

Summer Newsletter 1

Welcome back to our final term of this academic year. We hope everyone had a restful Easter break. Here is a little bit of what the different year groups have been up to over the last two weeks.

Year 3 – During the first week back, we had a fantastic trip to Magna! We took part in two wonderful, hands-on workshops about volcanoes and magnets and still managed to fit in visiting the rest of the museum. The water zone was a big hit where most of us got sopping wet! Someone in Class 3 summed up the day when they said, “It’s not just brilliant – it’s awesome!” Maths Day was full of practical skills including weighing ingredients, measuring liquids and buying items at the flea market. In the afternoon we spent a lovely hour in the sunshine with Year 1 at Cottages. Roman Day was another triumph. Just look at Class 1 demonstrating how to march in a formation called the Testudo and protecting themselves with their Scutum. Saluto Romano!

In **Year 4** we enjoyed making compliment chains on well-being day and had great fun with the launch of our science topic ‘Sound’. We enjoyed exploring musical instruments and have begun reading our ‘Ancient Egyptian’ topic themed books. We are excited that we will be doing orienteering in PE this term; the first session was such fun.

Year 5 have been as busy as ever. Highlights so far include starting a new book by Katherine Rundell called 'The Explorer' about a group of children lost in the Amazon. We have also started our own exploration of South America; learning about the rainforest and culture of this fascinating continent. This week, we began studying Henri Rousseau and his jungle art.

Year 6 have begun their countdown to SATs week. As ever, they are working hard in maths and English but also managing to fit lots of other things in too. They made a positive start to the term with yoga and origami on the agenda for Wellbeing Day. Some classrooms are full of origami hopping frogs! In DT, children have begun to construct their windmills by designing and making the sails. The much-anticipated sport of Paceball is back on the timetable on Friday mornings and everyone has enjoyed getting stuck in!



Parent survey

Thank you so much to all of the parents who have completed to survey so far. We really appreciate your feedback and want to continue to improve our school. Please follow this link to give your feedback.

<https://forms.office.com/e/rLiErwj1H>



HSA

Thank you so much to everyone that helped organise and run the discos last week. They were great events that the children thoroughly enjoyed and raised a fantastic £1393.96. Thank you also to everyone who helped at or attended the joint Curry and Quiz night.

Our next event is the school summer fair on Friday 27th June. We will need lots of help organising and running this event. More details of how you can help will follow via Parentpay or through the HSA Whatsapp groups.

The HSA have been vital in raising funds to help improve opportunities and experiences for our pupils. Recently, we have used some of the money raised to have an enormous history timeline installed in our hall. This will support all year groups in understanding chronology and the periods of history they study throughout their time at the junior school. Some of the money raised will also go towards helping make our playground a much more inviting and exciting place for our children to play. We are working hard behind the scenes to gain consent for phase 1 of the project from the County Council. We know that some people commented on the need for playground improvements in the parent survey.

Unfortunately, we have not had anyone come forward to run our HSA, which has made putting on events quite challenging. If this is the same for next year, it may mean reducing the number of events further which would be a real shame. Please get in touch if you are interested.



Summer Term Dates

Fri 9 th May	Class 7 assembly
WB Mon 12 th May	SATs week
Fri 16 th May	Class 4 assembly
Saturday 17 th May	Community Food Festival 11am-3.30pm
Mon 19 th May	Y5 to WBS and Y5/6 sport week
Fri 23 rd May	Class 1 assembly
WB Mon 26 th May	Half term
Mon 2 nd Jun	First day of summer 2 nd half term
Fri 13 th June	Halle Orchestra trip
Fri 13 th June	Class 6 assembly
Mon 16 th June	Y3/4 health and sport week
Wed 18 th June	Y5/6 Music showcase
Wed 25 th June	Y3/4 Music showcase
Wed 9 th July	Transition morning and parents information evening (on teams)
Wed 16 th July	Rocksteady concert
Fri 18 th July	End of year reports to parents
Tues 22 nd & Wed 23 rd July	Year 6 production
Fri 25 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly and last day of term