



TERM DATES

27.4.18 Yellow Class Assembly, 10:00
 4.5.18 FOWPS' Curry & Quiz, 7:30pm
 11.5.18 Pink Class Assembly, 10:10
 14.5.18 Year 6 SATs week
 22.5.18 Spring Concert, 6:30pm
 25.5.18 End of Term 5
 4.6.18 Start of Term 6
 4.6.18 Year 6 trip to Isle of Wight
 6.6.18 11+ Yr 5 parents' evening, 6:30
 8.6.18 Green Class Assembly, 10:00
 13.6.18 FOWPS Father's Day Shop
 22.6.18 Year 6 Class Assembly, 10:00
 28.6.18 Volunteer Tea Party, 2:15pm
 30.6.18 FOWPS 'Summer Party' 4-7pm
 5.7.18 Sports Day (rain date 6.7)
 6.7.18 FOWPS' school discos
 12.7.18 Yr 6 Production/Prize Giving
 18.7.18 Open Evening, 6:00-7:30pm
 19.7.18 Leavers' Service, church, 09:00
 20.7.18 End of Term 6, 3:15pm
 5.9.18 Term 1 starts

Advance TERM DATES 2018-2019

Term 1 5.9.18 – 19.10.18
 Term 2 **30.10.18** – 19.12.18
 Term 3 3.1.19 – 15.2.19
 Term 4 25.2.19 – 5.4.19
 Term 5 23.4.19 – 24.5.18
 Term 6 3.6.19 – 19.7.19

Holidays should not be taken in term time. School matters.

Dear parents, Our annual parent survey, handed out at March consultations is now complete (see attached). I am pleased that the trend is positive and parent comments have been extremely positive - with many useful suggestions. There is no point in asking parents for ideas for change and improvement without acting upon them. In response to parents' comments, we will be addressing the following:

- Continue to build on sports opportunities, competitions and inter-school friendlies
- Run 'open school' sessions where parents can get an inside view of the learning
- Coordinate emails so parents receive fewer
- Spend time growing fruit and vegetables and learning about plants

We also hosted our first Senior Leadership Team (SLT) Coffee Morning and, again, some excellent ideas came out of that. As a result of those short 30-minute sessions with parents we are reviewing the maths homework for Year 1 and 2 so it ties closely in with the week's teaching and learning rather than using the Schofield books. We are also exploring how to enrich the music curriculum across all year groups by timetabling longer sessions on Friday afternoons. And a real bonus from the coffee morning was to make links with a parent who is a group drama specialist and is now running workshops for four different classes on Friday afternoons! Our next SLT Coffee Morning will be on 25th June from 9:00-9:30 with Miss Woodhouse and Mrs Bryant making the tea. Do make a note in your diary if you're free. It's an informal way to meet other parents, discuss school issues and brainstorm new ideas.

It was a pleasure to be able to drop in at Valence School in Westerham last Sunday afternoon to catch the last session of the Bright Stars Gymnastics Championships 2018. I was there for the Advanced Level bench competition and enjoyed seeing the poise and focus of our gymnasts. I know that our Novice and Intermediate children also competed extremely well. Congratulations to everyone who took part. Our club will, sadly, be losing our talented Year 6 children so there are a few places opening up for next year. If your child is interested in joining the gymnastics club on either Tuesday morning before school or Friday afternoon after school, please pop into the office for information.

News Flash!



ATHLETICS CLUB : HELP REQUIRED! We are delighted that so many of our children are enjoying our Athletics Club but it now urgently needs help as numbers grow. It's a fun-loving club to get involved with and you'll enjoy the summer sunshine as well! Please contact the office if you can support this club on a Wednesday 3:20pm – 4:10pm.

Nettlestead & Wateringbury Preschool & Out of School Club are holding a Clothing and Toy sale on 12th May 9:30am-11:30am. To book a table, contact Amy on 07794233513.



Bright Stars Champions!

Bobby, Lucy, Chloe, Dixy, Emily Yr 2
 Nancy, Grace, Summer Yr 3
 Mia, Rose, Lucy, Amelia, Evie Yr 4
 Katherine, Neve, Tillie, Poppy, Emily Yr 6

Yours sincerely,

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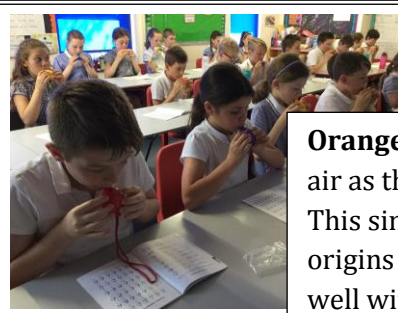


SCHOOL NEWS

What have our busy, curious classes been up to recently?

Indigo Class take a step back in time

Indigo Class visited Rochester Castle last Friday. We had a wonderful day climbing the ancient, twisted steps up and down the Norman keep to see all the different parts we have been learning about in class. The sun blazed down (see photo!) and the children loved their picnic in the inner bailey.



Orange Class has been full of hot air as they learn to play the ocarina. This simple instrument has its origins in South America and fits in well with their Mayan topic this term. We are looking forward to a song or two!



Yellow Class have been busy studying India and creating their own elephant designs. Next week: photos from their Learning Assembly!

Author Christopher Lloyd of the Wall Books series will be in school next Friday, 4th May. Parents are welcome to listen in on the workshops which are 9:15-10:15 for KS1 and 10:30-11:30 for KS2. Book signing at 11:45 with reduced price £10.

Love to sing? Join the internationally acclaimed British a cappella vocal ensemble VOCES8 on Sat, 23rd June for adult and children singing workshops at Yalding church and village hall. An evening concert too at 7:00pm. Details on attached flyer. **Book now, nearly sold out!**

Paving slabs you no longer require?

Our caretaker is looking for some for the base of our greenhouse which is awaiting construction. Let office know.



CHURCH, SCHOOL & WORSHIP
Our Christian value for this term is **compassion**



In worship this week, we celebrated St George's Day with our annual service at the flagpole. Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Guides and the whole schools plus visiting parents stood to attention as the St George cross was raised by our eldest pupil, Lily, and our youngest, Max.

Canterbury Cathedral choristers' concert at St John's church, 5th May at 7pm. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of Britain's finest choirs. Tickets from the Post Office and Handy Store.

SPORTS NEWS

James wins GOLD!



A former pupil of Waterringbury, James Hall, brought home a gold and two silver medals from the Commonwealth Games held in Australia.

A celebration of his achievements was held at his gymnastics club, Pegasus, in Maidstone. Mrs Humphrey and Ella Lomas, who is a gymnast in Year 6, were able to attend. Mrs Humphrey was thrilled to wear James's medal for a moment.

Mrs Humphrey commented, "we are all so proud of James. We always knew he would succeed and achieve his dreams."

James is hoping to come back to visit his favourite primary school to show us his medals, talk about his experiences (and possibly lead a PE session!).