

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

July 2018



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

We are coming to the end of another extremely busy and exciting year. There have been many successes this year including this morning's very successful Sports Day (EYFS, Years 1 and 2's postponed Sports Day will now be on Thursday 12 July at 9.30 am), an extremely well organised Summer Fair and a busy but enjoyable Year 6 residential visit where the children were a great credit to themselves, the school and their parents/carers.

As you know the children met their new teacher yesterday (Thursday 5 July). Before I remind you of the classes for next year, I must say goodbye and good luck to a few members of staff.

Firstly, I would like to thank Miss Wickham for all the hard work and dedication she has given to the children of Cage Green and the endless energy she seems to possess. Miss Wickham is relocating since she purchased a property a year ago in the beautiful countryside of Northumberland and has now managed to secure a leadership position in one of the local schools.

Secondly is Mrs Cole—after many years here at Cage Green she has been appointed to take up a position of leading EYFS and KS1 in an independent school. Again I would like to thank Mrs Cole for all the time and expertise she has given to the school and the children and she has been instrumental in ensuring the quality of teaching and learning within EYFS is of very high quality.

The final goodbye is to Mrs Beggs—working very closely with her over the last five years has been a pleasure and a privilege. I know all the staff and parents at the Phoenix Centre and the Main School, will want to wish her the best of luck in her new role as Assistant Head at Nexus Special School heading up the Specialist Teaching Service.

Consequently there will be a number of changes when we return in September, in particular regarding our Senior Leadership Team. Mr Gurr will join the team alongside myself, Miss Wilson, Miss Russell and Mrs Creed and once a substantive appointment has been made regarding the Phoenix Centre Leader, they will also form part of the leadership team.

In the meantime Mrs Catherine Wickham, who has worked at the school previously covering Mrs Middleton's maternity leave, will be joining the school as Interim Phoenix Centre Leader. An external advert will be published in September regarding the vacancy with the hope that the successful candidate will be in post by January 2019. This would be the earliest opportunity due to the restrictions on notice periods.

Two more items of good news regarding staffing—Mrs Chatfield had a baby boy on the same day that Prince Louis was born, 27 April 2018 weighing 7lb 1oz. Mrs Chatfield also called her baby Louis but she insists the name was chosen well before the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge made their announcement!!

Current Class	September 2018	Current Class	September 2018
Chimpanzees	Mrs Czamowski/Miss Leppard (1CL)	Miss Wilson	Miss Newman (4N)
Penguins	Miss Pulham (1P)	Miss Newman	Mrs Hamilton/Mrs Hunt (4H)
Miss Pulham	Miss Aldred (2A)	Mrs Hamilton/Mrs Hunt	Mr Friend (5F)
Miss Wickham	Miss Scott (2S)	Mr Salter	Mrs Ewins (5E)
Miss Scott	Classes re-organised . Mrs Creed or Mr Salter	Mrs Ewins	Mr Gurr (6G)
Miss Aldred		Mr Friend	Miss Russell (6R to be 6C)

Collaborative Sharers

Creative Explorers

Independent Thinkers



Staffing Continued

Also, even though I have written Miss Russell on the previous page, when we return in September she will be called Mrs Clarke. Her wedding takes place on the 4 August and, on behalf of the school, I would like to wish her all the best for her wedding day and beyond.

Osmington Bay 2018 and 2019

As many of you know Year 6 attended Osmington Bay the week commencing 25 June 2018. It was a fantastic week with glorious weather and below is a short report from Hannah and Niamh:



"On Monday we got on the coach and it was predicted that it would be a 3 hour journey but it took 6 hours instead. Luckily, the bus had air conditioning so we didn't heat up! We stopped for lunch at a service station half way there; we were really hungry. We all were so relieved to get there, but then we needed to climb up a steep hill, with our heavy bags and all. But it was worth it because the view was amazing from high up. We were all really excited to know who we were to be in dorms with and most of us got who we wanted. The night we got there we played a game called 'Passport around the World', where we had to find the different flags around the sight on the map which we got given.

Osmington Bay 2018



Throughout the week we were involved in a variety of activity (once we were put in our groups) such as the zip wire, sensory circuits, the tunnel trails, air rifle shooting, archery, climbing, the giant swing, fencing keel boat sailing, aero ball, buggy building and raft building.

On the Thursday, we all got dressed up for the disco; we had a great time! Then after we travelled down to the beach for a while but we weren't allowed to go in because there were a lot of rip tides so we threw stones in instead.

Bike Week



When it was time to leave we had to pack our bags, then take our covers off and dump them in a wooden sheet bin. When we got in the bus they didn't have any air con so it was really hot and stuffy. We had to stop for a few minutes because the driver wasn't allowed to drive for a certain amount of time. When we got back to school we were greeted by our parents."

Could I also remind our **Year 5** parents that a system of making small regular payments for **Osmington Bay 2019** is in place. A monthly payment of £40 is far more manageable than trying to find £420 in May 2019.

Also due to shrinking budgets, we will not be able to offer an alternative programme like we have done in previous years.

Amethyst Reading Awards

"Seeing Author, Luke Ayles, for the reading award was great. We made up one of our own stories, we did it part by part. We also brought a book back for our class and got it signed."
By Kiera, 5E

Kent Police Day



Please remember school closes at normal time on Tuesday 24 July and reopens to children on Monday 3 September 2018.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you all a good summer and if you are going away, a lovely holiday.

Yours sincerely

Tonbridge Community Day

G Garthwaite
Headteacher

Upcoming Events and News

As always at this time of year, there are lots of things happening in and around school—therefore I have included all the dates and times (where possible) of the upcoming events.

Tuesday 17 July	10.00 am	Y6 Production to Parents
Thursday 19 July	7.00 pm	Y6 Production to Parents
Friday 20 July	3.15 pm	PACT Cake Sale
W/C Monday 16 July	3.15 pm	Reports to Parents/Carers
Monday 23 July	2.00 pm	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents/Carers welcome)
Monday 23 July	5.00 pm	Y6 Leavers Disco and Barbecue

2018/19 Term Dates

Term 1	3 September 2018 - 19 October 2018
Term 2	5 November 2018 - 19 December 2018
Term 3	3 January 2019 - 15 February 2019
Term 4	25 February 2019 - 5 April 2019
Term 5	23 April 2019 - 24 May 2019
Term 6	3 June 2019 - 23 July 2019

Term 2019/20 Term Dates

Term 1	2 September 2019 - 18 October 2019
Term 2	4 November 2019 - 18 December 2019
Term 3	6 January 2020 - 14 February 2020
Term 4	24 February 2020 - 3 April 2020
Term 5	20 April 2020 - 22 May 2020
Term 6	1 June 2020 - 22 July 2020