

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the start of term 5 and the beginning of the summer terms. The summer terms always seem to be very busy and I can see from the office diary that there is already a range of events already booked in. We will, of course, keep you as up to date as possible but there are times when events are planned or become available at short notice so please keep checking the dates section on the newsletter each week and the boards outside school. There are some dates that cannot be changed—the start of KS1 SATS on May 1st, KS2 SATS for the week starting May 8th. Other dates that we have already booked in include:

- ⇒ Sponsored walk 28th April (for more details see the next column)
- ⇒ Living Land Trip at Detling Showground, Yrs 3/4/5
- ⇒ Carnival Themed School Fayre Saturday 20th May
- ⇒ Year 5 parents meeting re the Kent test 22nd May 2:30 start
- ⇒ Healthy Living Week 22nd to 25th May
- ⇒ Potted sports the afternoon of 25th May 1:30 start
- ⇒ Inset day 26th of May
- ⇒ Whole school trip to Otterden Place, Painters Forstall for activities arranged with Countryside Learning July 11th
- ⇒ Statements of achievements and new classes sent out July 14th
- ⇒ Certificate assembly Thursday 20th July starting at 2:15pm
- ⇒ Leavers service and final day of the year 21st July

And that is without class trips, sporting events, visitors etc. It's going to be a busy time !

We are always looking at ways of improving the school environment and sometimes little things make a big difference. The outside toilets have been an item on the school council agenda a number of times this year. In response to the discussions, the inside of the outside toilets(!) have been jet washed by Mr. Jordan and over the Easter holiday a painting party of governors spent a morning applying white paint to ceilings and walls to brighten and clean them. We hope that the environment, looks better and is more pleasant for all those using the facilities.

Beech and Chestnut's Road Trip USA theme for this term got off to a flying start with fantastic costumes. Thanks to the parents for imagination and good memories. Have a look on the school website for some pictures.

Finally, we would like to welcome Mr. Grocock and Mr. Tatman from Canterbury Christ Church University who will be working in Maple and Cherry Classes during Term 5 and the first week of Term 6. *Sheila Dunk* Head of School

Attendance Winners of the Week! Beech Class



Thought for the week...

Joshua said to them "Do not be afraid , do not be discouraged. Be strong and courageous. This is what the Lord will do to all the enemies you are going to fight.

Joshua 10 v25

All Clubs will resume as normal next week. Cherry Class Yr 3 children will commence swimming on Friday 28th April.

Sponsored walk



Our sponsored walk to raise funds to develop a quiet area in the playground will take place at the Playstool on April 28th starting at 2pm.

Please come along and support if you can. If you would like to support us by walking a few laps the children would appreciate it, so bring your comfy shoes! Please remind your children to collect as many sponsors as they can, as every bit helps.

All children will require plimsolls or trainers. All children should be collected from the Playstool at 3:15 on the 28th.

As a reminder, PE days until the end of Summer term are as follows:

Willow: Monday	Maple: Monday & Wednesday
Cherry: Tuesday & Friday	Beech: Tuesday & Thursday
Chestnut: Wednesday & Thursday	

Netball at Fulston.

On April 1st 2 teams of High 5 netball players represented Borden at the Sittingbourne High 5 netball tournament. There were 10 teams in total and the competition was keen and hard fought . Our B team worked hard, worked well as a team and gained a lot of experience. The A team, some of which played last year, were able to gain 3rd place in the tournament which is a great achievement. There were a number of year 5 children playing so we have a nucleus ready for the tournament next year. Thank you to all the parents who brought children to the competition and supported the teams. A big thank you to Mrs Whiteley for running the netball club and organising the team on the day.