



NEWSLETTER

May 2019

Dear Parents,

We are HUGELY proud of our Year 6 this week, as they completed their SATs tests. They approached them with such enthusiasm (yes – honestly!), maturity and confidence in their knowledge. They enjoyed a ‘top up breakfast’ each morning and when not doing tests they spent lots of time outside getting much deserved fresh air and exercise. All the papers have now been sent away and we look forward to seeing the results of their hard work in July. Meanwhile the rest of the school supported their peer brilliantly, tiptoeing around the school and showing consideration during the tests.



Next week marks national ‘Walk to School Week’. During this time, we urge the children to walk to school or use our ‘Park and Stride’ locations. As part of this initiative. ‘Living Streets’, the UK charity for everyday walking, is making a ‘Wow’ (Walk once a Week) marketing film. The Four Lanes site has been chosen to take part in this. A drone will be taking images of Hanmore Road, the ‘Park and Stride’ car parks and the entrance to the schools to show how ‘WoW’ and the Park and Stride initiatives have helped reduce congestion outside the school gates, contributing to a calmer scene in the mornings. The film will be used on the living streets website www.livingstreets.org.uk, on their social media and at events with other schools and local authorities. As the drone will shoot from a distance, no one on the ground will be recognisable in any of the images. This will take place during the morning journey to school on **Tuesday 21st May**. Strider, the Living Streets mascot will be at the school to meet children and hand out badges. Also next week, look out for our JRSO competition winners’ posters that will be displayed near the zigzag lines at the school entrance.

As part of supporting Living Streets on **Tuesday 21st May**, we invite children to take part in ‘**Happy Shoesday**’. They can come to school in shoes that make them happy, whether its trainers, wellies or sparkly laces or other adornments. In return we ask for a £1 donation to go to Living Streets, helping us create safer, more walkable streets for all.



Its time for us to get outside again and do as much learning as we can in the fresh air. We will be kick starting this year’s outdoor learning On Monday 20th May, where we will be taking part in the global Outdoor Classroom Day. Outdoor learning improves health, memory and engagement in learning but most importantly makes learning fun! We aim to go out whatever the weather so ask that children bring a coat and wellies to school if adverse weather is forecast.

Don’t forget that it is half term at the end of next week so we hope the children are able to get outside and enjoy the fresh air. Term starts again on Monday 3rd June, when Year 6 head off for their Calshot residential.

Mrs C Martinez
Headteacher

Governor Update

The 3Rs have been thoroughly tested this week: that is respect, responsibility and resilience. When I have been in school, the whole school has shown great respect for the Year 6 children sitting their SATs by keeping quiet and not interrupting their concentration. The Year 6 children demonstrated wonderful responsibility for completing their tests independently and great resilience, remaining focused throughout. However, it wasn’t just those three school values that were on display. Creativity was required to approach the questions set and you could sense the aspiration to do their best.

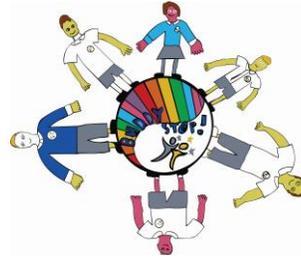
The other thing that is clear to see is the dedication of the staff. They truly care about ensuring that each and every child is able to do their best.

The governing body is delighted to welcome Marc Wallace, a new co-opted governor. We are still seeking to recruit more governors. If you know of someone who could spare a couple of hours per month to get involved in the strategy and oversight of the school, please encourage them to get in touch.

Lindsey Wicks, Vice Chair of Governors



Now that the weather is better, it is wonderful to see lots of people walking and cycling to school. Please remember The Highway Code states that helmets should be worn and legally cyclists should NOT ride on the pavements.
Thank you



Hopefully by the time you read this newsletter we will have our new playground markings! Look out for the above image, designed by Summer and Neil!



DIARY DATES

May		July	
20 th -25 th	Walk to School Week	1 st	Year 5 Outcome
21 st	Happy Shoesday	2 nd	Year 3 Outcome
27 th -31 st	Half Term	3 rd	Year 4 Outcome
		12 th	End of Year Reports
June		12 th	FLLS School Disco
3 rd	Return to school	16 th	Upper School Performance at 6.30pm
3 rd -7 th	Year 6 Calshot Trip	17 th	Thank You Afternoon Tea
7 th	Year 3 Butser Farm Trip	17 th	Parents' Evening for Reports
14 th	Dress Down Day	18 th	Upper School Performance at 6.30pm
17 th	Class Photos	22 nd	Leavers' Party
20 th	Year 4 Hampton Court Trip	23 rd	Last Day of Term
21 st	Sports Day		
28 th	INSET Day		