



Weekly Bulletin Term 5, Week 3
Monday 29th April 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



This week

30th April - Ashford School Maths Competition - letters will be sent out to selected children shortly

2nd May - Living Land, Detling Showground Year 3 and 4 - letters on DoJo

2nd May - Travelling book fair - daily after school in the main playground

3rd May - 2.30pm Tea and cake in the hall for parents with a Parent information session on the new behaviour policy and the launch of our new Arbor app for parents, with Mr Davies, Mrs Venter and Mrs Miller.

Coming up

10th May - Nursery open morning

13th -17th - Year 6 SATS week

21st May - PGL France parent meeting in school hall 3.45pm

22nd May - New Reception parents meeting 09.00am

22nd May - PGL Bawdsy Manor parent meeting in school hall 3.30pm

23rd May - The John Atkins Memorial Run and open afternoon at school

24th May - Year 1 start swimming

24th May - Last day of term

3rd - 7th June - PGL France Residential Year 6

Week beginning 3rd June - CAT tests year 5

4th June - Bags2School collection

6th June - NHS Mental Health show for all children

7th - 9th June - PGL Bawdsy Manor Year 5

11th June - Year 5 & 6 Benenden School Science Day

12th June - Year 2 class trip - further information to follow

20th June - Class Photos with Tempest Photography

1st - 4th July - Homewood school transition week Year 6

3rd July - Whole school transition afternoon to new classes

5th July - Vicar end of year school service

10th July - Sports Day (17th as back up)

11th July - Whole school transition afternoon to new classes

15th July - School Reports go out to parents

16th July - Year 6 dress rehearsal leavers show to school pupils and staff 1.30-2.30 Charter Hall

16th July - Open classroom after school

17th July - Year 6 leavers show performance to parents and family 1.30- 3.15 Charter Hall

17th July - Sports day back up in case of bad weather

18th July - Governors Prize Giving in Charter Hall - 1.30 -2.30

23rd July - Leavers Service for Year 6 - School Hall

Parent Notices



Trip forms

Please ensure you complete the consent form for trips, without these your child will not be allowed to attend. Currently the following trips are taking place and forms will be required for your child to attend. All these have been sent on DoJo but if you require a copy please contact Mrs Speight.

Year 3/4/5/6 = Athletics Festival

Year 3/4 = Living Land

Year 5 = CATS tests

Year 5 = PGL Bawdsy Manor, google form and letter home today which must be returned by 01.05.24 please

Year 5 = Cricket

Year 5/6 = Benenden Science Workshop

Year 6 = PGL France

Maths = Selected pupils only

This week we also hope to be sending information for Year 1 and Year 2 for their trips so please keep an eye on your DoJo messages.

Year 6 Leavers Performance

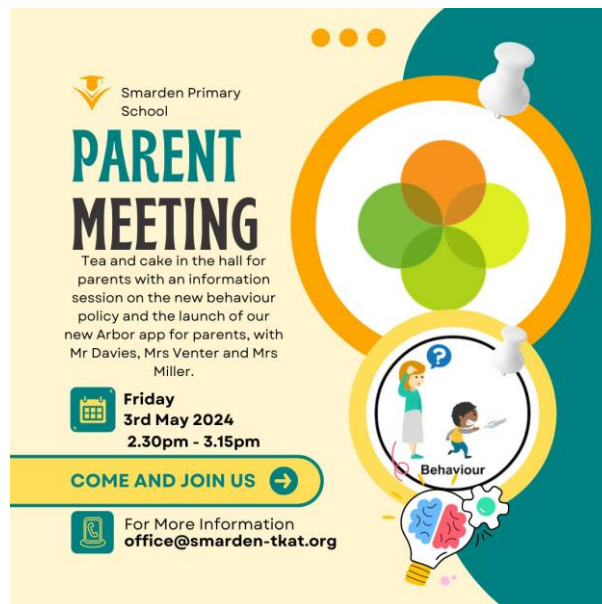
These will take place on 15th July to the school staff and pupils and 16th July to parents and family 1.30 - 3.15 in the Charter Hall. Further information will be coming out shortly for tickets so that we know for numbers.

Swimming

Year 1 swimming payment is now on School Gateway, please ensure you have made payment by 24th May for your child to attend

Change to Sibling Link for Admissions to Smarden Primary School

Going forward from September 2024 there will not be a sibling 2 mile rule for admission to Smarden Primary School. Advice has been taken with TKAT and their legal team and it has been agreed that for at least 2024 /2025 and 2026 there will be no restriction on distance from the school for a sibling child. This means if you move house, you can now move further than 2 miles from the school and not break the sibling link. If you would like more information on this please see Mrs Speight who deals with admissions for the school.



Smarden Primary School

PARENT MEETING

Tea and cake in the hall for parents with an information session on the new behaviour policy and the launch of our new Arbor app for parents, with Mr Davies, Mrs Venter and Mrs Miller.

Friday
3rd May 2024
2.30pm - 3.15pm

COME AND JOIN US →

For More Information
office@smarden-tkat.org

Behaviour



Year 5 Open Events

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

[NKS Prospectus](#)

Open Mornings:
Thursday 6th June 2024 at 9:15-10:30
Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 9:15-10:30

Open Evening:
Thursday 6th June 2024 from 6pm

These will consist of speeches in the Hall followed by a tour.

Please follow the link below or scan the QR code to sign up.

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/NKSOPENEVENTS.JUNE2024>

QR code

MAY HALF TERM 2024
28TH - 31ST MAY

ACTIVITIES THEY'LL LOVE!

LEGO ANIMATION MINECRAFT CODING 3D PENS CIRCUITRY

SMART ROBOTICS LASER TAG VR ENGINEERING EXPERIMENTS

HERE THIS MAY HALF-TERM!
TECH CAMP

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11, 9 AM - 4 PM DAILY
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Mrs. M. Jones, Ashford School

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ASHFORD SCHOOL
Arts Festival

Piano Competition

In association with Steinway & Sons

As part of the **Ashford School Arts Festival** programme, we will be running a piano competition for young, Kent-based pianists. The winners from each division will receive cash prizes and the opportunity to perform in their own concert at Steinway Hall. The 12 lucky pupils chosen to play in the Grand Final will have the chance to participate in a piano masterclass with an internationally acclaimed pianist and Steinway Artist.

Our first round will be conducted via video submission, where each candidate will be asked to submit two contrasting pieces. From these submissions the adjudicators will choose 12 finalists (3 from each division) to join us at Ashford School for our piano masterclass and Grand Final on **Saturday 22 June 2024**.

Divisions

ELEMENTARY LEVEL: Grade 1-2
Entry Fee: £15
Grand Prize: £50

FOUNDATION LEVEL: Grade 3-4
Entry Fee: £20
Grand Prize: £100

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL: Grade 5-6
Entry Fee: £25
Grand Prize: £200

ADVANCED LEVEL: Grade 7 Upwards
Entry Fee: £30
Grand Prize: £400

Those wishing to participate should fill out our online application form by visiting <https://forms.office.com/e/cwX66ja5zD>

FIRST ROUND SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
Monday 3 June 2024

FINALISTS CHOSEN:
Tuesday 11 June 2024

GRAND FINAL:
Saturday 22 June 2024

Please see the **Terms & Conditions** document for further information regarding competition rules, safeguarding and data protection.



Term Dates:



TERM DATES 24/25

TERM 1: MONDAY 2.9.24 - 18.10.24

TWO WEEK HALF TERM 18.10.24 - 4.11.24

TERM 2: 4.11.24 - 20.12.24

TERM 3: 6.1.25 - 14.2.25

TERM 4: 24.2.25 - 4.4.25

TERM 5: 22.4.25 - 23.5.25

TERM 6: 2.6.25 - TUESDAY 22.7.25
EVEN THESE TWO LAST DAYS
OF THE YEAR ARE IMPORTANT!

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME
- EVERY DAY COUNTS.

FOSP News

Fancy Furniture!

Last week, the school took delivery of the smart new dining tables with integrated seating, and they look fabulous! Over the Easter holidays, the school arranged for the hall floor to have a much needed make over so that it was all set for the delivery of this new furniture, which has been fully funded by FOSP. We hear these new additions have already overhauled lunchtimes, making it a much more

pleasant experience for everyone! A huge thank you to everyone who supports FOSP, by volunteering, donating, baking or buying - you make these purchases possible.

Odd Job Saturday Success

The rain stayed away and the sun even appeared for our incredible volunteers who came out on Saturday morning to help paint and plant! We were lucky enough to be gifted 15 Crab Apple trees from The Tree Appeal, which the children loved planting today. We can't wait to watch them grow over the next few years! The daffodils planted around them should look glorious when they flower again next year. We also freshened up the playhouse in the Blyton playground by giving it a new lick of paint, and cleared flower beds ready for the children to fill with plants and seeds! And best of all, we had great chats, lots of laughs, and plenty of biscuits ... and the kids LOVED playing with their buddies. A huge thank you to our amazing volunteers and their kids.

Next Meeting (02.05.24)

Join us for our next meeting! All are welcome to join in with event planning, ideas for future fundraising activities and to have a say about how funds from these are spent. We shall be at The Flying Horse in Smarden at 7.30pm on Thursday 2nd May, and will be streaming the meeting live online via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person. Please consider joining us for a sociable and productive evening and get in touch if you'd like the Zoom link details.

Taste of Smarden (23.06.24)

We are proud to announce that FOSP will be hosting a children's area at the ever-popular 'Taste of Smarden' event on Sunday 23rd June. This event, showcasing the best of local produce, businesses and entertainment, also offers an opportunity to enjoy a social gathering at the Charter Hall and Community Store premises. FOSP will be running children's entertainment and activities within the Charter Hall, including a bouncy castle, arts, crafts and games. Save the date and be sure to come and support this wonderful village event!

Get in Touch

As always, please feel free to get in touch with us via our chair Jo Piper at chair@fosp-pta.org.uk





Planting crabapple trees



Daffs planted ready to flower again next year



After



*Some extra protection
for the hens*



Hard at work, not posing at all 😊



Finished!

And finally,



As ever, I am available to talk about anything you are worried about, no matter how small. Please do not hesitate to ring me on 01233 770316 or email

head@sarden-tkat.org

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Miller