



Dear Parents & Carers

Author Visit KS2: Next week we have an author coming in to visit our KS2 children. Our visiting author is Sophy Henn and she will be visiting on Monday afternoon. She is an award-winning picture book author and illustrator. She is the creator of the much-loved Bad Nana fiction series, the Pom Pom series, the Ted board book series and has recently created the non-fiction titles Lifesize and Lifesize Dinosaurs. She is now writing graphic novels, which she is coming in to share with the children. Children may purchase a signed copy of her book for £8 if they wish to do so (please can children bring money for this in a sealed envelope).

Reading Bus Project: I am delighted to tell you that staff are going to be organising a sponsored 'colour run' to raise money for our exciting bus project. However, we are also searching for a sponsor to cover the set-up costs for the colour run.

We are looking for a local company that would be willing to donate £500-£1000 to cover coloured powder, printing, marking out the course and ideally medals and would be willing to promote the company's involvement ahead of the event, on the day and in press coverage. We wondered if we have any parents with useful contacts? If so please can I ask parents to email the school office.

New Dates for your diaries:

Year 1 have a theatre company coming in on May 22nd which links with our work on the Great Fire of London.

EYFS/Year1 and Year 2 have a reading with parents session on the 15th May at 2.45pm. Please look out for a letter about this.

Year 5 trip to Bewl Water Tuesday 25th June.

Year 5 CATS (Mock 11 plus) assessments will be happening the week the w/c 13th May.

Fundraising:

I am delighted to tell you that next month **Henry in 3W** alongside, **Finley in year 1** (and of course mum) will be taking part in a sponsored run to raise funds for the Oliver Fisher Neonatal Unit.

In support of this we will be holding a whole school wear something yellow and/or green' day on **Friday 24th May**. Donations to Henry's Just Giving page or to the class teacher would be gratefully received. The link to the Just Giving page for this event and to find out more about Henry's story is: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/cooperfundraising>



Dates for your diaries:

April 2024

29th Year 3 Trip to Bedgebury
29th Author visit to KS2 (PM)
29th Inclusion Coffee Morning 9AM KS2 Hall
30th Year 2 Castles and Knights Workshop

May 2024

1st EYFS Trip to Tyland Barn
3rd Football Dash (PM)
6th Bank Holiday - School Closed
7th Crazy Hair Day
10th Class Photographs (whole school)
Week commencing 13th KS2 SATS (Year 6)
Week commencing 13th Mock 11+ CATS for Year 5
15th Reading session with parents for EYFS/Year 1 and Year 2 - details to follow
Week commencing 20th Whole School Community Week
22nd Year 1 Theatre Company Visit - Great Fire of London
22nd Year 2 Trip to Horton Kirby
22nd PHSE Parents Meeting 9AM KS2 Hall
24th End of Term 5

June 2024

3rd Start of Term 6
4th until 7th Year 4 Multiplication Check
7th EYFS Hearing & Vision Screening
Week commencing 10th Year 1 Phonics Check
Week commencing 10th Year 6 PGL France
11th 12th & 13th Year 3 Rock Day
Week commencing 17th PGL UK
19th Teddy Bears Picnic for new EYFS children (2024/25 intake) PM
25th Year 5 Trip to Bewl Water
26th Year 1 Trip to Port Lympne

July 2024

3rd Sports Day (reserve Wednesday 10th July in case of bad weather)
Week commencing 1st Sports Week
15th Reports to Parents/Carers
15th Inclusion Coffee Morning (transition)
18th Teddy Bear Dash (PM)
22nd Year 6 Prom
20th Summer Fayre
End of Term Tuesday 23rd July
Start of Term 1 2024/25 Monday 2nd September

Yours sincerely



Mrs A Woolcombe
Headteacher



Dear Parent/Carer

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP OPEN TO CHILDREN IN YEARS 1 to 6

Active Future Maidstone, working in partnership with Kent Holiday Activities & Food Programme are running an Easter multi activity 4-day programme. We will be running the event again from Madginford Village Hall, Maidstone, ME14 8LH. The programme is FREE to all children who qualify for pupil premium, via free school meals (will have received an E Voucher)

This camp is open to children in Years 1 to 6 and will run from Monday 8th April through to 11th April.

Times: 10.00 am - 2.00pm
Drop off and Registration period: 10.00 am – 10.15 am
Collection period: 2.00pm
Children can be booked onto multiple or individual days.



This is being run by the great coaches from Active Future Maidstone and each day will be full of fun activities and competitions. Fresh fruit and a hot nutritious lunch provided every day (included in the programme)

A typical day may look like the following but is subject to change:

10.00am – 10.15am: Early drop off period and Registration
10.15 – 11.00am: Street games such as bulldog and a variety of tag games
11.00am – 12.00pm: A Carousel of activities including Nerf Battles, Active Nutritional Games, Traditional Sports such as Basketball, Football, Cricket, Rounders and lots more.
12.00pm – 1.00pm: Lunch and Free Play.
1.00pm – 2.00pm: A Carousel of activities including Arts & Crafts and Non-Traditional Sports such as Ultimate Frisbee, Handball, Den Building, Quidditch and lots more.
2.00pm-2.15pm Collection time

If you have an E Voucher all you need to do is log onto the Holiday activities app and book your children on (single day or multiple days available) Places are limited so book as soon as you can.

We do have places available for those children not utilizing E vouchers, for more information on costs email Mike Dyson (Managing Director) on the following email afmaidstone@activefuture.info with details of your child's name and what days you wish to book them onto. Or alternatively call 07434 793372