



VH TELEGRAPH incorporating the Bulletin

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It is always at this time of the year when I think that perhaps I have the best job in the world. I suspect that the thought is not absolutely accurate and I hope sincerely that all of you reading this think exactly the same thing about your work. However as I write this I am looking out of my hotel window in the Black Forest in Germany having just enjoyed watching our choir perform in front of a German audience, together with parents from school in an outdoor concert in bright sunshine. Tomorrow I am looking forward to watching our choir perform in the church that has the third largest dome in the world, after St Peter's in the Vatican and St Paul's in London. Whether we will still be able to sing following the shrieks that are likely to accompany our descent in the morning down a very long and fast toboggan ride remains to be seen! As you have probably worked out I am accompanying our Kent College Junior Choir on their annual tour, which is this year to perform in a variety of venues in the Black Forest area of Germany. By the time you read this I will have returned for a couple of days at home before accompanying our Year Five children on their annual outdoor adventure trip to Northern France. I am looking forward to the challenges that will face them over the four days. The only problem with this busy life-style is that sometimes school events clash and it is impossible to see them all. I was delighted to hear how successful the two Infant Sports Days were today and my congratulations to all competitors and officials. There will also be guest infant races at our Junior Sports Day and also at our next Open Athletics meeting on Saturday 7th June, so I will be able to enjoy watching our younger children compete at these events.

The final half term of the academic year is always a very busy one but I hope that it is a special one for our children and one that can be enjoyed by the whole family. I thank you all in advance for your support during this busy phase of the school year. Parents Day is for all members of the school family, all Junior children are expected to attend and I hope that all members of our school community will be able to enjoy some part of this special day. This year sees a slight difference. Following the formal speeches of the morning there will be a drinks reception for all on the terrace behind my office and then staff and governors will be joining families for a picnic before the afternoon music and sport. To round the afternoon off there will be strawberries in Garden House. We will be producing an end of term calendar with arrangements for all of our events, which your child will bring home at the end of this week.

I have enjoyed meeting parents formally to explain the challenges that will be facing your child in the Juniors next year and I look forward to meeting with those of you that I have not yet had the opportunity to meet with. Next year the staffing will be similar to this. Mr Buckley will become a full time member of staff with Mrs Laird returning on a part time basis. As always I feel it is the people that make up our school community that are the real strength of the school and together with our idyllic surroundings this enables us to deliver a very special education for our children and achieve what I see as a unique atmosphere for a Nursery, Infant and Junior School. Next year Mrs Garrett will continue to look after the Early Years and will be based in the Nursery but a regular visitor to our Reception classes. In Reception we will have Mrs Parker and Mrs Shopland, supported by Miss Henderson and Mrs Curd. Mrs Fitzgerald, supported by Mrs Swain and Mrs Pomfret, will teach Year One. Mrs Fairhurst, Mrs Cronin and Miss Moxon will teach the Year Two classes. The Junior arrangements will be as for this year with Mr Buckley and Mr Corrigan in Year Three. Mr Pearce and Mrs Freeborough in Year Four. Mrs Appiah and myself will be in Year Five and Mrs Tingey and Mr Baldwin in Year Six. The arrangements are as follows:

Class Name 2008	Class Teacher 2008	Class 2007/08
Reception Magnolia	Mrs Parker	n/a
Reception Mulberry	Mrs Shopland	n/a
Year One Oak	Mrs Fitzgerald	Mrs Shopland
Year Two Willow	Mrs Fairhurst/Miss Moxon	1JP
Year Two Beech	Mrs Cronin/Miss Moxon	1HF
3SB	Mr Buckley	n/a
3DC	Mr Corrigan	n/a
4SF	Mrs Freeborough	3SB
4HP	Mr Pearce	3DC
5AA	Mrs Appiah	4HP
5AC	Mr Carter	4SF
6TB	Mr Baldwin	5AC
6AT	Mrs Tingey	5AA

I am delighted that the swimming pool is being so well used in lessons and after school and I am very grateful to the group of parents that have done their pool side safety/life saving award which enables us to make such good use of the pool. I do ask all users of the pool to make the role of life guard as easy as possible by ensuring that their children follow the pool rules and are fully supervised at all times. We will be aiming to open the pool on certain afternoons throughout the summer holiday.

You should all have received information about our three weeks of Summer Capers, if you require any further information don't hesitate to contact Mrs Carter who will be organising the activities for the three weeks. There are still lots of places available but early booking helps us plan the staffing to ensure that all participants have an enjoyable time.

I wish you all a very busy and very happy half term.

NOTICES

Lost Property

Rebecca O'Shea has mislaid her new school jumper. It is marked with her name if you could all check to see that your child/children have the correct one. Many thanks.

☐☐ THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ☐☐

Mon 3 June	Year 5 Outdoor Education Trip returns
Tue 3 June	4.45 pm Meeting of the Estates Committee of Governors
Wed 4 June	All Day U11 IAPS Girls' Tennis Tournament. Away Russell House 2.00 pm Cricket U11 C v Lorenden. Home PM Year 4HP Parent Appointments with Mr Carter
Thu 5 June	2.30 pm U11 A & B v Brentwood Prep. Away PM Year 4SF Parent Appointments with Mr Carter
Sat 7 June	8.45 pm Sailing Activity. Dover Harbour 10.00 am Open Athletics Morning. Grounds 2.00 pm Cricket U11 A v University College School. Home
Sun 8 June	3.00 pm Kent Festival Concert. Dominican Priory 4.30 pm Choristers Post Tour Concert. Garden House
Mon 9 June	Science Week AM Year 2 Parent Tours of Junior 1.45 pm Girls' Tennis U11 v Kings, Canterbury. Away PM Year 3DC Parent Appointments with Mr Carter
Tue 10 June	AM Year 2 Parent Tours of Juniors
Wed 11 June	12.30 pm Kent School' Girls' Tennis Competition. Away – Bromley 2.15 pm Girls' Tennis U11 v Northbourne Park. Home 2.00 pm Cricket U11 B v Wellesley House. Home PM Year 3SB Parent Appointments with Mr Carter
Thurs 12 June	Boys Cricket Tour Departs 3.30 pm Cricket U11 A & B V Brentwood Prep. Away 2.15 pm Girls' Tennis U9 v Ashford Friars. Away
Fri 13 June	Girls' Sports Tour Departs 2.00 pm Cricket U11 A & B v Beeston Hall. Away 3.30 pm Cobnor Sailing Trip Departs. Chichester Harbour 4.30 Meeting of the Education Committee of Governors. KC