

# CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

April 2015



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the April edition of the Cage Green Newsletter on the eve of the Easter break.

Another busy term has passed and when we return after the Easter break, we enter the final two terms of the year. The main curriculum event this term has been the participation in 'Science and Engineering Week'. A huge thank you goes to Mrs Creed and Miss Wellington for organising such an unforgettable learning experience for the children. As mentioned in the last newsletter, activities ranged from ZooLab where Key Stage 1 had the opportunity to learn about habitats and life cycles to Dr Gareth Francis teaching Years 3, 4 and 6 about electricity. Many of the activities were funded by the Parents Teacher Association (PTA) so a big thank you to all that have contributed at PTA events.

Another wonderful occasion was the Choir Competition that was held at The River Centre on 18th March. Mrs Hunt, Miss Curley and Mr Hall were in attendance and all three came back full of enthusiasm and were extremely proud of how the children performed. The following report has been written by Mrs Hunt:

*The amazing Cage Green Pop Choir, took part in a local schools choir competition, on Wednesday 18th March 2015, at The River Centre in Tonbridge.*

*There were seven schools competing (all to a very high standard) and we came joint third. We were presented with £75 for our choir! Very exciting! The children have decided that they would like to record a CD in the studios at Music Station and put the rest of the money towards music at the school.*

*All children sang and performed brilliantly and we were complimented on our great dance moves and stage presence! We really 'rocked the joint!'.*

A second reminder that Parent Consultation Evenings will be held between the 29 and 30 April where you will be given the opportunity to discuss your child's progress as well as the next steps in his/her learning. Appointments will be available between 3.30 pm and 7.00 pm and any parents/carers with siblings, the teachers will endeavour to have both appointments on the same evening and within 30 minutes of each other. Letters were sent out earlier this week so can I please encourage these to be returned if you haven't already done so. I'm investigating the possibility of having other agencies/companies attending our Parent Consultation Evenings and setting up information stalls in the main hall. In addition to the Book Stall, I'm hoping to invite people/organisations such as the School Nurse, the local Children's Centre, the local library, maybe even our local secondary schools. If I've missed an organisation you think the school should invite please let me know.

The week commencing 11 May signifies the start of SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests) Week for Year 6 therefore please ensure no medical appointments for our Year 6 children are booked for this week. If your child is ill please let the Office know as soon as possible so alternative arrangements can be made. Each morning the school will providing breakfast for all our Year 6 children which will be served at 8.45 am. The week is extremely important for your child since these assessments are the ones that the secondary schools will be looking at as well as the results being published nationally. Therefore please ensure your child is well rested the weekend before so they can perform at their very best.

SATs for Year 2 are organised throughout Terms 5 and 6 with the Maths Assessments starting the week commencing 4 May and Reading, Writing Assessments week commencing 15 June. The Year 1 children will be sitting their Phonics Screening Check this week as well (Year 2 children who didn't achieve the expected standard last year will re-sit the check).



## Class Assemblies

The list below outlines the Class Assemblies for Terms 5 and 6. Each assembly begins at 9.30 am and normally lasts for between twenty and thirty minutes. Everybody is welcome to their child's assembly since these are a wonderful opportunity to share in your child's learning.



### **Term 5**

24 Apr	2W
1 May	1C
8 May	5H
15 May	2C
22 May	6E

### **Term 6**

5 June	5N
12 June	1W
19 June	4MC
26 June	4K
3 July	Chimps
17 July	Penguins

## Parents Teacher Association (PTA)

There have been many developments over the last term regarding the PTA—I have been working alongside the Chair of the PTA compiling a 'wish list' of learning experiences/equipment I feel the PTA could help fund. As mentioned previously the PTA has funded many of the learning experiences during Science and Engineering Week and have also agreed to be heavily involved in the plans Miss Leppard and I have to develop the playground. Look out for a full round-up in next month's newsletter.



## PACT

Due to the 'retirement' of the Treasurer and Website Designer, PACT are looking for any willing volunteers with an interest in these areas to offer their services. Mrs Weiner, the Chair of PACT will be happy to discuss these roles further either at the next PACT Meeting or at a time convenient to both parties. The next PACT Meeting is on Wednesday 13 May at 7.00 pm in the Staff Room so please come along to support the excellent work PACT do.



## PACT Cake Sale

We are delighted to announce that £220.15 was raised at the cake sale last Friday. Half of the money was given to the National Autistic Society and the other half will be put to good use at the Phoenix Centre. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and of course those who bought them as well.

## Staff Development Days

A reminder that staff development days over the next two years are as follows:

### **Academic Year 2015/16**

3 and 4 September 2015 (2 days)  
2, 3 and 4 November 2015 (3 days)



### **Academic Year 2016/17**

31 October 2016 to 4 November 2016 (5 days)

Next newsletter will be published on Friday 1 May 2015.

Finally can I wish you all an enjoyable Easter break and see you all on Monday 20 April 2015.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher