

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

May 2018



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Welcome to the May edition of the Cage Green Newsletter. I hope you all are enjoying the glorious weather (well up until Thursday) and let's hope it continues next week.

I would like to begin this month's newsletter by congratulating all the Year 6 children on the dedication and positive attitude they showed whilst sitting their end of key stage assessments. This was the third year of the revised assessments and it was again clear that the standard has remained high. With that in mind, please take a look at the link below where last year's tests are published. I am sure over the next few weeks the site will be updated with the 2018 papers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials>

I've also attached to this month's newsletter the spelling word lists for Years 3 to 6 following conversations with a small number of parents. The list is not exhaustive but demonstrates the statutory requirements as set out in the National Curriculum e.g. A Year 3 and 4 child should be able to 'add suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable'. The full document can be found at

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/239784/English_Appendix_1_-_Spelling.pdf

This is to try and highlight the importance of homework and utilising any opportunity to help reinforce what we are doing at school. We all want the children to achieve their very best but we do need support from home.

The results of the aforementioned assessments will be included in the children's end of year report and will use similar language as last year (the same language will be used for KS1 and KS2 children):

- Working towards the national expected standard
- Working at the national expected standard
- Working at greater depth within the national expected standard

Further clarification has been published from the Department for Education (DfE) and is available using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

I would imagine our Year 5 parents/ carers are starting to think about secondary transition and which school would best suit their child—as you know in Kent we have selective and non-selective schools. To assist in making the choice, the school will be holding an information evening on **Thursday 7 June at 7pm**. This will focus on the process of applying for a secondary school whether it is selective or non-selective. The evening will also be an opportunity to find out about the material we will be using to teach the children about 'Relationships and Sex and Education' (RSE).

Also this month we have our Osmington Bay Parents Meeting where parents of children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to learn about our residential visit to one of the PGL sites. The purpose for parents of Year 5 children is to have an understanding of what the visit entails before committing and for the parents of Year 6 children, an opportunity to ask any questions regarding this year's visit. The meeting will take place on **Thursday 14 June at 7pm**.

Dragon Class' Visit to Hastings (Report by Charlie S)

On Tuesday 22 May, Dragon Class went to Hastings because we are learning about water and life.

First we visited the Blue Reef Aquarium and saw lots of sea creatures including fish, clownfish, sharks, electrical sting rays and octopuses. Next we visited the fishing boats to explore how fish are caught for our food. We saw huge fishing nets and smelly crab claws.

After that we popped into the fisherman's museum and then we had our lunch on the beaches. This was followed by delicious ice-creams on the stony beach. We had an awesome time and we learnt a lot about water and life.

General Data Protection Regulation

As many of you may know, the government has confirmed that the UK will be implementing the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) as the UK will still be a member of the EU on 25 May 2018 when it comes into force.

GDPR will replace the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and represents the biggest change to data protection law for 20 years. Many of the GDPR's main concepts and principles are much the same as those in the current Data Protection Act; however there are new elements and significant enhancements, so we will have to do some things for the first time and some things differently.

With that in mind, there may be numerous letters/ notices sent out to parents over the coming weeks—can I ask that any documentation be returned in a timely manner so we can ensure we demonstrate compliance with the new act.

Dragon Boat Race

PACT have entered the Tonbridge Town Dragon Boat Festival on Sunday 9 September as the Phoenix Warriors, teachers and parents will be paddling alongside each other to raise money for the children at the Phoenix Centre and Cage Green School.

We are hoping for this to be a major fundraising opportunity for PACT and will be asking local businesses for sponsorship alongside raising individual sponsorship from paddlers. If you have connections with local businesses who you feel may like to sponsor PACT please let them know. There are also a limited number of places in the boat, if you would like to paddle and raise individual sponsorship please us know.

We have set up a Mydonate page (<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/pactdragonboat/465053>) for collecting sponsorship. We would be grateful if you could share this with your friends and family in order that we can raise as much money as possible through this event.

Even if you don't fancy paddling, you can still partake in the fun and join PACT on the riverbank at their stall and cheer the Phoenix Warriors on.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who donated cakes and/or bought cakes on Monday at the Cake Sale. We raised £266.69 which will be donated to 'Last Chance' Animal Rescue and Hospice in the Weald in memory of Mrs J Duckworth, who sadly passed away last year having worked as a teacher at Cage Green for 14 years.

I wish everyone an enjoyable end of term break and will see you all on Monday 4 June 2018.

The next newsletter will be published on Friday 6 July 2018.

Yours sincerely

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. Changes to previous bulletins are highlighted in red.

Friday 25 May	2.30pm	4H Class Assembly
Monday 28 May to 1 June		End of Term Break
Thursday 7 June	7.00pm	Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) / Secondary Admission Meeting
Friday 8 June	2.30pm	4S Class Assembly
Thursday 14 June	7.00pm	Osmington Bay Parents Meeting (Years 5 and 6)
Friday 15 June	2.30pm	2S Class Assembly
Sunday 17 June	12 noon	Tonbridge Carnival
Monday 18 June	All week	Bike Week (Details in next weeks Bulletin)
Friday 22 June	2.30pm	Penguin Class Assembly
Saturday 23 June	11.30am	PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 25 June	All week	Osmington Bay (Year 6)
Wednesday 27 June	7.30pm	PACT Meeting
Friday 29 June	2.30pm	Chimpanzee Class Assembly
Tuesday 3 July	7.00pm	New Year R Parents Information Meeting
Thursday 5 July	7.00pm	Year 3 Parents Information Meeting
Friday 6 July	9.30am	KS2 Sports Day
Friday 6 July	1.30pm	KS1 Sports Day
Friday 13 July	As above	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 17 July	10.00am	Y6 Production to Parents
Thursday 19 July	7.00pm	Y6 Production to Parents
Friday 20 July	3.15pm	PACT Cake Sale
Friday 20 July	3.15pm	Reports to Parents/ Carers
Monday 23 July	2.00pm	Y6 Leavers Assembly (Parents/ Carers welcome)
Monday 23 July	5.00pm	Y6 Leavers Disco and Barbecue