

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

June 2016



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the June edition of the Cage Green Newsletter. It's always very pleasing to come back to gorgeous weather following a week of rain, cloud and wind.

As you know we are now into the final term of the academic year which is racing by! Today sees Cage Green PTFA/PACT throwing a party for the Queen's Birthday and I am sure I will see many of you there this afternoon enjoying the good weather.

I would like to thank all those parents/carers of Year 5 who attended the Parents' Information Evening regarding secondary applications, sex and relationships education and Windmill Hill. The window for the Kent Selection Test (11+) is now open and if you wish your child to sit the papers then you must register by the 1 July. All the information regarding applying for a secondary school place is contained in the presentation detailed below. Use the hyperlink to navigate to the relevant page and scroll down until you see 'Year 5 Parents Information Evening - Secondary Transfer 8 June 2016'. <http://www.cage-green.kent.sch.uk/> If you have any questions on the process please come and speak to me.

On Wednesday, one of our Year 4 children attended Maidstone County Hall since he had been successful in getting to the next round in the 'Bake for the Queen' competition. Below is Joshua Portlock's account of the day:

'Today I went to Maidstone House for the final judging of the 'Bake for the Queen' competition. There were 12 schools there in total from around Kent. Before the judging I enjoyed a piece of yummy chocolate cake and apple juice.

Rosemary Shrager, a famous cook off the T.V was there to do the judging. It was a very long wait for the results. I came 3rd! I was given a certificate, a silver coin, a book and a £10 Amazon voucher. I was so happy to be in the top 3.'

I wish to congratulate Joshua on achieving his third place and look forward to tasting more of his cakes in the future!

The Mathematics Curriculum Evening held on Tuesday 24 May was a huge success as many of you would have read in the school bulletin—the evening was very well attended with the analysis showing that 84% of the children said they strongly agreed that they had enjoyed the evening with the other 16% agreed that they had enjoyed the evening. Another pleasing statistic was that 98% of parents/carers stated that the workshops provided an excellent opportunity for my child to learn about Mathematics.

Those of you that attended the evening will have noticed a question regarding homework— 'Do you think children at primary school should be given homework?'. The school has been undertaking research regarding this subject prior to updating the Homework Policy and is very interested in hearing all stakeholders opinions. Therefore I will repeat the question when we send out this years Parental Questionnaire before finalising the Homework Policy. All comments will be greatly appreciated.

We have already started to think about next year's Curriculum Evening theme and initial thoughts are Physical Education due to the amount of coverage on the news about the growing problem of obesity and the need for a healthy lifestyle or Topic since we have redesigned the whole Topic Curriculum. One of the questions centred around the timings for the evenings and through discussion with those that attended felt an 8.00 pm finish was quite late for our smaller children. Next year we are exploring the possibility of the evening running from 5.00 pm—7.00 pm. Two other events that have happened since my last newsletter and/or the bulletin are the Swimming Gala and an Able Maths Day held at Stocks Green Primary School.



Other events happening throughout this term include:

10 June	PTFA Queen's Birthday Party—all welcome
13 June	Bike Week
13 June	Y1 Phonics Screening Week
19 June	Tonbridge Carnival
24 June	Penguin's Class Assembly
29 June	Year R (Sept 2016) Parents Information Evening at 7pm
1 July	Chimpanzee's Class Assembly
2 July	PTFA Summer Fair
8 July	Sports Day for KS1 am and KS2 pm
11 July	School Reports sent out to Parents/Carers
12+14 July	Year 6 Performance of The Wizard of Oz (12 July @ 9.30am and 14 July @ 6.30pm)
13+14 July	Parent Consultation Evenings to give parents the opportunity to discuss the end of year report— no appointment necessary
1 July	Parental Questionnaires sent out
21 July	Year 6 Graduation for Y6 and Parents/Carers (2.00 pm)
21 July	Year 6 Leavers Party (5pm—7pm)
22 July	Last day of term—normal finishing times



Year 6 Production

Regarding the Year 6 production, could the children please be in school by 8am on the 12 July and by 5.30 pm on the 14 July. This will allow time for the make-up and hair, etc to be applied.

With that in mind, I have a plea for any parent/carer that wishes to volunteer on the 6th, 11th, 12th and 14th July to help with the make-up, hair, face painting, etc. If you can, please see Mrs Ewins or Miss Russell for further details. Thank you.

Reports

Could I please request that those parents/carers that haven't returned last year's school report to do so at their earliest convenience. This year's report will be put into those folders and eventually be presented to the children when they leave Year 6 as a memento of their time here. It would be very unfortunate if a child wasn't able to take part in this section of the Year 6 Graduation because the folders weren't returned.

INSET Days

A reminder that next year's INSET days are on the dates detailed below:

Academic Year 2016/17

31 October 2016 to 4 November 2016 (5 days)

Next newsletter will be published on Friday 1 July 2016.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher