

CAGE GREEN NEWSLETTER

"FOR EVERY CHILD TO REACH THEIR POTENTIAL"

October 2017



Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

I would like to begin this month's newsletter by thanking all the parents/carers who attended the PTFA Annual General Meeting or registered their interest in taking an active part. The roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary have all been filled which allows the PTFA to continue. As many of you know the PTFA is an integral part of the school and helps provide resources to the school that we otherwise would not be able to purchase. They also facilitate many events throughout the year which I know the children fully enjoy, with the first event of this year being the Christmas Fair on the 2 December. Therefore if anybody can spare an hour or two to help prepare, or run, a stall for this event it would be greatly appreciated. Please make contact with the PTFA through:

cagegreenpta@yahoo.co.uk

On Wednesday 4 October at 1.45 pm our Key Stage 2 children performed our Harvest Festival in front of a very large audience. It took place at St Peter and St Paul Parish Church just off Tonbridge High Street and was led extremely well by our Head Boy (Cameron R) and Head Girl (Niamh E) accompanied by our Deputy Head Boy (Ted F) and Deputy Head Girl (Mia B). Each year group performed either a song or read through a piece of poetry accompanied by a number of songs. It was wonderful to be part of the occasion.

On Thursday 5 October at 9.30 am (the day of the Harvest Moon!!) our Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival took place in the school hall in front of a large number of parents/carers. The children worked really hard in learning the words of the songs and used their 'big' voices when singing. Well done to all the children involved.

For both festivals we asked for a food donation which will be taken to Tonbridge Baptist Church to be used as part of their food bank. It is warming to know that your donations will be used within the local community and may even benefit some of our children here at Cage Green. A big thank you to all of you that donated.

Results of the 11+ PESE tests will be published on Thursday 12 October (letters to arrive Friday 13 October) and parents/carers then have up to 31 October 2017 to complete the Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) naming up to four secondary schools in order of preference. The SCAF can be found online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. Can I please ask that all Year 6 parents/carers complete a SCAF, otherwise your child will be left without a secondary school come national offer day. Thursday 1 March 2018 is national offer day and online applicants will receive an email stating the school your child has a place at - paper-based applications will receive a letter the following day. I will be available if parents/carers would like to discuss any issue they may have with the process.

The 2017 Cage Green Parent Survey will go live on Wednesday 11 October and will close on Wednesday 25 October. Can I please encourage all parents/carers to complete the online survey - your responses are important and are used to help devise our School Improvement Plan. From Wednesday 11 October the survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/cagegreen2017>

Class Assemblies

Just a reminder that Class Assemblies are about to commence again for this academic year and will be held between 2.45 pm and 3.15 pm. Mrs Ewin's class will be the first assembly on Friday 20 October. As normal if parents/carers queue outside the Reception our Head Boy and Girl will invite you in once the children are ready. I hope to see many of you there.



Autism Accreditation

Over the past two years the Phoenix Centre for Autism has been working towards the highly respected Autism Accreditation through the National Autistic Society. The process has been very demanding and required the Phoenix Centre to demonstrate their competency and ability to support our pupils with autism at The Phoenix Centre to a high standard. This process culminated in a three day inspection by two Autism Accreditation Assessors in July. We are pleased to announce that on the 7th of September 2017 the Phoenix Centre was awarded the Autism Accreditation status. This status reflects the hard work and dedication by the school and staff to ensure that the Phoenix Centre pupils and their families receive a high level of support and expertise. The Phoenix Centre is now one of only a handful of school provisions in Kent to have achieved this Autism Accreditation mark and we are extremely proud of this accolade.

The next newsletter will be published on Friday 10 November 2017.

Yours sincerely

G Garthwaite

Headteacher



School Term Dates - 2017/18

Term 1

Monday 4 September - Friday 20 October 2017

Autumn Half Term Break - Monday 23 to Friday 27 October 2017

Term 2

Monday 30 October - Friday 3 November 2017 - Teacher Training Days

Monday 6 November - Wednesday 20 December 2017

Christmas Break - Thursday 21 December to Wednesday 3 January 2018

Term 3

Thursday 4 January - Friday 9 February 2018

Winter Half Term Break - Monday 12 to Friday 16 February 2018

Term 4

Monday 19 February - Thursday 29 March 2018

Easter Holidays - Friday 30 March to Friday 13 April 2018

Term 5

Monday 16 April - Friday 25 May 2018

(Monday 14 May - Friday 18 May - Y6 SAT's Week)

May Bank Holiday Half Term - Monday 28 May to Friday 1 June 2018

Term 6

Monday 4 June - Friday 24 July 2018