

Dear Parent / Carer,

We hope everyone had a wonderful Easter holiday. We were pleased to welcome everyone back on and are hoping to see some warmer weather!

In the last newsletter we were anticipating an inspection – which hasn't happened. We now hope that we will receive an inspection in the first half of this term. As you know the Local Authority and the HMI inspection in November highlighted the good progress that children have made since coming to the school. The Local Authority agrees with our view that we are a good school and we sincerely hope that a full inspection confirms this. We would like all parents to help tell OFSTED how well we are doing! When the inspectors visit they use "Parent View" to find out what you think about our school. We would like them to know about all the good things we are doing. Please visit Parent View and make your views known. By sharing your opinion on 12 aspects of school you'll be able to say how we have improved and help us improve further. You will also be able to see what other parents have said about the school. (<http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>)

Staff update: At the end of term we said goodbye to Miss May who has moved to Dorset. We are pleased to welcome Mr Cooper who has taken over class 6M. Mrs Robinson is taking on the role of acting-SENCO role for the summer term while we recruit a new SENCO for September. Most of you will know that Mrs Robinson fractured her shoulder on the first day of the Year 4 trip and I am glad to tell you that she is recovering well and despite her injury will be back to work on Monday.

Year 6 News

It is hard to believe that we have begun the final term of Year 6 and high school awaits our children in September! Over this term we will continue to work with the high school to ensure a smooth transition. As part of this process later in the term teachers from the English Department will be coming in to work with both classes on a Heroes Day project.

This first half term centres around the National End Of Key Stage 2 Tests, whilst after half-term we have our residential trip to Kingswood.

The tests take place in the week beginning Monday 13th May, and are spread out over that week. They consist of a reading test, a new writing test which focusses on grammar, punctuation and spelling, and mathematics (mental maths, non-calculator and calculator tests). Some pupils will also try Level 6 tests in reading and maths. Good breakfasts and regular night's sleep in the weeks running up to the tests will really help pupils perform to the best of their abilities!

Our residential trip to Kingswood is second week after half-term week; from Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th June. A kit letter and final arrangements will follow shortly. Hopefully, the weather will be a little sunnier by then! In class our main project work this half term is history themed and based on World War II.

A few reminders for the last term:

P.E. continues on a Friday, and pupils need shorts, a P.E. top and plimsolls (or bare feet) for indoor lessons. Games lessons continue every Thursday outside, so a pair of trainers is a must.

Earrings should be plain gold or silver studs only. No other jewellery should be worn to school.

Lunch boxes need to be stored in the canteen on arrival at school.

In warmer weather, tailored shorts may be worn, but no sports shorts or three quarter length shorts/trousers. School shoes are still expected with shorts! Don't forget to bring a bottle of water, sun hat and put on sun cream when we do get better weather!

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Diary

April	Mon 15 th	Start of Summer Term at 8.45am Year 4 residential trip to Whitwell Hall
	Tues 30 th	Swimming Gala
May	Thur 2 nd	FOF/School Council visit to Fenland Leisure Year 5 visit Hellesdon High – French Marché
	Mon 6 th	Bank Holiday – school closed
	Wed 8 th	Year 4 visit Hellesdon High – Spanish Fiesta
	Mon 13 th	Year 6 SAT tests week Full Governors meeting
	Fri 24 th	Year 3 Museum visit
	Mon 27 th	Half-term week – school closed
June	Mon 3 rd	Year 5 residential to Holt Hall (split week) Arrival of four Chinese teachers from Hui Shi Primary school
	Mon 10 th	Year 6 residential to Kingswood
	Thur 27 th	School closed – CPD day (applies to all local schools)
July	Mon 8 th , Tues 9 th	Hellesdon High transition day – Year 6 pupils to Hellesdon High
	Tues 16 th , Wed 17 th	School sports mornings
	Fri 19 th	Prom on the pitch
	Wed 24 th	Last day of term

Year 3 multi-skills – 5 week summer term programme

We have organised a 5 week programme of PE multi-skills with CSF coaches for the beginning of the summer term, in Year 3. Community Sports Foundation professional coach, Danielle is working alongside the classteachers to run the programme with the Year 3 classes,. The first session was held on the very first day of term and was very successful.

Premises update

Playground: As you may have heard from the children, we are delighted that FOF have agreed to support our new play-equipment project. FOF had a meeting last term with Fenland Leisure and the plans that were agreed will be on display for you to see, very soon. We anticipate that work will start in early May so that all the children, including Year 6, will be able to enjoy using it this term. We are planning a number of fund-raising events this term to help raise the necessary funds. FOF are even trying to arrange a trip for some of the school council to see the equipment being made in the workshops near Wisbech!

Hall redecoration: Over the holiday, the decorators have completed the much needed Hall redecoration. They have done a fantastic job and we are grateful for their hard work in completing it in time for the beginning of term.



ROCK SOLID

When? 6.30-8pm Thursdays.
Who? 10—14 years old.
Where? St Paul's Church (Hawthorne Avenue)
What? Games, fun youth workers, socialising, food and an awesome time!!

Starts 2nd May! Don't miss it!

First Time
FREE
Entry £1

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