



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 11th June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

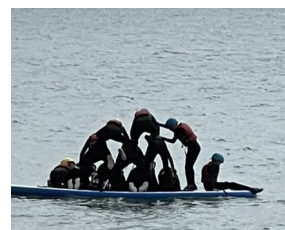
‘Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants’ Isaiah 42:10

I was fortunate enough to travel down to Swanage on Thursday to see how the Year 6 children had been getting on and I was thrilled to see how much they were all enjoying themselves. The campsite facilities were excellent and all of the different activities were enabling our children to have fun but also push themselves into trying new things. I was also proud of their behaviour and how supportive they were being to one another. I know that they will have built some long-lasting memories to take with them when they move onto secondary school at the end of the academic year.

I hope that you have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Best wishes

Mrs Wand



Dates for 14th—18th June 2021

- Friday 18th June**
- Ash Virtual Assembly**—a link for the assembly will be sent to parents/carers on Friday.
- Zoom Meeting with important updates about our next academic year 2021-2022.** (Parents with children in different years only need to attend one meeting).
- Year 3—4pm**
<https://zoom.us/j/96974052218?pwd=WkRiRk0zQTRxdk5SNEFMNHl5VHN0Zz09>
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- Year 4—5pm**
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- Year 5—6pm**
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Important updated information from Public Health England

Public Health England (PHE) South East is now advising all close **contacts of COVID-19 cases to get a COVID-19 PCR test** (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation) whether or not they have symptoms of coronavirus COVID-19. Please note close contacts must still continue to self-isolate for 10 days even if a negative test result is received. We do not have any cases of COVID in school at present, and infection levels in this area are low, but there is concern about the rise of different COVID variants across the country, hence this amended advice from Public Health England South East. Should there be any cases of COVID-19 in school we will, as before, write to the parents of all close contacts.



Year 3 and The Case of the Missing Pool Water

On the last Friday before Half Term, Year 3 had an exciting day becoming the new Sherlock Holmes to celebrate the end of our topic. The children arrived dressed up or with Sherlock props to help them solve the case.

When they arrived at school, the children discovered something terrible had happened. Someone had stolen all the water out of the swimming pool and the future of the swimming lessons were in the hands of the children!

They had a great day clue hunting, inferring from Mrs Wand's witness statement and finally questioning the main suspects; Mr Dunsford, Miss Chadburn and Miss Harrington. Amazingly, the children solved the mystery and found Mr Dunsford to be guilty. Luckily Mr Dunsford returned all the water during half term and swimming was saved.

Well done Year 3!

Expected rise in bronchiolitis cases

As lockdown restrictions begin to lift and families start socialising, and attending playdates and classes, we are beginning to see a rise in cases of bronchiolitis across our hospitals in Surrey due to the spread of Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). This is particularly unusual for this time of year and experiences from Australia indicate we could see a large surge in England in the coming weeks as infants have yet to build up their immunity.

To avoid placing additional pressure on our paediatric services please be aware:

- As COVID-19 cases drop and we start socialising again, other viruses are rising
- Bronchiolitis is a very common virus spread the same way as COVID-19 and most babies get better on their own but a small number of babies can become very unwell
- To help keep your baby well, regularly wash their hands and toys and make space from those who have coughs and colds which can lead to bronchiolitis in babies
- If you have any further concerns about your baby, please contact your GP or call 111.

Further information on Bronchiolitis can be found on the NHS Website.



Bug Hotels

Year 3 and 4 continue to make Bug Hotels. Here are some examples made by Rosie and Nabiha, Pine, who spent a long time on their plans and brought in their own materials.



Year 3 and 4 BLOCS research project

Over the last half term the children in years 3 and 4 have had the opportunity to work with researchers from Surrey University on a project called BLOCS (Block Construction Skills for Mathematics). This was an exciting research study investigating the associations between children's Lego construction skills and their mathematics skills. The researchers that visited our school really enjoyed working with the children in both year groups and it has presented them with a lot of materials for their further research. All of the children that participated thoroughly enjoyed the activities that they participated with. Thank you to all of the parents/ carers who allowed their children to participate in this study.



The children are enjoying playing table tennis at break time. If you have any spare bats, the school would be grateful to receive them.



Tudor Day 28th May



Welcome, welcome to our Tudor Day; join our journey back in time.

First off we are at the Tudor kitchen in Acer class; all the apprentice chefs are bubbling with excitement and are making biscuits. Head Chef Miss Faulkner is showing them all the steps while Head Chef Mrs Brodgen is handing out the equipment and ingredients. Wow—they must be having a fabulous time!

Let's move onto Pine class who seem to be doing some 3D Art work. Ah, it smells nice in here, all these brilliant Tudor people are making nice smelling objects with Mrs Christie using oranges and cloves to make a pomander. And look on the board: there is a video all about The Tudors and all the people are doing designs that relate to who they are and their personalities.

I had better go to Palm class where I heard they're doing some art of the Tudor Rose using different media with Miss Freed. There are some very nice roses happening, most are done by now so there is some time for Horrible History programs all about King Henry VIII.

Let's come back later in time for the Tudor Feast. Everywhere guests are having biscuits and being entertained. The Tudors are having fun playing card games, chess and draughts. Oh look Mrs Wand has come in time to bow and curtsy everyone and did it properly with a thank you, thank you. Time for executioners and archers to show their dangerous weapons.

Ah, so sad, it's time to go home. Our brilliant Tudor Day has ended. I hope you had a brilliant time with us.



Keeley Thomas - Palm Class



Year 3 visit to Haslemere Museum

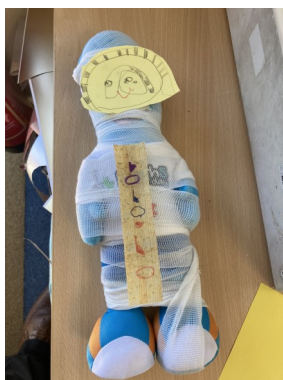


On Wednesday 9th June, Year 3 went on a trip to Haslemere Museum. The morning was spent learning about how and where the Ancient Egyptians appear on a history timeline.

The children then got to experience a mock mummification. Volunteers had to extract the brains and organs from a model Egyptian. Children then had an opportunity to write in Heiroglyphics, study real Egyptian artefacts and visit the museum's own genuine mummy. You can see the toes sticking out of it's bandages and everything!



We were able to have lunch outside on the museum's lawn in the sunshine and play some circle games. In the afternoon, the children had a great time mummifying their own soft toy. The children's behaviour was a credit to the school. It was a great start to our new unit on Ancient Egypt.



Chertsey Museum



On Thursday 10th June, Chertsey Museum came to our school to teach us about the Greeks. We excitedly looked at the wonderful artefacts. One of the amazing artefacts was a Greek vase which had two people on there. We also saw some replicas of some theatre masks. The thing I learnt was that Athena had an owl who was on a coin. We did four activities which included spin a ball by a stick like a spinning top. Next we did a Greek tablet and I wrote my name, then we looked at and used replicas.

Dexter Elliott – Palm Class



On Thursday 10th June Year 4 had visitors from Chertsey Museum to tell us about Ancient Greeks! They told us a lot of amazing facts and showed us artefacts. During the workshop I learnt that women had to stay at home and do all the work but men got to do all the fun stuff. Also, wrestling was one of the Greeks favourite games.

Fatima Hassan - Palm Class