

# **CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER**

**"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"**

January 2016 Part 2



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to Part 2 of the January edition of the Cage Green Newsletter.

As shared in Part 1 of the January newsletter, plans to accommodate an extra thirty children in September are well under way. The application window for Year R entry for September 2016 is now closed. If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2016, and have not submitted an application, please contact the school immediately for further advice. Can I please just reiterate, even if you already have a child at Cage Green you still need to apply for a place.

As mentioned previously we have had a small number of staff changes within the school. Mr Neal is now responsible for PE teaching throughout the school and will teach the majority of classes once a week. This will continue to improve the quality of teaching and learning in PE as well the school being able to offer more extra-curricular sports clubs, especially for Key Stage 1 children as suggested by many parents/carers.

The final change concerns the role of our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo)— Mrs Middleton has taken over the responsibility of SENCo and I am extremely confident she will be a credit to the school. Many families have already worked alongside Mrs Middleton in the early part of this term and I have received very positive feedback from those on her professionalism and knowledge. Mrs Middleton has already secured her SENCo qualification and will be working alongside Mrs Beggs in improving practice and procedures impacting on the outcomes of our SEN children.

In Year 2 we are fortunate to have two students who will be teaching at Cage Green as part of their training. Therefore the children may come home talking about teachers you haven't heard of. We have Miss Dempsey in Miss Leopard's class and Mrs Rands Webb in Mrs Clark's class.

The children have already taken part in many events and experiences this term including the Year 6 visit to the O2. This is advertised as the largest school choir concert in the country with up to 8000 people attending at any one time. Below is a report from our Head Girl Ellie Veness on her experience:

"As you probably know, on Tuesday 25th January 2015, year 6 went to the O2 arena to take part in the Young Voices concert. We sung a plethora of songs such as: Pop Medley, The World in Union and Transport of Delight. We were also in for a treat because it was Young Voices' 20 year celebration and we had many amazing people come and make our concert even better by performing their astounding acts! There was Beat Box Collector who won 2015 Best Beat Boxster and Laura Wright who is an amazing opera singer and sung at the Rugby World Cup. Overall, we had a fantastic day and made many memories we will treasure."

By Ellie Veness, Head Girl.

Another significant event this week was Years 1 and 2 Wonderful World Day. The children 'visited' 5 different countries, where they learnt about the language, capital cities, location within the world and also tried the local foods. The children looked fantastic, dressed either in national costumes or in the 'colours of flags'. I am sure they came home and told you all about their exciting adventure around the world.

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Safer Internet Day—9

February 2016

Safer Internet Day is on the 9 February so just a reminder about internet safety. Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) is a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online.

[www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

This is a new online portal for parents to access advice about online safety for their children. It provides tips on protecting children from online grooming, cyberbullying, privacy and identity theft and inappropriate content.

Two Year 6 children will be attending a workshop at Maidstone Police Station on the 9 February learning all about internet safety with the expectation the children will come back to school to host an assembly. Last Monday's assembly was also about E-Safety and it was entitled 'Play Your Part for a Better Internet'.

### Fire Safety

Mr Dan Morley our Community Safety Officer for Kent Fire and Rescue Service will be in school on Monday to give a presentation to the children about fire safety. Therefore I am sure you will be asked many questions on Monday evening following his presentation. There are lots of resources on the London Fire Brigade website.

### Year 4 Residential Visit—Arethusa

It was good to see so many of you at the information session regarding the visit and hopefully you gained an insight into the activities and fantastic facilities Arethusa has. With this in mind all monies need to be paid by mid-April for the visit to go ahead. The visit isn't compulsory and unfortunately it will not take place if it is not financially viable. If you do have any questions then please come and speak to me.

### Parking

This appears regularly in our bulletins but to no avail. I am still receiving reports of parents from Cage Green parking dangerously and putting the children's lives at risk. Parents should be able to follow the Highway Code and not park on double yellow lines or where they are putting children at risk rather than needing the Police, Traffic Wardens or the school to intervene. I am in regular contact with the authorities in trying to alleviate this problem but ultimately it is down to the individual to make the correct choices when parking. Please play your part in ensuring the children are safe when they arrive and leave school.

This concludes the January newsletter The next newsletter will be published on Friday 26 February 2016.

Yours sincerely

G Garthwaite

Headteacher



**Academic Year 2015-16**

<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Monday 4 January—Friday 12 February</b>
<b>February Break</b>	<b>Monday 15 February—Friday 19 February</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Monday 22 February — Thursday 24 March</b>
<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>Friday 25 March — Friday 8 April</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Monday 11 April—Friday 27 May</b>
	<b>Monday 2 May—Bank Holiday</b>
<b>May Break</b>	<b>Monday 30 May—Friday 3 June</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Monday 6 June—Friday 22 July</b>

**Academic Year 2016/17**

**Monday 1 November 2016 to Friday 5 November 2016—Staff Development Days**