

Summer Term

May 6th 2022

newsletter

Small School, Big Opportunities, Great Achievements!

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to our first newsletter of the summer!

As I said in my letter last week, it is a great privilege to be here at Thakeham. Please do let me know about anything important to you. We really do listen and we value the feedback.

I am thrilled with the way the summer has started. The school feels calm, purposeful and happy. It has been heart-warming walking around and seeing all the exciting activities, nurture and hard work!

Our assemblies have focused on our school values (see below) and ensuring we are positive, active members of the school community. I have been impressed with the behaviour and behaviour for learning across the entire community. The children are so polite, kind and thoughtful.

I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.

Best wishes for the weekend.

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Who Are We Celebrating This Week?

Positive,
Persevering Perry



Co-operative
Caring Chloe



Headteacher
Award



Reflective,
Reviewing Rowan



Curious,
Questioning Cleo



Robyn (Acorn)

Grace (Elder)

Emily (Acorn)
Amariaah (Oak)
Dylan (Oak)
Evelyn (Elder)
Sadie (Elder)

Callum (Maple)
Nikos (Maple)

Reading Ladders

The following children have reached the top of their class Reading Ladders. This means they have consistently completed their reading HW and developed that life-long love of reading! Well done to:

Alhannah, Amariaah, Ediie & Sophie (Oak)
Amaya, Gabe & Zack (Maple)
Archie, Huxley, Mary, Noah F, Reuben, Terry & Timmy (Elder)

Attendance Figures

Thank you for your support in helping our pupils to see the value in each and every day at school. We track attendance because only a little missed can have a huge long-term impact on a child's progress. **Our target is 97%.** Current attendance percentages for the new academic year to date are:

Acorn Class: **93.19%**

Oak Class: **92.68%**

Maple Class: **92.72%**

Elder Class: **96.55%**

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Safeguarding

Safety first, always!

Mr McDonald is now the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead. If there is anything you need to discuss, please let him know. Mrs Mullineux and Mrs Hopkins continue as Safeguarding Leads also and are available to support.

Wellbeing

As a nation, we have all been through a lot recently – on top of everything that goes on generally in life. It is really important we look after ourselves. As they say, you cannot pour from an empty cup!

Here are some resources or places you can go for support:

- Your local GP
- Visit the Health in Mind Website
- The British Red Cross has a lovely section on wellbeing on their website
- Mind.org.uk has a wealth of resources and ideas

General Notices

Car Park

A gentle reminder, that the car park should not be used for picking up and dropping off. Please use the other spaces along Rock Road.

Key Stage 2 SATS

These begin next week. They will take place between Monday and Friday on a schedule. Please do speak to your little ones about it and let Mrs Hopkins know if you have any worries or queries. They are all superstars and we are confident it will be a positive experience.

Key Stage 1 SATS

These will be taking place the week of May 16th. A nurturing, kind schedule is in place that will support with the carrying out of the tests but keeping in mind our pupil's wellbeing. Please speak to Oak Class's teachers if you have any worries or queries.

Dates for your Diary

- 30th May to the 3rd June: HALF TERM
- 6th June: INSET

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Time to Shine!

Please see below for some exciting news from our community. We are so proud of everything our pupils do and want to share!



Gabrielle has completed her Level 3 in Swimming whilst Holly, Archie, George and Daniel went on a Rugby Tour to the Isle of Wight.

Our School Values

Care – Cooperation – Honesty – Responsibility – Perseverance – Curiosity - Reflection

These are the values that drive our school. They feed into how we learn, how we act with one another, how we teach, how we handle our pastoral elements; so much of what we do! So, it is important we remember them. Our Super Learning Heroes relate directly to these and are how we make our values child friendly.

HALF TERM CRICKET CAMP

30 & 31 MAY 2022

09:00 - 15:00



IMPROVE YOUR BATTING, BOWLING & FIELDING SKILLS DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. ALL ABILITIES, BOYS & GIRLS, U8s - U11s.

**1 DAY:
£25 FCC MEMBERS
£30 NON-MEMBERS**

**BOTH DAYS:
£50 FCC MEMBERS
£60 NON-MEMBERS**

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**ANY QUESTIONS? CALL HARRY METTERS ON 07772 041 873
OR EMAIL h.mettters@live.co.uk**



JUBILEE LUNCHTIME COMPETITION

Join us for a school lunch from 23rd to 27th May to be entered into a prize draw.

Print or Download the template from www.mealselector.co.uk and email us your crown design by 27th May to u73041@compass-group.co.uk. The email must include your name, school and class.

2 winners will be contacted to receive their prize. Prizes are family tickets for "The Tower of London"

1 KS1 winner and 1 KS2 winner.

BOOK-SIGNING with JULIA DONALDSON



*Saturday 7th May from 10.30am
at The Steyning Bookshop*

Introducing her 2 wonderful new books

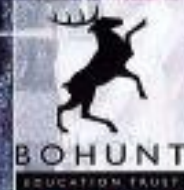


Julia will be happy to sign all books purchased on the day at the Steyning Bookshop

Booking essential - book online or call 01903 812062

www.ticketsource.co.uk/thesteyningbookshop

STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL SUMMER EXHIBITION



THURSDAY 9TH JUNE
18:30 - 21:00
SHOOTING FIELD
STEYNING BN44 3RX

CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2022
SIXTH FORM AND YEAR ELEVEN
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