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Dear Parents,

I know I often start the newsletter with 'It has been another busy week at school this week' but it has been again this week!

The week started with the launch of a new project for pupils in Y6. The Y6 children are working on a project with Becky Fagg who is representing the Scout organisation on a Community Action Project. The children have decided they would like to leave a legacy behind when they leave the school. They have decided to redevelop a neglected area of the school field to create a nature reserve for pupils to use in lessons next year.

On Tuesday and Thursday of this week some of the pupils who will be starting our school in September came to visit for the afternoons. They had a great time playing alongside children who are in Paddington and Corduroy classes who were showing the new children what happens at school! We were lucky with the weather so the children enjoyed being outdoors on each visit climbing on the tyres and enjoying the fresh air!

Children in Year 1 have had their 'Phonic Screening' assessment this week. The government require all children in Y1 to take a phonics test this week. It is not a test in a traditional form, in fact I would imagine most children did not know, but they have to read real words and 'alien' words to their teacher! If you have a child in Year 1 I am sure they will tell you all about it.

Yesterday was World Cup Day which generated much excitement in school. Mr O'Brien ran back to back football matches throughout the day with the support of Mr Wilkins. The children had a super time, they really enjoyed taking part in The Hawkinge World Cup Day - I am sure the England team could have learnt something by spectating! Mr O'Brien reports that there was lots of excellent sportsmanship and fun was had by all!

Pupils in Y5 and 6 had a visit from an author in the afternoon. He ran a workshop for all the Y5 and 6 pupils about writing stories, who were then challenged to write a 50 word story! The author worked alongside the children. Aaliyah Hawes and Joshua Tanner wrote the winning stories and were awarded a prize of 'Walking with the hood' by Steven Clifford.

Today the pupils in Years 1 and 2 have their Paralympic Workshop - the workshops have been enjoyed by pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 so far. I am sure the pupils will enjoy them just as much!

Don't forget it is the PTFA Summer Fair on Saturday - It will be opened by Mrs Chown's dance club at 11am. Hope to see you there.

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Diary Dates

21st June - Summer Fair
24th June - Staff Training Day
25th June - District Sports
26th June - EYFS School Trip
9th July - Parents Evening
10th July - Parents Evening
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 2 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.

Building update

School is very quiet without all the builders on site! We have just had Matt from Walkers on site with the odd visitor! Work in the new kitchen is underway, two rather large holes have appeared - these are for the extractor system which has also arrived this week, this is so large it had to be disassembled outside and then reassembled inside!! The classrooms still have small jobs that need finishing but will all be ready when we need to fill them with children! (Mrs Hughes)

Advance Notice

Next year
school meals
will increase
in price to
£2:30

PTFA Summer Fair Saturday 11am - 1pm

Vicus Trust News

On Friday 6th June Chairs from the Governing Bodies of Cheriton, Hawkinge and The Churchill got together to choose a winner from the many entrants who had entered our logo competition. The standard of entry from each school and across the age ranges was truly breathtaking, but in the end the winner was judged to be Suhanna Rai from Violet class at The Churchill. It depicts each of the schools' existing emblems embedded into the peak of three hills. The other entrants will be displayed, in turn, at each of the three schools and on the Vicus Trust link on our websites.

A working party of teachers will be developing, after consultation with the respective school councils, a set of cooperative values for the school which will underpin a series of awards that each child within the trust will be able to aspire to. We will launch this scheme, complete with jumper badges (based on Victor the Vicus) and passport style booklets, that will be made available to all children, at an event in September 2014.

Details of the Vicus Trust can be found on our website and the Vicus Trust Action Plan for 2014-15 will be published on the Vicus Page of the school website before the summer break.

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held on Monday 23rd June.

Children will complete a variety of sporting activities in house teams, before competing in a more competitive sprint race at the end.

Sports Day for children in FS, years 1 and 2 will be from 10:00-11:30 a.m. on the school field.

For children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 sports day will be from 1:20 - 3:00 p.m. on the school field.

Parents are welcome to bring a chair/blanket to sit on if you wish! We would like once again this year, if possible, for children to wear a T-shirt with the colour of their house as part of their P.E. kit.

Reminder: Children must not wear jewellery for Sports Day/P.E. activities as our P.E. policy clearly states.

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

**School starts
back on
Thursday 4th
September**

Attendance

Top class last
week for
attendance was
Dumbledore
class: **99.26%**