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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°33)
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- Today the whole of Yr4, as I write, are enjoying a full day visit to Ufton Court linked to their study of the Vikings. It is the first trip that we were able to arrange in over a year and it was great that 93/93 pupils are involved today. They are due to leave Ufton Court ~5.30pm. I will try to provide a few images of the day in next week's newsletter.
- Following a full day of interviews on Thursday 1st April 2021, I am very pleased to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Kristy Llewellyn as Deputy Headteacher, replacing Mr Shakespeare who was appointed to a headship in January of this year. Mrs Llewellyn is already known to the children and will begin her new role in September 2021.
- On Friday 16th April 2021 all Yr2 parents and carers were notified of which junior school their child has been allocated a place at in September 2021. We will be full in Yr3 in September and will be operating a waiting list for children that were unsuccessful in their first choice place. There are currently 17 names on the waiting list. The waiting list will be published next week by the Admissions Team and offers will be made from the waiting list if a place becomes available.
- As you recall, Orlaith Coughlan (Yr6) completed her unicycling challenge and raised a very impressive £3,392.36 that will be split between Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and the Guillemont Junior School's PTA - FOG. Orlaith is going to help us decide how the money will be spent to benefit the children by enriching the curriculum. Well done Orlaith and thank you to all those that have supported her!
- We have booked for Yr6 to take part in this year's Bikeability from Pedal Power Training during the week beginning Monday 14th June 2021. Bikeability is today's cycle training programme. It's about gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Further information will be sent out shortly.
- We have arranged for Yr3 to visit Butser Ancient Farm near Petersfield on Friday 2nd July 2021. This will be linked to the children's Project Based Learning (PBL) work. A letter will be sent out with further information in due course.
- I'm sure you know that no child at Guillemont should have a TicTok account. The minimum age is 13. It concerns me that several children do, particularly in Yr6. There has been unpleasantness caused in the past involving children using this social media platform at home. I have been informed by a parent that the latest 'Trend' that states 24th April 2021 is "International rape a woman day." This is appalling and disgusting. Please check you know what your children are accessing on the internet. If you need help setting up privacy/access setting, please ask and we will help you.
- We continue to have year group bubbles and have not changed any of our operational details. There has been no relaxation of our precautions to reduce the spread of infection. The Government are due to review the current restrictions on Monday 17th May 2021 if their road map plans remain on track. If they do, then 21st June 2021 will see restrictions

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eased further. I will inform you when the school makes any changes to its operational details.

- Assuming that the Government Road Map goes to plan, we have a number of events 'booked in'. These include:
  - Yr2 (Tuesday 22nd June 2021) transition meeting at 7pm in the hall for parents and carers
  - Transfer Day (Thursday 1st July 2021) – Yr6 children visit their new schools, Yr2 children visit us for the afternoon and our children meet their new teachers and, in the case of the current Yr4, their new class mates (we will return to our policy of mixing the classes at the end of Yr4).
  - Sports Day (Thursday 8th July 2021)
  - Yr6 Leavers Day (Thursday 22nd July 2021)
  - Happy Circus re-scheduled (Thursday 14th October 2021)
  - Firework spectacular (Friday 12th November 2021)
  - The Yr6 residential to the IoW Little Canada has been booked for the current Yr5s.
- Congratulations to the following children. They have received the Guillemont Achievement Certificates today via their class teachers:
  - Ethan Hoggins EW
  - Connor Cooper EW
  - Ellie Green ZI
  - Hrishant Khan ZI
  - Harry Wirth KT
  - Maddy Butler KT
  - Fabian Sawoch SD
  - Charlie Dryden SD
  - Tom Robinson MP
  - Tayla Richardson MP
  - Tyler Frost KL
  - Coral Stevens KL
  - Charlie Southwood AL
  - Alfie Tyson AL
  - Ava Forey CW
  - Bobby Pitts CW
  - Harry Freeman LM
  - Cerys Latrache LM

Best wishes

Denis Foster (Headteacher)