

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER



April 2016

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to April's edition of the Cage Green Newsletter. I do hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

As you read this month's Newsletter 'Friendship Week' activities would have begun in earnest. The launch event is a puppet show for all children looking how to be a thoughtful, caring friend. I'm sure you'll read all about it in one of the weekly bulletins as well as from your children. We also have circle time sessions, friendship messages which will be put on to a friendship tree, and the week ending with an afternoon tea or activities with the children's reading buddies.

Keeping on a positive note I am pleased to announce that the Cage Green community raised £486.29 for Sports Relief. Therefore a big thank you to everyone involved.

Back in January's Newsletter I wrote about Kent County Council asking the school to take on an extra class of Year R children in September 2016. After much deliberation and discussion between the school and KCC, it has been decided this will not happen this year. I am pleased to announce though that we will have approximately sixty children joining Cage Green in September and very much look forward to meeting them all. For those parents/carers who will have children starting with us in September 2016 we will be publishing dates very soon for the play afternoons/meetings to enable a smooth transition into Cage Green.

Continuing the theme of Year R, I am delighted to officially welcome Mrs Littlechild to Cage Green as a Teaching Assistant in Chimpanzee Class. She has been volunteering in the class for a number of weeks and has had a real impact on the children's learning. This opportunity arose due to Mrs Trace leaving the school. On that note I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Trace for the hard work and dedication she has shown towards the school and wish her all the best for the future.

Other staff changes this term are in Year 5—Mrs Duckworth is needing further treatment for her ongoing medical condition but I am pleased to announce Mrs Hunt will be returning to Year 5 on a Thursday and Friday for the majority of the next two terms. I am sure the children will be excited to see her again and hear all about what she's been up to.

Could I please take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of Year 6 children that the week commencing 9 May is SAT's week. Therefore can you please ensure they are fully rested that week and as always no leave of absence will be authorised. The school will be providing breakfast (or an additional one!!) that week and further details will follow in the next few weeks. In May's Newsletter I will include a timetable of the week to allow the children and parents/carers to know what assessment it will be each day. As I always say at this time of year, it is an opportunity for the children to showcase what they have learnt over their time here at Cage Green as well as the secondary schools using the results to help the transition from primary to secondary.

On the **24 May 2016** the school will be holding its second Curriculum Evening due to the positive feedback we had from our last one. If you remember we focused on Science and the evening was a huge success and an opportunity to share in the children's learning. This year it is Mathematics and Miss Wilson and her team are in the midst of planning workshops and activities that you will enjoy with your children. Please do come along and make it as a successful as last year.

Parent Consultation Evenings

A reminder that Parent Consultation Evenings will be held on Tuesday 19 and Thursday 28 April for Unicorn Class (Mrs Dove's Class), 1WL (Miss Wilson's Class) and 3N (Miss Newman's Class). Booking an appointment is the same process as before and the link is provided below.

<https://cagegreen.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>

At each of these evenings there will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team available and no appointment is necessary.

Residential Visits

We have two residential visits coming up this term, one for Year 4 and one for Year 6. On the weekend commencing **Friday 29 April**, Year 4 have been given the opportunity to attend Arethusa Adventure Centre for 3 days taking part in adventurous activities. These include sailing, climbing and team building to name a few. The children will leave school at 1.30 p.m. and return on Sunday 1 May at 5.00 p.m. Leaving the bank holiday Monday as a 'recovery' day not only for children but staff too.

The week commencing **16 May** sees the start of the Year 6 residential to Windmill Hill in East Sussex. As many of you know this has been a regular occurrence over the past few years with the children coming back enthused and excited every time. Unlike other years the visit has been planned for the week after SAT's as recognition of all the hard work the week before. For those children not attending Windmill Hill there is a programme of activities just as exciting using Cage Green as the base. These include visits to Carrot Wood, Ten Pin Bowling, Swimming and Chocolate Making to name but a few.

Clubs

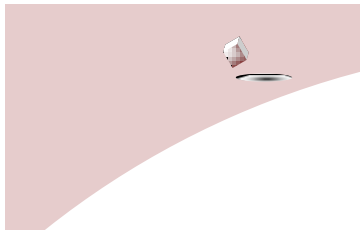
All clubs start this week and will run until the end of Term 6.

The next newsletter will be published on Thursday 6 May 2016

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



Academic Year 2015-16

Term 5 Monday 11 April—Friday 27 May

Monday 2 May—Bank Holiday

May Break Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June

Term 6 Monday 6 June—Friday 22 July

Academic Year 2016/17

Term 1 Monday 6 September—Friday 21 October

**Term 1 break and
INSET days** Monday 24 October—Friday 4 November

Term 2 Monday 7 November—Wednesday 21 December

Christmas Break Thursday 22 December—Monday 2 January

Term 3 Tuesday 3 January—Friday 10 February

Term 3 Break Monday 13 February—Friday 17 February

Term 4 Monday 20 February—Friday 31 March