

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a half term this has been. I hardly know where to begin as so much has been going on and, yet again, your children have amazed us in so many ways.

**Year 3** had their first school trip to Butser Farm and they came back with huge smiles. The day was a great success and the Year 3 team were proud of their behaviour and the questions they were asking.

At the same time, **Year 5**, were enjoying their first residential trip to Goodwood House. This was their first experience away from home, but they were brilliant. Everywhere they went, the people they met went out of their way to compliment them on their behaviour and their depth of questioning. It was clear that they knew a great deal about the Tudors.

The following week was the **Year 6 SATs**. This was the first time the tests had taken place for 3 years, but the children approached the exams calmly and they all gave their very best. Whatever the results may be, we cannot fault their effort and determination to do their best.

Then it was the turn of **Year 4** to have their first residential experience; sleeping overnight in the school. The children love this opportunity to see their school out of hours and to be the only ones on the field and playground. The staff were amazed at how well the children settled and they loved the Bird of Prey display that kept them entranced in the evening.

This week, I took a group of Year 5 & 6 children to sing in the **Young Voices concert** at the O2 in London. It was a fantastic day and the children sang and danced their hearts out. We were delighted to be supported by so many parents, carers and family members who entered into the amazing atmosphere on the evening.

The half term will end with our Jubilee event this afternoon and we are looking forward to welcoming you into the school to help with our Superbloom project.

Looking ahead to next half term, some dates for your diary are:

- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 swimming starts.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Studio project launch event
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Class Photos
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Asthma Coffee Morning – an asthma nurse will be on hand to advise parents/carers of children with asthma.



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- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Year 3 Roman Day
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Sports Day – further details to follow, but this will be an afternoon event
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Dogs Trust will be visiting and leading workshops on how to approach dogs safely.
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Transition and Roll Up day. Our new Year 3 children will be visiting and all of the children will meet their new teachers.
- 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Residential to Kingswood.
- 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Summer Production – further details to follow
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School finishes at 3:05pm

As we approach the end of term, I understand that parents/carers are reluctant to **replace uniform** that is becoming too small. It is important however, that the children continue to look smart and represent the school well. There is plenty of second hand uniform, much of which has never been worn, for £1 an item. Some of the skirts in particular, are very short, and the children are constantly active.

A reminder that the first day back after the half term is an Inset Day, so the children will return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

I hope you all have a wonderful break and that the sun shines for us.

Kind regards

*Sue Knight*

Head Teacher



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