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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°40)
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- This newsletter will be the first one to be sent to our new Yr3 parents and carers whose children are due to join us in September 2021. As the children are now unable to visit us before they start with us in Yr3 in September 2021, the school will be open for the new Yr3 children only on the first day of term on Monday 6th September 2021. The school will therefore be closed to all other year groups on that day and will be open for all year groups on Tuesday 7th September 2021. Please note that Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021 are Inset days for staff training and the school will be closed to pupils.
- If your child is due to start the school in September 2021, we are currently formulating alternative plans due to the Government's decision not to remove all current restrictions for at least the next four weeks. It is my intention to hold a number of virtual meetings using Google Meets so that families can meet the school leaders and their new class teacher before the end of this term. I will email details soon. The website has links to information we prepared last year as we were also prevented from holding our usual transition meetings – the majority is still current:
  Presentation by the staff https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Geuvbzp2Szs
  Virtual tour of the school https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cVFTkiRM4o0
- As you may have heard on the news, schools are being funded to support catch-up programmes to support pupils falling behind during Covid-19 closures. We have today sent out a letter to gauge interest in arranging catch-up classes out of the normal school day, i.e. before or after school, weekends or for a week or two during the summer holidays. Please complete the slip giving your preference if you think your child would benefit from having catch-up classes. Remember that this is just to gauge interest and not a commitment.
- As you are aware, we work closely with Pinewood Infant school; we have a formal agreement and I'm the Executive Headteacher for both schools. Mrs Chloe Waters, Yr3 teacher, will be teaching Yr2 children at Pinewood Infant School with effect from September 2021 to replace a teacher that is leaving. Mrs Water's role as a class teacher will be filled by a newly employed experienced teacher who will join the Yr3 Team from September 2021.
- The Yr6 Bikeability training took place this week and the instructors wanted me to pass on a message to say how well behaved and polite the Yr6 children were whilst completing their training. They will receive a badge and certificate at the end of the course.
- The compulsory Relationships and Heath Education takes place during the week beginning Monday 5th July 2021. As some parents and carers experienced difficulty in joining the meeting on Monday (14th June 2021), we have arranged another online meeting for you to see the resources that will be used and to discuss concerns on **Monday 21st June 2021 at 4pm– 5pm**. This is the link that you will need:

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meet.google.com/zrr-gjvi-eej. (Please copy and paste the link into your internet browser). The resources used during lessons will only be visible during the meeting as they are copyright to the charity that we get our resources from and we cannot share them online.

- We are very pleased that the Yr3 camping experience can still take place on Friday 2nd July 2021 to Saturday 3rd July 2021 on the school field because the Yr3 and their teachers are a bubble. The sleepover is the same day as the visit to Butser Farm. Thank you to everyone who had offered to supply tents, help put them up on Friday after school and take them down on Saturday morning. **However, we have been provided with enough tents for the entire year group by the 7th Farnborough Scout Group**. We will, therefore, not require any tents from parents and carers. Due to the latest Government guidance, we are unable to allow parents and carers to help put up and take down the tents, as previously requested. There are still a few parents and carers that have not completed the permission slip or paid for the Butser Farm visit or the camping. Please can you do so as soon as possible so that we can sort out the groups? Thank you.
- A letter has been sent out to Yr6 with details of a cooking activity that is taking place over two weeks beginning Monday 28th June 2021, as part of their WW2 project based learning. They are planning to make a cottage pie and a fruit salad. Please can you go online via Scopay and pay the contribution of £2 towards the cost of the ingredients and give your permission for your child to take part. Thank you to everyone that has already paid.
- A reminder that the tickets for the Happy's Circus are on sale now. Entrance is £8 and you can choose the 5pm or 7pm performance on Thursday 14th October 2021. Each performance lasts an hour with a warm up act beforehand. Please send in the correct money for the number of tickets you wish to purchase in a sealed named envelope, either cash or cheque payable to Guillemont Junior School No. 2 Account. **We are unable to accept payment online for the circus tickets**.
- Following the Government's announcement on Monday (14th June 2021) we have had to cancel the new parents' meeting that was planned (Tuesday 22nd June 2021), the Yr2 activity afternoon (Tuesday 29th June 2021) and the transfer day (Thursday 1st July 2021), when the Yr2 children were going to visit us for the morning and the Yr6 were going to visit their secondary school for the day. **We expect all Yr6 children to attend school on transfer day (Thursday 1st July 2021) as normal.**
- Children that are currently in Yr3, Yr4 and Yr5 will find out which class they will be moving into on what would have been the transfer day on Thursday 1st July 2021. Only the current Yr4 will be placed in new classes as we will be mixing the children for their last two years in the school. All the children will receive the information on Thursday 1st July 2021, but it will not be possible to have any time with their new teachers. Hopefully, if restrictions are lifted on the 19th July 2021, there may be an opportunity to meet their new teachers. Staffing for September will be published in the newsletter on Friday 2nd July 2021.

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- Sadly, we have also had to cancel sports day this year due to the extension of the restrictions. We cannot have the whole school together and invite all the parents and carers into school. There will be an alternative sports type day for each year group. More details to follow.
- Congratulations to the following children. They have received the Guillemont Achievement Certificates today via their class teachers:
  - Finley Thrower ZI
  - George Bessell ZI
  - Ollie Venning SD
  - Miruna Turcanu SD
  - Justin Obanor KL
  - Daisi Cassin KL
  - Calum Cousins-Moss MP
  - Tayla Richardson MP
  - Teddy Clarke LM
  - Leela Hoare LM
  - Pippa Wallis DB
  - Freddie Russell DB
  - Archie Mackenzie MK
  - Evelyn Taune MK
  - Eviee Amos MC
  - Poppy Clarke MC
  - Max Leatherbarrow CW
  - Teagan Barnes CW
  - Nicole Stacey AL
  - Sapphire Lamy AL
  - Zoey Beckford LA
  - Charlie Cooper LA
  - Sharn Thangavel EW
  - Joshua Durbridge EW
  - Lauren Hapsa KT
  - Joshua Edmonds KT

Best wishes
Denis Foster