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Dear Parents,

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 had an exciting start to the week - they went to visit Wingham Wildlife Park. This visit was to launch their theme How do animals survive? Many of the children I have spoken to especially enjoyed seeing the Meerkats! Thank you to all parents who helped out on the day (many said they slept exceptionally well that night!)

Next week we will be welcoming a new member of staff to our school, Mr Fitch. He will be working on a Thursday and Friday as a school caretaker and eventually as the Road Crossing Patrol on Thursday and Fridays too. Mr Wright has decided to cut down his hours and will be working on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays only in future. I understand that Mrs Wright has many jobs lined up for Mr Wright on his days off - mostly decorating! He certainly will not be having a break!! Look out for Mr Fitch on Thursday!

If you have a child in Year 6 can I remind you that Mr O'Brien will be holding a meeting on the 27th April (next Wednesday) about the Year 6 residential. He will be asking you to complete medical forms for your child and confirming the kit list for the residential etc. The meeting will start at 6pm in Miss Dawes classroom.

Many thanks to all parents who have really supported our new spelling initiative. Teachers are reporting back that many of the children are scoring well on their spelling tests. I witnessed a wonderful moment earlier on this week when children were lining up in the corridor to go into their next lesson testing each other! It is always wonderful to see children grabbing every opportunity to learn!

I am hoping that the targets that were sent home last Friday have reached you all by now, if not please do check book bags to see whether they have been buried at the bottom of them. Please do pop in and see the teachers if there are any targets you are unsure about, or would like further clarification about any of the targets on the form.

Have a lovely weekend

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Diary Dates – Term 5

27th April – residential meeting for Y6 parents
2nd May – Bank holiday
W/C 9th May – Y6 SATs
17th May – Reception children on a trip
17th May – Hawkinge U5s to visit
26th May – PTFA Pamper evening (more details to follow)

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 &6.
School meals will be served from week 2 next week.
The new menu is available on the school website
Go to About Us – Documents

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Hummingbirds with 99.33%

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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.

Round The Houses Run!

On Sunday 15th May, the annual Round The Houses Run will take place in Hythe. Children in Key Stage Two are invited to enter this race and represent the school. However, there are also races for Key Stage 1 and Reception/Pre-School. If you have a younger child and would like to enter him or her yourself, please see Miss Dawe for an entry form.

Advance dates for your diary!

1st July –staff training
24th June – Sports Day
6th & 7th July – Parents evening

Online Safety

One in five aged 10 to 12 on social media bullied

One in five 10 to 12-year-olds with a social media account said they had been bullied or trolled online, according to a Newsround survey.

The survey, carried out by Comres, found a massive 78% of those in this age group had a social media account. That is despite rules for many sites requiring people to be 13 or over to sign up.

Even though the survey found most people felt happy when using social networking sites - it also showed many did not always have such a great time.

For more information about online safety please have a look at the school website under the curriculum section.

A good website with resources for parents and children is the CEOP's Thinkuknow sit <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

