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Dear Parents,

Pleased find enclosed our Ofsted report from the school inspection at the end of last half term. I am proud to be able to tell you that Ofsted agreed with our judgements that we are a GOOD school. The Ofsted Team really did get to know the school well in the three days that they came to visit. When you read the report you will notice they regularly refer to our two school rules - Learn Well, Be Safe! I am pleased to note that the report reflects what a strong team ethos we have at the school and that we work effectively as a team. I am glad that the report reflects the sense of pride that children, staff and parents feel about the school - it is truly a lovely place to work and learn in. If you have any questions about the report after you have read it please don't hesitate to ask myself or Mr O'Brien in the morning when you see us.

The end of this week has been very quiet - our Y6 pupils have been on their residential trip! They have had a great time - quad biking, using the zip-wire and various other 'adventurous activities'. In the evening they have been to a disco and had a cinema experience! Mr O'Brien has reported back that the children have slept quite well too! I imagine that they will have a good lay in on Saturday morning! It will be lovely to have them back on Monday again.

This term a Paralympics Roadshow will be visiting our school three times. Today they have been to visit pupils in Years 3&4, next week pupils in Years 5&6 will be having a visit and the week after pupils in Years 1&2. The children will be hearing from Paralympics and will have the opportunity to participate in some Paralympian sports - watch out for a report in next week's newsletter!

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Diary Dates

6th June - Paralympics Roadshow
9th June - KS1 Launch Pad day
12th June - SRE talk for parents of pupils in Y5 and Y6
13th June - Paralympics Roadshow 2
16th - 20th June - World Cup Week
17th June - Bags to Schools collection day
19th June - Author to visit Y56 pupils
20th June - Paralympics Roadshow 3
21st June - Summer Fair
24th June - Staff Training Day
25th June - District Sports
26th June - EYFS School Trip
16th & 17th July - Y6 show
23rd July - Leavers / Prize Giving Assembly - LAST DAY OF TERM

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week. School meals will be served from the week 4 menu next week

Menus are available on the school website

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an exceptional circumstance please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.

Further information for Y5 parents – Kent Test

About the new tests:

Kent candidates will take the tests on **Wednesday 10 September**

The first test will be an **English and Maths** paper in multiple-choice format with a separate machine readable (OMR) answer sheet. The English test is the first section. The whole test will take an hour to administer, plus any admin time before formal timing begins. Each sub-test will take 25 minutes, and will be preceded by a five minute practice exercise. Children will be required to stop at the end of the English section and wait for instructions before they start the Maths paper. The English will involve a comprehension exercise plus some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills. The second test will be a **Reasoning** paper in multiple-choice format. It will take about an hour to administer, including the practice drills and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length, with the verbal reasoning being the first part. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into four short sections, administered and timed individually (as in the previous tests). There will still be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be taken into consideration in borderline cases referred to the local Head Teacher Assessment Panel. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes to plan the piece.

Scores:

Scores will still be age standardised, using a national standardisation. The score range on each paper will be 69 or 70 to 140 or 141 as now, so the maximum aggregate standardised score would be 280 or 282.

Threshold:

Until Kent pupils have taken the tests it will not be possible to predict the threshold for grammar school but it is probable that it will be set in a similar way, using a minimum aggregate score and a minimum level for a single score.

Buildings update

What a busy half term we had! So much to do and quite simply not enough time!

The classrooms and toilets are 99% complete and we are hoping that by this time next week all will be finished. We are still waiting for some metal fencing and snagging lists are being worked through.

The new fire alarm system is in place and working which is great news. We have a lovely new notice board on our new kitchen wall so keep an eye on that as I'm sure it will be full of school information soon.

School starts back on Thursday 4th September

Important diary dates for Y6 parents!

16th and 17th July
Year 6 Performance for their parents

23rd July Leavers' Assembly and Year 6 disco

Advance Warning

Staff Training Day on June 24th

If you would like to book your son / daughter in to the After School Club for the day please contact them on 079 09 935 821

Every week – take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend.