

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

December 2014



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

This week Christmas has descended on the school! — Christmas decorations and the hoops are up, children are wearing Santa hats asking how many more days to go and singing many of the well known Christmas songs. Year 5 and Year 6 have already visited the Parish church to take part in their Christmas Extravaganza and tomorrow (Saturday 6 December) the school will be holding its annual Christmas Fair. The money raised from the fair will be used on extra resources for the school such as equipment for the playground, reading books and many others, so please do come along and support the school.

On the 17 December Year R will be performing their Nativity play (2pm) and on the 19 December Years 1 –6 will be performing their Christmas Carol Concert at the Baptist church. As mentioned previously all children will be returning to school after the Carol Concert.

At Cage Green Primary School the children have a 'love for learning', showing great interest in the topics, stories and subjects. At this time of year, to make sure parents are kept informed, I include the Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 results. The main milestones are included in the table below for Key Stage 1 with 2013 figures in brackets:

	School	Kent	National
Reading Level 2+	84% (88%)	89%	89%
Writing Level 2+	79% (84%)	85%	86%
Maths Level 2+	84% (91%)	92%	92%
Reading Level 3+	31% (28%)	32%	30%
Writing Level 3+	16% (13%)	16%	16%
Maths Level 3+	24% (30%)	25%	24%

As you can see from the table the results were a little different from last year but in many cases very close to national figures. At Cage Green every child represents approximately 2% so if we look at Reading Level 2+, there was a difference of two children between last year and this year. Therefore we are looking at a very small number of children not making that particular milestone. Very pleasing was the increase year on year for attainment at level 3+ in Reading and Writing.

The main milestones for Key Stage 2 are included in the table below with 2013 figures in brackets:

	School	Kent	National
Reading Level 4+	86% (67%)	88%	89%
Writing Level 4+	79% (72%)	86%	85%
Maths Level 4+	81% (67%)	85%	86%
Reading, Writing and Maths Level 4+	71% (54%)	78%	79%
Reading Level 5+	41% (28%)	50%	50%
Writing Level 5+	60% (37%)	36%	33%
Maths Level 5+	30% (22%)	43%	42%
Reading, Writing and Maths Level 5+	19% (15%)	25%	24%

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Key Stage 2 Results

As you can see from the previous table, the results showed a significant increase from last year in all milestones across all subjects. The figures are very close to the national average and I am confident this positive trend will continue next year and beyond.

The three main areas the school will be focusing on this year are raising attainment in Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, ensuring the boys achieve similar to the girls and making sure the majority of Year 2 children achieve a level 2b+. These are reflected in the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which can shortly be viewed on the school's website. I will ensure the SIP is updated regularly and the Parent/Carer Meetings will continue — if any parent/carers has a choice of topic for our next meeting then please let Mr Hall or I know.

Phonics Parent/Carer Meeting

For those parents/carers that couldn't attend our last Parent Meeting, a copy of the PowerPoint will soon be available on the school's website. The parents that attended the feedback was very positive and went away with a better understanding of how to teach reading.

Parent/Carers Consultations

Over Tuesday and Wednesday evening many parents/carers took the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the class teacher. As you know I feel this is very important and if for any reason parent/carers couldn't make those days, the class teachers will be happy to organise an alternative meeting after school.

PE Kit

Just another reminder about PE kit—it is essential you provide your child with a track-suit and trainers for outdoor PE. School jumpers are not allowed to be worn for PE and plimsolls are not suitable for use on a wet, muddy field. PE is a vital part of the national curriculum and will take place in all conditions as long as the school deems it safe to do so.

PACT Fundraising Event—A message from PACT

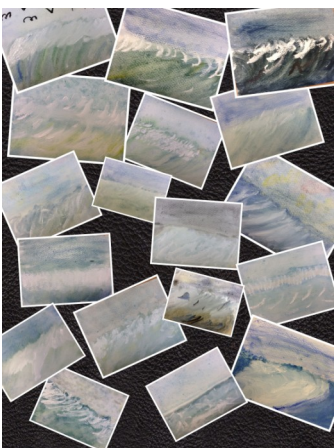
Please pop along and support PACT and our runners! We have got Martin Westbrook, the Fireman, running his final marathon this year to reach his 14 marathons in 2014 target, and also Mark (Jack's Dad) will be keeping him company! We will also be there shaking buckets and selling our Christmas cards to raise vital funds to help the Centre finish the play area!

Since this is the last newsletter before Christmas, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see many of you at the forthcoming events. The next newsletter will be published on Friday 30 January 2015.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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Art Club 2014

