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For safeguarding, the school office will be closed from 8.35am-8.50am and 3.15pm-3.25pm daily. This is to allow the children to enter and exit the site safely. Please call or use the intercom during these times for assistance.

Friday 21st June 2024

TERM DATES FOR THE DIARY

Next week:

- 24th June – Kahlo and Dali classes to visit Activity Box
- 25th June – Year 5 parents invited to see projects 9am – 9:30am
- 25th June – Year 2 Parents meeting and tours – 6pm
- 26th June – Tolkien class assembly – parents invited 8:50am
- 26th June – Year 4 parents invited to see projects 2:30pm – 3pm
- 27th June – Year 3 parents invited to see projects 9am – 9:30am
- 28th June – Tolkien class Swimming

- 1st July – SPORTS DAY Year 3 & 4 parents 9am; Year 5 & 6 parents 1pm
- 4th July – Whole School Transition Day
- 5th July – Tolkien class Swimming
- 10th July – Parks class assembly – parents invited 8:50am
- 12th July – Tolkien class Swimming
- 16th July – Year 6 Production matinee performance 1:30pm
- 17th July – Year 6 Production evening performance – 7pm
- 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Service at Christ Church (Y5 children to attend) Y6 Parents welcome
- 19th July – End of Term 6 – 1:15pm finish (After School Club closed)

Today is the day of our Summer Fair and, as I write this, I am aware of the hustle and bustle of staff and pupils as they prepare the stalls and arrange the final preparations. I am sure that by all the excitement, it will be a huge success. My thanks go to all those who have spent countless hours beyond the school day bringing this event together – too many to mention individually although I will recognise Mrs Lewis Taggart and Mr Luck who have co-ordinated everything so expertly.

This morning, we said farewell to Mrs Dare-Ojo who begins her maternity leave. We all wish her, her husband and son well as they await the safe arrival of their baby girl!

Today we have emailed a letter to you all giving notice of your child's next teacher and TA. The children have also been informed and we hope that by sharing this news now, it will improve the transition process for all. Next week, the teachers will touch base briefly with their new class ahead of the transition day scheduled for the 4th July.

On Wednesday, Hawking class presented an assembly to their parents and the school about the remarkable life of Stephen Hawking. Widely known for his interest in black holes, his discoveries answered many questions about the universe. The children used the following key message to remind us all that we should seek to be curious, to keep asking questions and to never give up:

“Remember to look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. And however difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up.” — Stephen Hawking 2010.

Next week, on Tuesday, the new Year 3 children will come for their first visit at 9:30am. In the evening, at 6pm, we will be hosting the Welcome Evening for the families of these children and we look forward to seeing everyone there. The main talk will begin at 6:30pm in the main hall and parents will have the

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opportunity to meet their child's teacher briefly at the end of the presentation.

We are aware that England will be playing their match against Slovenia at 8pm and promise to ensure we get everyone out in good time for those who want to watch!

As most of you are aware, our social media platforms are documenting much of school life on a day to day basis. Where possible, photos of events are forwarded to our media team who upload them for you to see. However, it is not possible to capture every child when they are involved in an activity and we cannot therefore promise that a photo of your child will be posted. Rest assured, they will be present and having a wonderful learning experience nonetheless!

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance this week is 90.96%.
Overall attendance this year to date is 92.63%.

No class achieved 97+% attendance this week.

33 children remain in the 100 club with 100% attendance.
106 pupils currently have attendance of 98% or above.

67 late codes have been recorded this week:

Year 3 – 17
Year 4 – 21
Year 5 – 14
Year 6 – 15

All children must arrive at school **by 8:45am** each day to avoid being coded as 'late'. A late arrival results in a disrupted start to the day. Learning begins at 8:45am: a child arriving late will find it difficult to join in a lesson that has already started.

Early Morning Sports Club is free of charge and open for all children to attend. It starts promptly at **8:20am** each day. Please consider this if your child is held up by you dropping siblings to other schools.

MEDICAL

We have recently been made aware of children bringing medication into school. There are several safety reasons why children are not permitted to self-medicate and we must also ensure the safety of other children who could have access to medicines that are dropped or misplaced in school. All medication must be administered by trained medical staff who will follow the direction given by you on a signed form. If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please come in to school to complete the form. Please note that we can only administer medicine that is within its original packaging.

HOUSE POINTS

Hawks are the winners this week with 243 house points – well done!

Falcons - 232 house points

Kestrels – 222 house points

Eagles – 210 house points

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day is planned for Monday 1st July (weather permitting).

Year 3 & 4 events will take place in the morning. Parents are invited to attend at **9am**.

Year 5 & 6 events will take place in the afternoon. Parents are invited to attend at **1pm**.

You will be able to access the field **via the car park pedestrian gate only**.

Further details will follow next week.

TEACHING & LEARNING NEWS

Year 5 STEM Day at Spires Academy - Monday 8th July 2024

Spires Academy are hosting an annual STEM event for current Year 5 pupils. This is an opportunity for children to experience a day in a secondary school enjoying activities led by specialist staff that embrace science and technology to encourage interest in these important curriculum areas.

The event will take place on Monday 8th July 2024. Students will arrive in time to join a welcome event in the drama studio at 08.45 am, and they will then enjoy lessons of Mathematics, Science, and an extended lesson of Design and Food Technology.

For the Design and Food lessons there will be a strong practical element with an outcome to take away at the end. The day will end at 2.10 pm - You will need to transport your child to and from Spires.

A snack will be made available at break time and the servery will be available for lunch. This will be provided by the school.

If you would like your child to experience this event, please contact the school office by Wednesday 26th June as we need to confirm names and numbers by Friday 28th June.

PESE (Kent Test / 11+) registration – deadline Monday 1st July

The deadline for registering Year 5 children to sit the Kent Test is Monday 1st July. If you have not yet registered your child and wish to, please do so via the following link: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>.

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Healthy School



If you are unable to register online, please contact the school office for assistance. If you have any questions or queries regarding the Kent Test, please discuss these with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Home learning projects

We've been impressed with the Home Learning projects that we have seen being brought into school this week. Next week, the children will have an opportunity to share their work with their class and year group. We'd like to encourage parents and family members, where possible, to attend these project exhibitions. Dates and times for these can be found at the start of the newsletter. It is a wonderful celebration of their work and a chance to see your child present, discuss and take pride in the efforts they have put in to their learning beyond the classroom.

FAMILY SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Hub news

We are really pleased to share that in the Hub we have a computer which is available for parents to access.

This could be for:

- completing online referrals
- creating a CV
- accessing online support for benefits or housing
- Food Bank referrals

If you would like to know more, or use the computer, please speak to Miss Wood.

Understanding ADHD: Online EWT Workshop

A reminder that on Thursday 27th June, 5.30-7.30pm, the Emotional Wellbeing Team will be facilitating an online parent workshop on Understanding ADHD. We have attached the poster with joining information.

#WAKEUPWEDNESDAY

Promoting Physical Wellbeing

Football's European Championship is now well underway, and this huge event could potentially get children interested in having a go on the pitch themselves or perhaps they're already passionate about sport. It could present a great opportunity to get young people engaged in physical activity and regular exercise, which has proven positive impacts on all facets of their health – including mental and emotional wellbeing.

With all that said, it can sometimes be difficult to get children and young people motivated to take part in sports and other exercise, but there are certainly ways to do so. The #wakeupwednesday guide attached provides you with some top tips from our expert on how to encourage young people to stay active and remain invested in their physical welfare.

INCLUSION BEAR

Awarded to:

Mrs Dare-Ojo nominated Mrs Cherrington and Cohen, in Jemison Class, for Patch.

Mrs Dare-Ojo said "I nominate Cohen for Patch as since Jemison Class found out about my pregnancy, Cohen has been so supportive and caring towards me. If I dropped anything on the floor, he would rush to my aid and make sure to emphatically tell me not to pick anything up. If I lost my marking pen, he would offer me his red pen without a second thought. If anything needed handing out, he was always quick to offer to help. On the days I've not felt great, even when I hadn't told the class, Cohen always knew and would always check in to make sure I'm okay. On days that I've returned to work following episodes of sickness, or otherwise, Cohen would always check in to see if I'm doing okay and if my baby was fine. I can go on...about this incredible young man!

Cohen, it's been so lovely to see you blossom this year, but the cherry on the cake for me is that I got to see and experience the kindness of your heart during my time with the class. Never lose this aspect of you.

You've left me a wonderful memory that I will forever cherish. Thank you for everything!"

Mrs Dare-Ojo added:

"I could write an epistle about Mrs Cherrington, but I'll keep it short because of time.

Mrs Cherrington has been my rock at school throughout this pregnancy. I would not have gotten through some of the most difficult days I've had in this pregnancy without her support, understanding, sense of humor, care, flexibility and willingness to step in for me and teach the class. I'm so grateful for everything you did. You're simply amazing and no, I'm not flattering you; it's the truth!"

Nominated:

Bobby nominated Willow M, in Kahlo class, for Patch. Bobby said, "I want to nominate Willow as she is always there for me. She is always there for me and is so kind. I think she deserves Patch every week."

ROCKING READERS

This week the Rocking Reader trophy goes to Nightingale class! Last week, Miss Wilkinson shared a concern that some classes had not been putting in the expected effort recently; Nightingale being one. However, they have redeemed themselves this week by scoring an average of 94% in their quizzes and with an average of 31 minutes per child reading every day. Well done to you all!

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TT ROCKSTARS

Not only did they improve their participation in Reading, they improved in TT Rockstars too! Nightingale class were recognised for hugely improving their participation with 85% of the class playing this week opposed to just 1 last week. Keep up this renewed effort, children. 😊

TT ROCK STARS COMPETITION

What a superb effort and result for YEAR 4!! The children wholly deserve to win this competition; they have participated with enthusiasm and finished the competition with 560 points. The rest of the school collectively scored 325 – thank you to all those who took part.

The Most Valuable Players in each category were:

Year 4

- 1st – Jasper Ukwuaku
- 2nd – Arabelle Kent
- 3rd – Ethan Lee

Rest of the school

- 1st – Buddy Prior
- 2nd – Luca Nugent-Watkins
- 3rd – Taylan Bernard

MR FOREMAN'S ECO CORNER

Mobile cassette players

Now, I wouldn't class myself as a 'Techie' but I like to think I'm fairly up to date with current trending innovations such as mobile cassette players, pagers, fax machines and the like but I didn't know that clear solar panels were actually a thing, or even possible. But apparently, they're already being used and have huge potential to help meet the world's

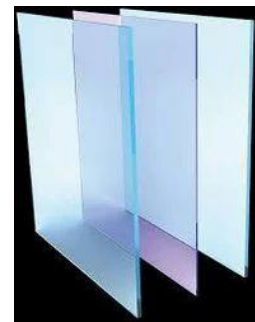


energy needs.

But what are clear or transparent solar panels?

Transparent solar panels look like clear glass and let light through like regular windows.

But they're made with a type of solar glass that absorbs ultraviolet and infrared light and turn these into renewable electricity. The key advantage of solar glass, also known as



photovoltaic glass, is that it takes up less space than traditional solar panels, which means they can be used as windows! And let's face it, there are millions of windows around the world, so the electricity producing impact this glass could have is massive. For example, US solar window specialist Ubiquitous Energy says it plans to turn skyscrapers into 'vertical solar farms' by installing solar windows. And it's not just companies in the USA

that are leading the way. Solar windows are also taking off in Europe. A Netherlands-based company called Physee says it is installing 15,000 of its 'Smart-Windows' in office buildings across Europe. The windows will cut building energy costs by up to 30%. Already transparent solar panels are in use at Copenhagen International School, a day school in Denmark. This glass provides 200 megawatts of electricity a year – more than half the energy the building consumes. In cities with lots of buildings and limited space, setting up traditional solar panel installations is difficult; however, transparent solar panels can be widely fitted even in cramped areas, helping cities meet net zero climate goals.

Another great tool in the box to help the world reduce its carbon footprint and move toward sustainable energy production.

Eco dates for the coming week:

[World Rainforest Day](#) – 22nd June

World Rainforest Day celebrates the importance of healthy, standing rainforests for climate, biodiversity, culture, and livelihoods

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Well done to the following children for being identified by their class teachers as this week's Stars of the Week. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

Parks Alfred Mason
Shakespeare Fleur Allum
Tolkien Frankie Tutt

Da Vinci Lexi Sidwell
Dali David Olusu
Kahlo Raya Rees
Picasso Erin Rhodes

Anning Leanne Ryder
Curie Charlie Back
Hawing Whole Class
Jemison Benjamin Sampaio

Banneker Erin Dew
Johnson Gabe Kelly
Nightingale Elga Aby
Turing Sam Ward

TA RECOGNITION AWARD

Each week, our TAs recognise those children who consistently shine as positive role models to others during break and lunch times. Certificates will be emailed to parents/carers.

This week's awards go to:

Year 3 Melisa Metodieva
Year 4 Leon Wyllie-Hanna
Year 5 Gabby Marr
Year 6 Elga Aby

Wishing you all a warm and sunny solstice weekend!

Best wishes,



Melody Kingman
Headteacher

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