



Head's lines...

Dear Parents and Carers

I must start the newsletter today by saying a number of thank yous. Firstly to all the parents who came and supported us on the recent maintenance day. There was such a lovely atmosphere as everyone took on the jobs that had been identified and chatted as they worked together – in the rain! We can certainly see the difference and appreciate you giving up some of those precious weekend hours to support.

My second thank you goes to Meg and Andi who continue to do a sterling job for us as the Chair and Vice-Chair of the PA. They have lots of help but are worried that no-one has yet stepped forward to take over from them at the end of the academic year. They really want to help and support a new team in these roles so please can I ask you to consider again if you would be willing to take on these posts for the school in the year ahead - knowing that many others with lots of experience will be there to help. As a school we benefit so much from the money raised at all the events and want to do all we can to ensure the successful and enjoyable events continue.

One such event this week was the excellent comedy evening. A huge thanks to Jarlath Regan for organising the visiting comedians, hosting the evening and of course making us all laugh. Next year I guess some parents may be less willing to sit in the front row!

My final thank you goes to our amazing Year 6 who conducted themselves so well last week during national test week. Every child tried their best in each test and some even feedback that they had enjoyed the week – perhaps the breakfast and party helped.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 4th June for the final busy weeks of the year.

Best wishes,

Sharon Barton

Important Dates	
28.05.18 - 01.06.18	Half Term
04.06.18 – 08.06.18	Year 6 Week Away
11.06.18 - 15.06.18	Phonics Testing Week
20.06.18	Sports Day for KS1 & 2 *more details to follow
22.06.18	INSET (school closed)
27.06.18 & 28.06.18	KS1 & 2 Parent Consultation
05.07.18	Open Evening
06.07.18	EYFS Sports Day @ 1.45pm
12.07.18	Transition sessions in school
19.07.18	Y6 leaving Assembly @10am
20.07.18	Summer Term Ends @ 1.30pm

Home sweet home



Year 1 and 2 (and the many adults that accompanied them) enjoyed a sunny day out to Bekonscot Model Village as part of their topic learning. The children took time really looking at all the different types of houses and other dwellings and had a ride on the train too! They are now using the visit as an inspiration for their writing in English.



Thank you for supporting Walk to school week this week and for encouraging your children to walk, scoote or pedal to school.



School Council visit

We were very lucky to be invited by Councillor Harrison and Anne Main MP to take a group of 12 children on a visit to the Houses of Parliament a few weeks ago. The train journey there was made much smoother as Thameslink kindly sponsored the visit and travelled with us on a busy commuter train from St Albans at 8am. The children behaved perfectly on the tube and really enjoyed looking at all areas in the Palace of Westminster, including the House of Commons and House of Lords - although we weren't allowed to sit on the red or green seats!

It was lovely to make the link between the role our school council has to the role of an MP serving a constituency and we may have even inspired some future MPs!



An action photo from last night when the Netball Club played the staff. Well done to Zara, Megan, Mollie and Lucia all named as players of the matches that took place.

Year 6 celebrating with a party at the end of SATS week.



Year 4 Pedestrian skills

Our JTAs supporting the sessions



After a change of date due to the torrential rain, every child in Year 4 has now received some training to develop their skills and help keep them safe on the roads. The children had all completed some learning in the classroom before the practical session and our own Junior travel ambassadors helped to organise the day. Eve, from Year 4, said, 'I learnt about the different types of crossings and how to cross the road safely. I enjoyed it - it was good fun and I really liked working as part of a team.'

Thank you to our governors who have recently completed a number of visits to school to look in detail at their linked Foundation subject. They have dropped in to lessons, met with subject leaders and had a chance to talk to the children about their learning in each curriculum area.