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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°43)
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- Today is an Inset Day for staff training. We have been joined by Pinewood staff both virtually and in person. The day has focussed on developing our Design and Technology curriculum from reception class to Yr6. The Inset Days for the next academic year are posted on the school's website. Both schools will have the same Inset Days.
- The Government announced that Step 4 of their road map out of the pandemic will commence on Monday 19th July 2021. The information received in school is not as clear as we had hoped. The LA have asked headteachers to reflect for a few days before making any wholesale changes. The LA will issue advice I'm sure. I will inform you early next week of operational changes that will be made. One thing that will change is the staggered end to the day. All children will finish school at 3.25pm for the last full week of term. **This includes the last day of term. This is a change from the previously published information**.
- The Yr3 day visit to Butser Farm took place last Friday 2nd July 2021 and the children had their first residential sleepover on the school field in tents. The feedback from the Yr3 Team is that the children all enjoyed the experience. I expect the children all went home very tired on the Saturday morning – as did the staff! It was really good to have the first residential for almost 18 months. I'm sure you will join me extending a huge 'thank you' to Mr Barry and Miss Mills for organising the event and, of course, all of the staff that helped. I also need to mention and thank the 7th Farnborough Scout Group for the loan of the tents. They have already been booked for next year!
- Thank you to all the new parents and carers that attended the virtual meetings this week to meet me and our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Kristy Llewellyn. 71/90 families joined us via Google Meets. It was good to talk to you and we look forward to meeting you and your child in September 2021. Miss Mills, Miss Thomas and Miss Creedon also held virtual meeting with their new classes. If you missed either of these meetings, the website has links to information we prepared last year, the majority of which 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
  If your child is desperate to say hello to their new teacher because they missed the meeting, please email the school office and we will try to call. A reminder that only the Yr3 children will be in school for the first day of term (Monday 6th September 2021). The slide deck used in the meeting will be emailed to you on Monday.
- We are finalising the Covid-19 catch-up lessons for everyone that has expressed an interest. We are now asking for a firm commitment before we can send out the final details. **Please return your reply slip by Wednesday 14th July 2021** at the latest, after which time we will contact you again with the final arrangements. I'm very confident that the catch-up teaching will take place.
- All parents will be invited to 'Meet the Teacher' face-to-face in their classroom during the week commencing Monday 13th September 2021. The meetings are after school ends on:
  - Tuesday 14th September 2021 Classes LC, MC, SD and AL
  - Wednesday 15th September 2021 Classes LM, LA, DB, MP and EW
  - Thursday 16th September 2021 Classes KT, CJ, NB and ZI

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- A reminder that the leavers' day letter to Yr6 has been sent out with details of a day of activities run by CM Sports that is planned for Thursday 22nd July 2021, ending with a disco in the evening. The cost of this is £6.00 for the day that includes an ice cream and £3.00 for the disco which includes food and refreshments. A reminder to please complete the permission slip and send in the payment either in cash or a cheque payable to Guillemont Junior School. We are unable to accept online payments for this activity. More information about the assembly will follow – whether parents and carers can attend.
- The Yr3 and Yr4 children took park in their sports day yesterday (Thursday 8th July 2021) in their year group bubbles with Yr3 in the morning and Yr4 in the afternoon. Yr5 and Yr6 children will have their sports day next week. It was sad that we were unable to invite any parents and carers this year. We all hope that next year will be different and we can return to a full day of sporting fun and competition with parents and carers cheering the children on.
- The Summer Reading Challenge is run every year by Hampshire Libraries and it's all free! Each year, there is a different theme and this year the theme is Wild World Heroes. All you need to do is visit your local public library between Saturday 3rd July 2021 and Saturday 18th September 2021 to sign up for the challenge. Alternatively you can sign up and take part online via the Hampshire Libraries website and download digital books for free via their Borrow Box App. Hampshire Libraries Summer Reading Challenge website is: https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone.
- Mr Barry has +written a report on a tournament entered by the girl's football team, it's attached for you to read.
- Congratulations to the following children. They have received the Guillemont Achievement Certificates today via their class teachers:
  - Jackson Howard MP
  - Zack Kormos MP
  - Summer-Rose Harrison LA
  - Izzy King LA
  - Kobe Neeve ZI
  - Annabelle Teasdale ZI
  - Evie Ferguson CW
  - Cody Pilkington CW
  - Brooke Andrews MK
  - Eddie Richardson MK
  - Ella Chilton SD
  - Rayan Hamdi SD
  - Arthur Gomes EW
  - Riley Faulkner EW
  - Rupert Neville AL
  - Nicole Stacey AL
  - Jack Mallatt KT
  - Imogen Evans-Holmes KT

Best wishes
Denis Foster