

# VH TELEGRAPH incorporating the Bulletin

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Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

The front cover of our new style white book with all the school events in tells me that it is the summer term but as I look out of my window now I can see Mr Buckley with his maths group out in the grounds using climbing frames and fences to make different types of graphs and charts and they are wearing waterproofs and wellingtons! In spite of the weather conditions our children have been doing their best to make full use of the opportunities that the summer term brings and it has been wonderful to see the Nursery children using their garden to explore and learn. They certainly don't let a few dark clouds dampen their enthusiasm for life! I am also reliably informed that our Year Six pupils are having a good time on their environmental studies trip to the Isle of Wight and that they have even seen the sun on a few occasions! Whilst it is a geographically interesting island, I have never been able to understand why Queen Victoria chose to spend so much of her time there!

This term is very busy for all members of our school community and I would like to congratulate Mr Chapple and his team on the appearance of the school. I can also see from my kitchen window that his floral displays are progressing well and that very soon the school will be a blaze of colour. As a further encouragement towards summer the swimming pool will be opening very soon. All Junior children will be having a weekly swimming lesson and the pool will also be open from 3:20 until 6:00 each evening for family recreational swimming. My sincere thanks to those parents who have gained their poolside safety awards and then volunteered to be on pool duty during these evening sessions.

I was delighted to welcome the Head of Brandeston Hall Prep School into school for a day last week and he was particularly impressed with the children's enthusiasm for school and their politeness and behaviour around the school. He felt that the working atmosphere in the school was conducive to success and liked the way they were able to express themselves but also be considerate towards others. And success certainly keeps on coming, our Kent College combined Senior School and Junior School choir under the direction of Mrs Spencer have once again been selected to represent the South East at the Annual Festival of Choirs at the Birmingham Symphony Hall in July. Three boys and two girls have been selected to represent their respective Kent Under 11 teams at cricket. Mr Lang was selected to play for Kent second team this week. This success is the result of a great deal of hard work both inside and outside curriculum time from a lot of people and all members of our school community are part of this success and must be proud of their achievements.

Saturday morning sees the first of our Athletics Open Meetings and all children are welcome to come along and enter as many events as they choose. We hope that we are able to attract in a lot of competitors and even more spectators, hot and cold running drinks will be available throughout the morning. Cricket matches have been held the last two Saturdays in varying weather conditions; our game against Kings was rained off with us needing one wicket for victory. Wellesley House were then beaten with everyone getting a bat and a bowl. This Saturday sees our first fixture for Year Five.

All parents of children in Years Three, Four and Five should be receiving a time for their consultation with me in the near future, can you let Mrs Goldsmith know if your allocated time is convenient. I look forward to meeting with you all.

## NOTICES

### *Lost Property*

Beth Mason has mislaid her coat. It is marked with her brothers name if you could all look to see if the coat you have belongs to you. Many Thanks

## ☞ ☞ THE NEXT TWO WEEKS ☞ ☞

Mon 5 May	BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL 6.30 pm Boarders Return
Tue 6 May	6.00 pm Chorister Rehearsal. KC Chapel 7.30 pm Confirmation Service. KC Chapel
Wed 7 May	2.00 pm Cricket U11 B v Dover College. Home 2.15 pm Girls' Tennis U11 v Sutton Valence. Away
Fri 9 May	Effort and Attainment Marks Awarded (Core Subjects)
Sat 10 May	8.45 pm Sailing Activity. Dover Harbour 2.00 pm Cricket U11 A & B v Northbourne Park. Away
Mon 12 May	Key Stage 2 Test Week (Year 6) 1.45 pm Girls' Tennis U11 v Kings, Canterbury. KC 2.00 pm Meeting of the Full Board of Governors. KC
Wed 14 May	2.00 pm Cricket U11 A, B C & D v Sutton Valence Girls' Tennis U11 v St Edmunds. Away Girls' U11 Athletics Match. Home
Sat 17 May	8.45 pm Sailing Activity. Dover Harbour 10.00 am Open Athletics Meeting.
Sun 18 May	8.45 am Choristers Service at Folkestone Parish Church