

Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°34)

30th April 2021

- Yr4 children will bring home a letter today giving you information about the Government directive to test Yr4 children's competency with recalling the times tables from 1x1 to 12x12 inclusive. The letters are bespoke to each child and give your child's latest score. For this reason, a copy of the letter is not available from the website.
- A letter has been sent out to Yr6 today with details of the Yr6 Bikeability training that will take place during the week beginning Monday 14th June 2021. The letter contains a link that takes you directly to Pedal Power where you can sign your child up to take part. Your child will only be accepted onto the course if you complete the online permission form.
- As you know the 'Happy's Circus' has been re-scheduled from last April (2020) due to the pandemic and is now due to take place on Thursday 14th October 2021 on the school field. The capacity of the Big Top is 600, but to ensure that it is Covid-19 safe there will be two 1-hour shows seating a maximum 350. This improves the social distancing that the circus have imposed. If you have already bought your ticket we will be contacting you in due course to ask which show you would like to attend. You can choose to attend the 5pm show or the 7pm show and a new ticket will be issued showing the correct date and time for your preferred show. Please note that we have a record of families that have already purchased tickets. A letter will be sent out shortly to the whole school with further information, as there are still tickets that will be available to purchase.
- Please see the flyer attached to this email with information about 'Talk Plus'; a free NHS talking therapy service that is available to anyone over the age of 16 offering one-to-one support, in confidence.
- The LA Inspector for IT has alerted me to an App called **Frog**, popular with KS2 children. There is no age limit on using this App. It contains pornography.
- Siena Stones in Class SD has been growing her hair over the last couple of years in memory of her Great Auntie. Last week she got her hair cut short and has raised an amazing £460 for the Little Princess Trust. This charity uses hair donations to make wigs for children suffering with cancer. I have included a before and after photograph of Siena at the end of this newsletter. Well done Siena!
- A reminder, 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)

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- 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.
 - **Please note that the school be closed next Monday (3rd May 2021) for the May Day Bank Holiday and will re-open on Tuesday 4th May 2021.**
 - The school will now remain open on Thursday 6th May 2021 to all children and the Polling Station will be situated in the side car park by the barrier so that it is kept separate from the school. It was originally going to be an Inset Day but this has now been moved to Friday 9th July 2021 when the staff will be meeting with the staff of Pinewood Infant School for a combined staff training day.
 - The zig-zag yellow lines on the road by the school are there to keep us safe. Parents that park on them reduce visibility of pedestrians and this could lead to an accident; someone being run over. So, not only is it dangerous, it is also an offence to park on the zig-zag. I have raised this issue previously and ask you again to stop. Thank you.
 - Congratulations to the following children. They have received the Guillemont Achievement Certificates today via their class teachers:
 - Lilia Sayer KL
 - Charlie Walker KL
 - Lucas Wright MP
 - Lucy Soane MP
 - Sapphire Lamy AL
 - Archie Llewellyn AL
 - Louie Bertoux CW
 - Humaan Khan CW
 - Sophie Jones LM
 - Jamie Lee LM
 - Mollie Jones DB
 - Reid Fallon DB
 - Eddie Richardson MK
 - Harvey Wroot MK
 - Archie Mugford LA
 - Summer-Rose Harrison LA
 - Crystal Vincent MC
 - Amelia Cooles MC
 - Imogen Evans-Holmes KT
 - Ross Armstrong KT
 - Leo Maple SD
 - Jake Boxall SD
 - Jake Watts ZI
 - Gabriella Moir ZI

- Arthur Gomes EW
- Aayaan Gurung EW

Well done Siena!



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