



Weekly Bulletin Term 5, Week 4  
Tuesday 7th May 2024

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### **This week**

8th May - Last day to purchase books after school

10th May - Nursery open morning

10th May - Year 2 Swimming

### **Coming up**

13th May - Values assembly for invited parents only at 09.15am

13th -17th - Year 6 SATS week

16th May - Census Day for the whole school

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

## Head Teacher & Jigsaw Awards

### **Blyton Class**

#### **Headteacher Award:**

Evelyn for her independence and ambition

Ralf for his kindness and friendliness

### **Donaldson Class**

#### **Headteacher Award:**

George G for great input on the carpet

Olivia for amazing adjectives



**Jigsaw Award:**

Ferne for always being there to help others

**Austen Class****Headteacher Awards:**

Freddy Stoddart: for managing his distractions and producing a beautiful piece of independent writing about how to make rice crispy cakes.

Parker Smith - for showing fantastic ambition in all areas of his independent work.

**Jigsaw Award:**

Chase Medlock - for always being such a kind friend and ensuring that everyone is included in his play.

**Sassoon Class****Headteacher Awards:**

Henry Rumsey for showing ambition in writing by thinking of some exciting sentence openers!

Izzy Turner for showing ambition in writing by including split speech in her journey story!

**Jigsaw Award:**

Jasmine Dilley for always showing kindness in group activities.

**Dickens Class****Headteacher Awards:**

Kurt for being ambitious and teaching the class coding

Freddie N for showing great creativity and passion in textiles

**Rowling Class****Headteacher Awards:**

Isabella for super writing this week

Suzie for great ambition in maths

**Values Awards**

Orlaia and Mia for helping their friends get ready for PE by finding missing items and reminding them of the steps that were needed to get dressed.

Ella was really kind asking me , how my day was, if I'd had a good weekend and enquiring after my well being.

Mazie for being amazing in ASC for tidying up without my asking and assisting others with I.T issues.

Mazie for always tidying up the classroom without being asked and helping me water the runner beans!

Imogen for her ambition to work independently

Theo for choosing to do the right thing when in a difficult situation. True kindness, keep it up Theo!

Sophie, Ella, Ferne, Katie, Edith, Stan, and Olivia for their ambition in writing.

Isabella H - for showing wonderful kindness by opening a door when I was struggling with heavy bags.

Henry S and George S for showing kindness towards an upset friend by getting a tissue for them and giving them a hug.

Evie for always showing great ambition in her writing.

Ruby - for showing fantastic ambition and trying very hard to improve her handwriting.

Lizzie for showing great kindness to a friend

Lily-may C for being polite and respectful

George W for showing ambition in his work

Chloe T for always asking me how my lunch was.

Year 1 for showing fabulous ambition in their maths lesson that I watched.

## Parent Notices



### Attendance

Please see [this leaflet](#) produced by KCC. Please note that holidays in term time can never be authorised and KCC will issue a fine for both parents.

### Maths Competition - pupil report

Last week on Tuesday 30th April, a group of Year 5 children went to Ashford School to participate in a Maths competition. "It was intense" said George. We were given 20 minutes to answer as many questions as possible. We managed to answer 5 questions and get 25 points as each question was worth 5 points. Everyone was really happy that we placed 9/18 and even beat another TKAT school.

### Census 16th May

The reason the school census takes place is so authorities can make better-informed decisions around funding for individual schools.

UIFSM funding is made available for all students in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, who are not already eligible for free school meals. The number of pupils funded is based on the average of school meals taken on October and January census days for Years 1 and 2, and from the higher of the two census counts for Reception. We would therefore like lots of our children in these 3 classes to have a school meal on Census day. There is a special menu being provided by our catering company as well on the day - please see poster below

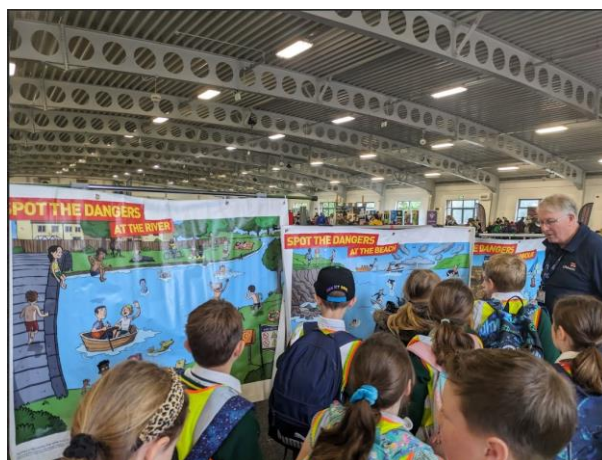
## Living Land

Our Year 3 & 4 children had a wonderful trip to Living Land at Detling showground last week. The children took part in a range of activities which helped them to understand more about food production and the impact farming has on the local environment.

With so much to see and do from farm animals, big and small, tasting food, colouring, collecting sunflower seeds to plant and seeing the huge machinery used by farmers and much much more. They had a super day and thank you to FoSP for kindly organising this via Tractorfest who provided us with transport to and from the venue.

Photos below.









**Term Dates:**





## FOSP News

### **Delightful Day Out!**

Last Thursday, years 3 & 4 enjoyed a wonderful day out at the Kent County Showground at Detling, experiencing all the fun of Kent County Agricultural Society's Living Land show. Living Land aims to educate children in areas of farming, agriculture, the countryside, and healthy eating. The pupils were amazing - excited, polite and fully engaged with all the events and activities on offer - despite the huge number of other children attending! This is a lovely reminder of why FOSP is so important ... without our amazing volunteers helping out at Tractorfest and without all the incredible support we have from parents donating, baking and buying, this never would have been possible. Tractorfest chose to sponsor Smarden pupils at this event because FOSP held their stall at Tractorfest last year. So thank you again for supporting FOSP.

### **Fox-Proof Fencing**

Thank you to our volunteers who have adapted the chicken coop to ensure the wire surround is as secure and predator-proof as can be. After some labour-intensive digging, the coop mesh has been dug in to a suitable depth to prevent foxes and other predators from digging underneath it. The school chickens are now happy and secure in their coop!

### **Polite Parking Reminder**

You might think we sound like a broken record, but we cannot emphasise enough the importance of parking safely and legally near the entrance to the school. Please consider the safety of the many children who come filing in and out of the gates on school days, it is a busy area and can be hectic, so please do not park on the double yellow or zigzag lines outside the school gates, even for a minute! These restrictions are in place for a reason, and we don't want to wait for a potentially tragic road traffic accident to happen to make people realise how important these restrictions are. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

### **Next Meeting (09.05.24)**

Join us at our next meeting this Thursday at The Flying Horse, Smarden at 7.30pm. We will be planning upcoming fundraising ideas, discussing expenditure and any funding requests received. We always appreciate fresh energy and ideas - so please come along if you're free and fancy getting involved. We are hoping to stream the meeting online via Zoom again, enabling more people to get involved if they are unable to make it in person; if you would like the joining link for this meeting, please get in touch.

### **Save the Dates!**

FOSP will be getting involved with these following fundraising events and would love some volunteers to help - so please save the dates and show your support:

Sunday 23rd June - Taste of Smarden.

17 & 18th August - Tractorfest, Biddenden.

Saturday 31st August - Dragon Boat Festival, Bewl Water.

### **Don't Forget**

We have a wardrobe full of pre-love uniform items (especially handy for the recent change in weather) available on our facebook page at bargain prices! Items are added and quantities available are updated regularly, so keep checking back! [Friends of Smarden Primary \(FOSP\) | Facebook](#)

### **Get in Touch**

Any questions or offers of help, please contact our chair Jo Piper at [chair@fosp-pta.org.uk](mailto:chair@fosp-pta.org.uk)

## **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@swarden-tkat.org](mailto:head@swarden-tkat.org)

Have a lovely week!

Mrs Miller