

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER



April 2017

Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

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

The main curriculum event last month was 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 one of the previous bulletins the children took part in workshops from 'Sublime Science' as well as attending 'Kitchen Club' and making percussion instruments from everyday rubbish. Many of the activities were part funded by the Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) so a big thank you to all who have contributed at PTFA events.

The PTFA have also funded the re-painting of all the playground markings as well as currently organising our biggest event of the year—the Cage Green Summer Fair. With that in mind could I please encourage as many parents/carers to help out at either planning the Summer Fair or helping out on the day of the Summer Fair. The date of the fair this year is Saturday 24 June and starts at 11.30 am. If you would like to get involved please contact Becky Glassborow or Kenley Chatfield using the email address cagegreen-pta@yahoo.co.uk

Other events included Year 6 attending St Peters and St Pauls Parish Church, to take part in the Easter Experience. The children came back with a bag full of goodies as well as a better understanding of the Easter story. Miss Russell and Mrs Ewins both commented on how well the activities were organised and how well behaved the children were. Also the whole school took part in Autism Awareness Day and the children and staff were asked to come in dressed as their 'special interest'. The costumes all looked fantastic and discovering the Teachers' and Teaching Assistants' 'special interests' was all part of the fun!

As many of you know the Year 6 children will be taking their Statutory Assessment Tests (SATs) the week beginning **8 May 2017**. With this in mind could I please encourage all parents/carers of Year 6 children to ensure their child is as prepared as possible—hopefully a restful weekend with plenty of sleep! Each morning the children will be provided with a breakfast so we ask the children to be in school by 8.50 am and to congregate just outside the Year 6 classrooms where a member of staff will take them into the dining hall. Could I also ask if your child is unwell for any of the days that week to let the school know as early as possible. Unfortunately if a child misses a test then they will have to sit it when they return—this is not ideal for the child so please, when making the decision whether to send your child in or not, bare this in mind. All of the children have been working very hard preparing for the tests with many attending Easter school, and I'm looking forward to them having the opportunity to 'show off' what they have learnt as well as demonstrating to their secondary schools all the knowledge and skills they have retained.

On Friday 28 April 2017 Year 4 will be taking part in a three day residential visit to Wide Horizons Margaret McMillan House where the children will be taking part in numerous adventurous activities. This is an ideal opportunity for the Year 4 children to participate in team building activities, bushcraft and survival skills as well as high-adventure activities such as zip lining. It also allows the children to make more of an informed choice when deciding about the week long residential in Year 6.

A reminder that Problem Solving Club and Puzzle Club have started this week for our Year 5 children. Problem Solving Club is on a Tuesday morning between 8am and 8.45 am and Puzzle Club is on a Wednesday morning between 8.00 am and 8.45 am. If the children meet in the courtyard either Mr Garthwaite or Miss Russell will collect the children at 8.00 am.

Wellbeing Workshop

This will take place on Thursday 27th April 2017 at 2.00 pm in the Hall. Come along for great ideas about how to develop your child or children's confidence, emotional well-being, as well as how to develop their concentration skills. Lots of practical tips will be offered, along with activities that you can take home to work with your child or children on. Cake and tea or coffee will be provided, as well as the chance to win a £25.00 Sainsbury's voucher.

This concludes the April Newsletter—the next newsletter will be published on Friday, 26 May 2017.

Yours sincerely

Mr G Garthwaite

Headteacher

Dates for Diary

Term 5

Tuesday 18 April—Friday 26 May

May Break

Monday 29 May—Friday 2 June

Term 6

Monday 5 June—Friday 21 July

Academic Year 2017/18

Term 1

Monday 4 September—Friday 20 October

Autumn Break

Monday 23 October — Friday 27 October

Monday 30 October 2017 to Friday 3 November 2017— Staff Development Days

Term 2

Monday 6 November —Wednesday 20 December

Christmas Break

Thursday 21 December — Wednesday 3 January

Term 3

Thursday 4 January—Friday 9 February



Bedtime Stories with Reception



Hama Beads Club



Special Interest Day