

# CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

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

January 2017



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the January edition of the Cage Green Newsletter. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year for 2017.

It is with great frustration I begin this month's newsletter - during the last week of Term 2, an extremely serious road traffic incident occurred on White Cottage Road. I am relieved to say nobody was seriously physically injured but all parties involved suffered severe symptoms of shock, some of which are still present.

The high number of vehicles that were parked illegally and/or irresponsibly on White Cottage Road was one of the main causes of the accident. I have highlighted in numerous newsletters and bulletins this issue but it seems, to no avail for some parents. **It dumbfounds me how many of our parents demonstrate this selfish behaviour just to save a few minutes of walking** - there are many surrounding roads that could be used as an alternative.

Therefore I have requested the PCSO and the Parking Enforcement Team to patrol White Cottage Road and Thorpe Avenue more regularly so please do not be surprised, for those of you that park illegally and/or irresponsibly, that a penalty notice has been issued. Parking fines are either £50 or £70 depending on the circumstances.

Unfortunately this problem is not unique to White Cottage Road. It was only yesterday that a member of the public sent me two pictures of a Renault Clio that was parked illegally and again causing a hazard to the children crossing. I have forwarded these pictures to the Parking Enforcement Team and am awaiting their response.

The school is also investigating other initiatives such as Kent's 'Responsible Parking' campaign and I am meeting with a representative next week. I have also spoken with representatives from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council this week and will be exploring ideas with them. These are only two of the initiatives and over the next few newsletters I will continue to keep parents/carers informed and up to date.

**I make no apologies for the tone or abruptness of my writing on this topic. It has reached a point where parents/carers need to take responsibility for their own actions, - i.e. where they park and how they are endangering children's lives. This is the simplest and easiest solution to the parking issues.**

### Volunteering

Over the last few terms Mr Stares and I have been approached on many occasions in the playground from parents/carers offering help with decorating, gardening, carpentry and general repairs. With this in mind if anyone is able to give up a Saturday morning to help paint, decorate, garden or help with general repairs, Mr Stares is holding an open morning on **Saturday 25 February 2017 at 10 am** to allow us to gauge interest and plan a programme of work for the coming year. Bacon sandwiches and tea/coffee will be provided!!



### 2017 Year R Admission

A reminder to parents/carers who have children ready to start school in September 2017 - the closing date for applications is Monday 16 January 2017. A small selection of parents/carers assume because their older child attends Cage Green it gives the younger child a place automatically. This is not the case and an application form will need to be completed for all children. Due to the growing popularity of the school and the increased number of pre-school children, this is all the more important.



### PE Kit

Just another reminder about PE kit - it is essential you provide your child with a tracksuit and trainers for outdoor PE, as well as any outside clubs your child is involved in. **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.



### Golden Certificates

This week's Golden Certificate winners are as follows:

1WK - Lucas M & Robert W

2A - Kyle A & Xenia G

3N - Kylah B & Leo J

4B - Leon C & Amy G

5C/H - Jack G & Joshua P

6E - Olivia C & Rhys F

Unicorn - Leo B & Monty C

Dragon - Nathan C & Archie M

1WL - Imogen M & Lilly-Jane W

2L - Ola A & Anissa J

3W - Rhiannon F & Freddy S

4S - Mitchell C & Virag K

5G - Alfie M & Leah R

6R - Charlotte C & Kimberley E

Griffin - Christian F & Joseph K-B



This concludes this month's newsletter.

*G Garthwaite*

### Dates for Diary

18 January	Young Voices Concert for Year 6
7 February	Safer Internet Day
WC 13 March	Science Week
14 and 16 March	Parent Consultation Evenings - Please note change of date
31 March	Cage Green Autism Awareness Day

### Academic Year 2016-17

Term 3	Tuesday 3 January—Friday 10 February
February Break	Monday 13 February—Friday 17 February
Term 4	Monday 20 February — Friday 31 March
Spring Break	Monday 3 April — Monday 17 April
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

Children return to school on Monday 4 September 2017

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