

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back! Many thanks to Mr Oakey and the cleaners for all their hard work over Easter: the school looked sparkling for the start of term. Every classroom projector has now been replaced with short-throw projectors. The new ones are wonderfully bright– the children have really noticed the difference!

The summer term promises to be a time for everyone to really enjoy. The children's hard work is really paying off for them and we can see great progress being made across the school. The teachers spent the training day before term started planning the new curriculum that will come on stream next September. They also spent time firming up plans for some exciting learning opportunities this term!

The term started with no delay and we were delighted so many parents were able to come to the Year 5 children's Roman exhibition on the very first day. The Science Quiz club teams went to take part in the local competition and one team was placed second having led right up until the final round! The Year 6 football team are off to Manchester in mid-May to represent Norwich City in the Premier League Schools Tournament. Not many people get to watch football at the Etihad let alone play there! Good luck team!

There are many sports events for all children this term. We are especially pleased that our Sport Premium money is making it possible to open up many opportunities we would not have otherwise been able to provide. For example, some Year 6 children have the chance to go sailing at Whitlingham, we are running after school athletics and we are also organising some wheelchair basketball. We hope to interest children not normally keen on games by providing access to a wider range of activities than in the past. Something for everyone, we hope!

The term will end with a festival of learning week when we will celebrate the great things going on. There will, of course, be a play performance, the prom on the pitch and the sports mornings all of which we hope you will enjoy with us.

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#### Year 4 News

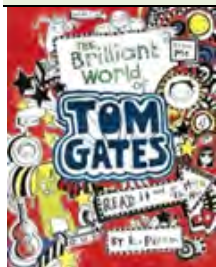
First of all we would like to say what a pleasure it was to spend the last week of the spring term with Year 4 at Whitwell Hall. They were enthusiastic and energetic throughout the week - even if some of them had had less sleep than usual! The staff at Whitwell Hall commented on the children's great behaviour and manners. There are still a few unnamed items of clothing that have not been claimed left from the trip. If you know your child has not brought everything home that they went with, please come and look through the pile in the entrance to Miss Putt's classroom.

We will be continuing to set homework on a Friday for completion by the following Wednesday. Please feel free to contact us if there are any problems relating to these tasks.

Some of the topics we will be studying this term: Contrasting locality (geog), Teeth and digestion (science), Musical instruments (of which the children will be making and will be asked to bring in a cereal box) (D.T.)

It will certainly be a busy half term!!

## CHILDREN'S AUTHOR VISIT – LIZ PICHON



Exciting news! Some of children will have the opportunity to join our friends at Kinsale Junior for a visit by **Liz Pichon** the very popular author, on **Wednesday 7 May**. Kinsale are hosting the event and we are delighted to be able to take some of children to join in. Liz will talk to the children about her books (including the hugely popular Tom Gates series) after which there will be an opportunity to buy books, which she is happy to sign.

**Liz Pichon** is an [illustrator](#) and a [children's writer](#) who has won many awards. Do visit her website (<http://www.lizpichon.co.uk/home.htm#>) to discover more about her and the many books she has written.

The visit has been organised by **Marilyn Brocklehurst**, owner of *the* best children's bookshop in Norfolk, the **Norfolk Children's Book Centre**. <http://www.ncbc.co.uk/NCBC/Home.html>

## Diary

### May

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday – school closed

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SAT tests week

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Half-term week – school closed

**June** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Year 6 (Kingswood) residential

4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Year 5 (Holt Hall) residential

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Year 2 visit to Firside

Thur 19<sup>th</sup> School Disco

Thur 26<sup>th</sup> School closed – CPD day (applies to all local schools)

### July

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Leavers Disco

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> School Sports..... 9:30

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> School Performance "Treasure island" ..... 1:30 & 6:00

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> School Sports..... 9:30

Prom on the Pitch ..... evening

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> & Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Hellesdon High transition day – Year 6 pupils to Hellesdon High

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Last day of term

## Netball update

Congratulations to the Year 6 Netball team for such a great performance in the Hi5 Netball tournament last Monday. Good luck in the Summer Norfolk School Games tournament later in the term.

