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Oak Class Newsletter – Summer 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy couple of weeks in Oak Class; the Easter holidays are already a distant memory! The children have come back eager to learn and are all incredibly focussed on their learning. We do have a very exciting (and busy) term ahead; one that will fly by, no doubt, with us saying goodbye to our Year 6 cohort at the end.

Curriculum

This term, we have already started our topic, **Extreme Earth**. Over the coming weeks, we will explore plate tectonics and their role in causing natural disasters such as volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis, and examine how climate affects human settlement. Additionally, the children will create props for this year's May Day Celebration in Art and DT.

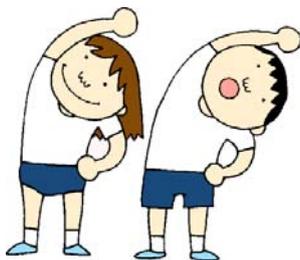


Next term, we will focus on evolution and inheritance in Science; learn about the British Values in 'Moral Maze' Week; and use complex variables to create games and apps in Computing. Towards the end of the year, we will be getting ready for this year's production – 'Fiends Reunited'.

For more information, you can view our Topic Web, which will be displayed on the school's website.

Homework and Spellings

As in previous terms, homework for Year 5 will be posted on the school website, with the expectation that it is returned to school, completed, on a **Wednesday**. Spelling lists for both year groups, for the term, are on the school website. Following the SATs, Year 6 homework will be posted weekly on the school website.



PE

This term, Oak Class will continue to have PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays. However, after the May half term, the children will have a swimming session on a Monday morning and the usual PE sessions on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. It is helpful if the children have their kit in school every day. All children should have indoor and outdoor kit, such as shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls for indoor, and tracksuit bottoms, a long sleeved top and trainers for outdoor. Please ensure that your child's PE kit is clearly named.

Staffing

Miss Regan will continue to teach Oak Class four days a week, Monday-Thursday. On Friday, the class will be taught by Mr Horner.

Important Dates

SATs Week – Week beginning 8th May

May Day Celebrations – Join us to crown our May King, Queen and Jack/Jill of the Green on Thursday 25th May.

SRE School Nurse Visit – Years 5 and 6 will have SRE sessions from the school nurse on **Tuesday 13th June** (further details to follow).

Sports Day – 29th June: Note change of date to avoid clash with Gosford Hill transfer day.

Upper School Production – Watch our talented pupils partake in this year's production – Fiends Reunited – on **Tuesday 11th July** and **Wednesday 12th July** (further details to follow).

Leavers' Church Service – This will take place on **Thursday 13th July** (further details, including timings, to follow).

Leavers' Celebration Worship – Join us to say farewell to this year's Year 6 cohort on **Wednesday 19th July** (further details about timings to follow).



Contact

Should you need to contact me about any matter arising, you may email me direct on the following email address:

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Please be aware that any messages sent may not be seen until later in the school day or after school as we are often busy with classroom duties or teaching earlier in the day. In all cases, we will endeavour to reply to you within 3 working days. Obviously if the matter is more urgent, for example about attendance or changes to the routine of collecting your child, then you should contact the school office or speak to us at the start or end of the day.

Kind regards,

Miss Regan and Mr Horner