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Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N°31)
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- Well done to Yr6 for completing their KS2 National Tests this week. They were all focused, tried their best and we are very proud of them. The Yr6 teachers and all of the LSAs supported the children throughout the week. There is negative media coverage about the tests particularly how difficult the reading paper was. All of the tests were challenging. We will be better placed to comment further when the results are published… and we know that the planned date has been pushed forwards.
- Yr6 were all given their leaver's hoodie today that can now be worn in school if they would like to. Please can the KS2 English and Mathematics revision books that were loaned to the children be returned to school so that they can be used again next year.
- I need your support please with the following:
  - Prime is an energy drink not suitable for young children. Please do not let your child bring a Prime bottle into school as a water bottle.
  - Crop-tops (tops that do not cover the abdomen), are not to be worn.
  - All children need a separate pair of trainers for games – see below
  - As the weather warms, please check the dress code particularly regarding what is acceptable as a top and shoes.

  As a parent, I do recall my children telling me what they thought was allowed when they were at junior school… and they had a uniform… we are the parents and there is a dress code.
- On the day of the Coronation picnic, the school received a number of phone complaints about the parking – mentioned last week. As a result, a resident of Pinewood Park set up a meeting that I, Mrs Llewellyn, Cllr Auton and Cllr Allen attended to discuss the parking issues that relate to both Guillemont and Pinewood schools and wider concerns of local residents. I felt it was a constructive meeting and both councillors left with suggestions that will/could help resolve the issues. We will meet again late July for an update. I believe that there are already by-laws/laws in place that would help if residents adhered to them and that were enforced with fines. Cllr Auton did report that recent changes to parking enforcement would help, but people did need to act responsibly and be considerate when they park for a school event. It is important that complaints should be made to the police and the local authority not just the school as we do not have any jurisdiction outside of the school grounds.
- We have received notification from the school caterers (HC3S) that the price of a school meal will be increasing to £3 per meal with effect from Monday 5th June 2023, which is straight after half term. The increase is due to the rising cost of ingredients and staffing.
- A reminder please that all children must bring their PE kit into school on Monday and keep them in school all week. They can be taken home on Friday for washing. The children also need a spare pair of trainers in school so that they can change into them for outdoor games. Our kit can be purchased from Brenda's which is situated on Frimley High Street or alternatively, we do sell second hand kit in school. Thank you.
- Information for Yr6 parents and carers of children going to Cove School in September 2023: On Tuesday 16th May 2023, Cove School would like to invite you and your child to attend an informal information evening which will start at 3:30pm straight after they finish school. The event will give you the opportunity to chat with their current Yr7 students to find out what life is like at Cove School. The Head of Yr7, Safeguarding Manager and SENCO will also be in attendance to answer any questions you may have and there will be a brief presentation regarding preparation for transition into secondary school.
- Information for Yr5 parents and carers: The Hobgoblin Theatre Company are coming into school on Tuesday 6th June 2023. They will be performing a play entitled 'The curse of the Mummy' as part of Yr5's project based learning about the Egyptians. A letter has been sent out with details.

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- Reminder for Yr3 parents and carers: Please can you return the completed permission form for your child to take part in the Yr3 day visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace and overnight stay on the school field. We need to know if your child intends to stay overnight so that the tent allocation can be arranged, or just for the evening activities. **The deadline for receipt of the permission form and payment is Monday 15th May 2023**. Thank you if you have already returned the form and paid.
- Reminder for Yr6 parents and carers: Please can you return the residential medical questionnaire and dietary requirements form as soon as possible, so that we can send this information to Grittleton House. **The deadline for receipt of the forms is Friday 26th May 2023**. Thank you if you have already returned these forms. **Please note that the final payment of £49 is due by Tuesday 6th June 2023.**
- A date for your diaries: The FOG Summer BBQ has been confirmed for Friday 7th July 2023 at 5pm until 7pm. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.
- We are looking for a family to look after the guinea pigs and the rabbits during half term week beginning Monday 29th May 2023. If you are interested, please contact Sioux Harman, Site Manager, via the school office. Everything you need will be provided.
- A few reminders:
  - Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023: Yr5 Residential visit to Swanage. A final letter with details about drop off has been sent out. Children not taking part in the residential are expected to be in school as normal.
  - Monday 15th to Friday 19th May 2023: Walk to School Week. As Yr5 are on their residential during this week, they can complete the challenge the following week beginning Monday 22nd May 2023.
  - Wednesday 17th May 2023: Class LM's assembly. Parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to come along to watch at 2.45 to 3.15pm in the school hall. Please enter school via reception.
  - Wednesday 24th May 2023: Guillemont's Got Musical Talent. A letter has been sent out with details.
  - Friday 26th May 2023: Yr3 visit to Fishbourne Roman Palace and sleepover on the school field. A reminder please that we need parents or carers that can help put up the tents on Friday after school and take them down again on Saturday at 1pm. Any help will be gratefully received. If we do not get enough help it may mean that we will be unable to go ahead with the sleepover. Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you.
  - Friday 26th May 2023: Yr6 Aldershot Military Museum visit. A letter has been sent out with details. The children will travel by public transport to the museum.
  - Thursday 8th June 2023: Yr4 Residential presentation for the parents and carers of the current Yr3 children. We are planning a 3 day/2 night residential to Ufton Court, near Reading, to take place in November 2023. Further details will be sent out shortly.
- Attendance Information: A reminder that 96% attendance and punctuality is the target.

W/B. 8th May 2023	
Class	**% Attendance**
LA	99.6%
LM	98.7%
AB	97.9%
CJ	97.4%
MP	97.1%
DB	96.6%
ER	95.8%
NB	95.1%
EW	94.9%
KT	94.0%

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YK	90.1%
SD	88.5%
EA	83.9%

- Congratulations to the following children that received an achievement certificate in assembly today.
  - Class AB
  - Class LA
  - Class MP
  - Jake Eaves NB
  - Mia Downing NB
  - Ava Jones SD
  - Tyler Hastings SD
  - Yuitan Sherpa LM
  - Freddie Hornblow LM
  - Max Ludlam EA
  - Jaxson Algra EA
  - Jazmine Muirhead ER
  - Teddy Harrison ER
  - Fran Downing KT
  - Pippa Garrard KT
  - Luke Miller YK
  - Catherine Harris YK
  - Max Burfield CJ
  - Freddie Kear CJ
  - Aria Peppitt DB
  - Max Leatherbarrow DB
  - Hugo Banks EW
  - Sara Wakil EW

Best wishes

Denis Foster (Headteacher)