including footwear)

Birthdays

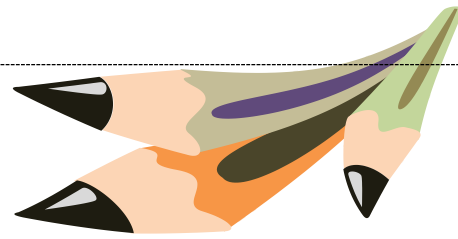
Some of our children like to bring in something to give to their class when it is their birthday. Whilst we are more than happy to give out little bags of sweets as the children leave, can we please ask that you do not send in anything that needs cutting up or putting in bags. We just do not have the staff available to cut up cakes and, as we are a healthy school, the children are only allowed to eat these items once they have gone home. Thank you for your co-operation.

YEAR 4 TRIP TO WAKEHURST PLACE

Year 4 visited Wakehurst Place on 9th June. We looked around the grounds and wooded area and visited the Millennium Seed Bank.

MUSICAL MOMENTS

Our Year 3 children have been showing off their recorder skills to their parents, whilst Year 5 showed their parents all they had learnt on the ukulele. We are very proud of our children's musical talents and hopefully you will see these at our Summer Soiree on the last day of term.



Please remember to return any photograph orders by MONDAY, 7TH JULY. The school receives commission on all orders placed.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

You will have already received a letter about the situation next Thursday, 10th July when several unions are taking industrial action. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

STAFF CHANGES

You will have received a letter detailing staff changes from September. We would like to wish everyone who is leaving (all for various reasons), the very best in whatever they do, and we are pleased to welcome our new colleagues.

Dates for the Diary:

Thursday, 3rd July – Year 6 Careers Day.

Friday, 4th July – Monday 7th July – Year 6 to PLG

Friday, 4th July – Remaining Year 6 children to Knockhatch.

Tuesday, 8th July – Young Shots Day.

Tuesday, 8th July – Extra Drama Club rehearsal

Wednesday, 9th July – Drama Club Performance to parents and school at 1.45 p.m.

Wednesday, 9th July – Disco

Thursday, 10th July – Industrial Action – some classes closed.

Friday, 11th July – Sports Day (reserve 18th July).

Tuesday, 15th July – whole school rounders match.

Tuesday, 15th July – Explore the Junior School for Years 2 and 3 – 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 16th July – Year 4 Celebration Day

Wednesday, 16th July – Year 5 Football Tournament at Eastbourne Borough.

Wednesday, 16th July – Year 6 Production 7 p.m.

Thursday, 17th July – Year 3 Celebration Day

Thursday, 17th July – Year 6 Production 7 p.m.

Monday, 21st July – reports home to parents

Monday, 21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Party in evening 6 – 8 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd July – Summer Soiree 6.30 p.m.

Tuesday, 22nd July – last day of term.

Wednesday, 23rd July – INSET

Children return to school on Thursday, 4th September at 8.45 a.m.

