



Smarden
Pre School



SMARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st July 2022

July

4th Bach to the Future music performance

6th Sports Day

11th KS2 Production Dress rehearsal

12th Guitar performance for parents of children

12th KS2 Performance at Charter Hall

13th KS2 Performance at Charter Hall

19th Governors Prize Giving

20th Leavers service and last day of term

Term 6—06.06.22—20.07.22

Term Dates 2022—2023

Term 1—01.09.22—22.10.22

Term 2—07.11.22—16.12.22

Term 3—03.01.23—10.02.23

Term 4—20.02.23—31.03.23

Term 5—17.04.23—26.05.23

Term 6—05.06.23—21.07.23

Dear Parents,

What an amazing time we have had at school this week!

One of the highlights for me was the Year 5 and 6 trip to Benenden School for an afternoon of science. Pupils were given lessons in Biology, Physics and Chemistry. In Biology, pupils learnt how to use a Bunsen burner safely, and then went on to conduct an experiment to compare the energy value of a wotsit and a rice cake. In Physics, children made a periscope which they got to take home. In Chemistry, pupils conducted an experiment, in pairs, to find out which was the strongest of three acids by mixing them with bicarbonate of soda and measuring the amount of gas produced.

After a snack of handmade chocolate biscuits, we watched a science show, complete with chemical reactions to produce different coloured fire and a load of loud bangs. Who knew that science could be so fun!

It was an incredible day, and hopefully, the first of many curriculum enhancement days. Coming up next year is a Shakespeare afternoon at Benenden, and we hope to make the science day an annual occasion.

Also this week, the pupils played in cricket and in football matches, and although not all teams won, all pupils made the school proud. Most pupils have also been working very hard on their assessments this week—well done everyone. Nearly the end of term!

Please continue to listen to your children read. The school is currently taking part in an accelerated reader competition with all other TKAT schools, so the more they can read this week, the better.

Coming up next week is Sports Day, so I hope to be seeing many of you there.

Thank you for all your support for the school. Take care and see you all on Monday.

Mrs Miller

Ps: we are trying to make Kingswood pay parents' refunds for the cancelled Year 5 trip as quickly as possible and hope they will do so early next week.

Year R	Ms Judge 4 days with Mrs Smith teaching Thursday afternoon for PPA cover Mrs Almond teaching on Friday TA's Mrs Leech 4 days, Mrs Farren 3 days, Mrs Avery 3 days PE will be Friday morning
Year 1	Miss Powell (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri) and Mrs Leeks teaching Wednesday TA's Mrs Leeks 4 days, Mrs McLaren 1 day on Wednesday PE will be on Thursday afternoon
Year 2	Mrs Warner 4 days and Mrs Taylor Monday all day and Tuesday afternoon TA—No TA as only 15 children in the class PE will be on Tuesday afternoon
Year 3/4	Ms Edmondson 3 days (Mon/Tues/Fri) Ms Reynolds (Wed/Thursday) Mrs Wilson teaching Friday afternoon for PPA cover TA's Mrs Wilson 3 days (Mon/Wed/Thurs) Mrs Hammick (Tues/Fri) PE will be on Monday afternoon
Year 5	Mr Pickles with Mrs Miller on Monday afternoon for PPA cover TA—No TA as only 15 children in the class PE will be on Wednesday afternoon
Year 6	Mrs Pickering with Mrs Miller on Friday afternoon for PPA cover TA's will be Mrs Petitpierre (Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri) Mrs Hammick Wednesday and Mrs Smith every morning PE will be on Friday afternoon

Year 6 parents

A reminder that your Parentpay account must be clear of all debt by the end of term before your child leaves school.

Preschool Parents:

Please ensure any outstanding invoices and lunches are paid by the end of term.

Uniform:

If you require uniform for next term please place your order now via Parentpay.

The office will be open on Wednesday 31st August from 1pm to collect uniform for the start of the new term, for those who have pre-ordered only.

KS1Tennis Club is cancelled on Wednesday 6th July .

KS1 Gardening club is cancelled on Tuesday 5th July

At the heart of everything we do are our RELECT values; respect, enjoyment, friendship, leadership, endeavour, cooperation and trust. These are promoted in all aspects of school life and, we believe, are important values for our children to take with them into the future.

This week the following children have been nominated by staff for showing especial respect, good manners and our school values:

Bodhi was nominated for holding the door open for the whole of Blyton class to come through.

And Henry D-W for also holding the door open for breakfast club to go to their classrooms and Willoe for waiting for a member of staff to go first.

Millie Kersley - for being so empathetic to everyone's needs and being such a kind friend.



The certificate this week is presented to Bodhi Morris Potter.
Well done Bodhi!



Egerton A 8 v Smarden Tigers 4

As you can see from the score line, this match had plenty of goal mouth action! The Egerton pitch is somewhat smaller than ours and the pitch was hard and bumpy! Right, that's the excuses out of the way and on with the report! The Tigers never really got out of first gear and found ourselves 7-1 down at half time! A few defensive mistakes on our part plus a run of the ball with a deflected goal somewhat shocked some of the boys. I made a couple of substitutions in the second half and the Tigers started to roar back! We managed to make the second half much more respectable as we went on to score 3 goals. We had other opportunities to score more goals but sadly we never managed to take our chances. In footballing terms it was a game of two halves! I'm sure we will have other matches with Egerton in the future and if they are as exciting as these two matches then everyone will be entertained! Well done Tigers! Player of the match was Freddy W.

Egerton B 0 v Smarden Lions 1

This game was just as exciting! Jude had his normal calm and collected role in defence while Laurie always looked dangerous when in front of goal. The hardworking Arthur seemed to be everywhere while Oscar caused constant threat in front of goal. Zac, who had played at the back in the first half wanted to lead the line in the second half and led the line he did! It was a great game to watch and the parents enjoyed the game as well! Well done Lions! Player of the match was Oscar.



CLASS ATTENDANCE 27th June—1st July 2022

BLYTON = 97.1%

AUSTEN = 96.4%

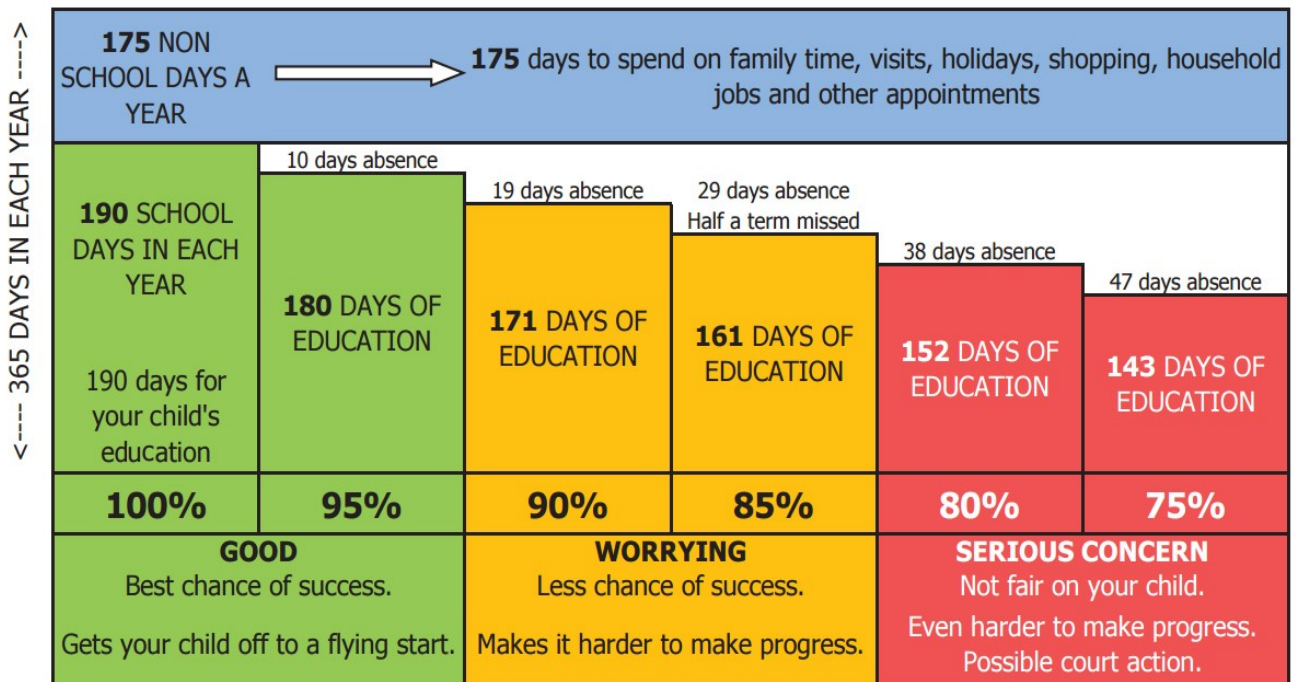
SASSOON = 96.9%

DICKENS = 97.9%

ROWLING = 99.3%

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS 97.3%

The national average is 94.1% so we are this week 3.2% above





Local engagement meeting

Your local officers will be holding a meeting in

the following Locations on Tuesday 12th July 2022.

Charing Fire Station – 09.00am – 10am.

Hothfield Near Play area off School Rd – 11.30am – 12.30pm.

Smarden – Near Park – The Street -2pm – 3pm.

Come and speak to your local officer about your concerns on crime and anti-social behaviour

One of our CSU Officers - **PC Pringle** will be on hand to discuss any issues with you.

For news, safety advice and information about policing in your area, visit www.kent.police.uk



Maidstone Grammar School *for Girls*

*Year 5 Open Mornings & Afternoons
4th & 5th July 2022*

*Year 5 & 6 Taster Day Masterclass
July & October 2022*

*Autumn Events Coming Soon...
Year 6 Open Mornings & Afternoons
Year 5 Transition Taster Lessons*



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All families with children who live in Kent can apply for a digital pass on the [Reconnect website](#) from 20th July.

If you do not have a smartphone, you will be able to pick up a printed pass from a [collection point](#) from 20th July whilst stocks last.

Visit [our website](#) for more information or contact reconnect.kentcyp@kent.gov.uk / 03000 423423.



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In our Jigsaw assembly this week we talked about preparing for September. We thought about things that will stay the same, what will be different and what we are most looking forward to. We know that change can make us feel a range of different emotions however we know that change can be exciting and can help us grow and develop. We have so much to look forward to, when we return to school, after the summer holidays.

This week we are celebrating children that '**understand and respect the changes that they see in themselves**'.



CATERPILLARS

Benji Garsed- Bennett for always being kind and considerate towards his friends.

BLYTON

Isabella Hoyle - for always respecting other children's choice of play and adapting her own to take account of other children's ideas.

AUSTEN

Izzy for coming up with some great ideas when discussing the changes that have happened to our bodies.

SASSOON

Fred: For making changes in his attitude particularly in Sensory circuits

DICKENS

Tommy Burns - For showing respect to others in class and on the football field.

ROWLING

Olivia M- for her wonderful contributions, questions and attitude to Jigsaw.

SPORTS DAY!



Sports Day Wednesday 6th July

Parents are welcome to arrive at school at 1.30pm.

FOSP will be serving refreshments throughout the afternoon.

Prize Giving from School Governors

If anyone has a cup or trophy from previous years prize giving's please could these be returned to the school office within the next two weeks so we can have them ready for this years winners.

Thank you

Pre School Caterpillar Class

Summer and the seaside has been our theme of the week. We began Monday with a Circle Time all about our favourite things about Summer. You can read the children's responses on our tree display in the classroom. You may notice that the older children have written their name on a leaf that is displayed too. We made some sand dough together and the children used shells to stamp and decorate. We have been busy practising for Sports Day and the children have been remembering to not start until they are told 'Go!' They have been practising throwing a bean bag into a target and balancing using a tennis racket. For Forest Time this week we are very grateful to Mrs Petitpierre for joining us and for making a real fire to roast marshmallows. This was an amazing experience for the children and they listened and behaved sensibly around the fire. Well done everybody! Those marshmallows looked delicious! Our phonics this week have been 'f' and 'e'. In our Maths time we have looked at combining small groups, substituting and have recapped the numbers 5-9. Don't forget it's our trip to The Rare Breeds Centre next Tuesday 5th!

Headteachers Award

Florence Cordrey for excellent listening to the story on the carpet

BLYTON CLASS The children have had a wonderful week. Firstly, many of them were reunited with their preschool teacher on Monday and they loved having time with Sophie Young again. Many used their measuring and fine

motor skills to create healthy flap jacks which they bought home to show you. We started a new text called "Mr Seahorse", it is by one of our favourite authors- Eric Carle. It has been

fascinating to learn that male seahorses look after their eggs and seahorses can have up to 2000 babies! We watched our favourite nature lover David

Attenborough share some fascinating facts about seahorses and we saw them in their natural environment. This will help us to write our own seahorse books next week. The covers of our books have already been created using a range of printing and paint techniques.

In Maths we are continuing to work on our number formation ensuring we know what all of the numbers to 20 look like. We have been counting in twos and tens and we have been learning about odd and even numbers.

In PE we have worked on our throwing precision skills to score points. A huge well done to Isabella Hoyle who was unbeatable and our highest point scorer. We are looking forward to seeing you next Wednesday for Sports Day. Please ensure all kit is in school next week. Please name all your coloured Tshirts.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Leah-Marie Penney: For amazing independent reading this week.

Owen Crowe: For helping the Blyton adults to tidy up, undertake jobs and showing

AUSTEN CLASS

This week the children have worked incredibly hard on their assessments and I couldn't be more proud of them.

On Wednesday we had an exciting opportunity to visit Smarden Church as we have been investigating churches in RE and what better way to learn than to visit the real thing! Tess the Vicar was extremely kind to give us some of her time and to answer our questions. The children very well behaved, polite and showed great respect to the church.

On Thursday I set the children a series of challenges. One of them was to use resources around the classroom to build a den for Max, the main character in Where the Wild Things are. We had watched the film earlier in the week and spoken about the differences between the book and the film. I was so pleased with how well the children worked together and how they used their imaginations, coming up with such a variety of interesting dens and talking me through their ideas. We even had some Wild Things made with stickle bricks! The children have also drawn maps of their interpretation of the forest where the Wild Things live. The children have loved this unit and have produced some lovely writing too.

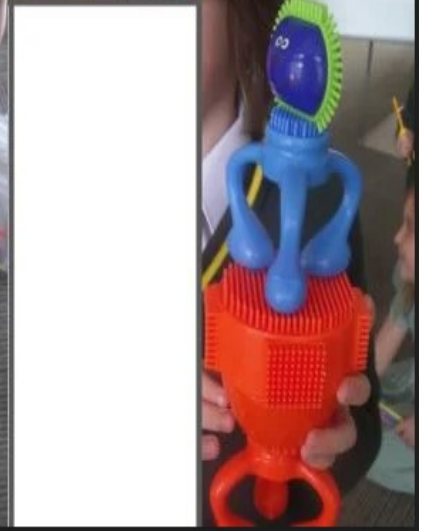
Next week is sports day and we have been practising some key skills for this including relay races - there are certainly some speedy children in Austen Class.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Conrad for settling into Smarden really well. It's as if he has always been here
Jasper for always being helpful and working hard on his writing this week.



Austen created some exciting dens for Max from Where the Wild Things are. Such creativity and teamwork!!



Austen loved their time at the Church and learnt so much.



DICKENS CLASS

It has been a busy week in Dickens Class once again. We have worked incredibly hard to complete all our maths and English assessments and we have also squeezed in some incredible experiences. This morning we welcomed Mr Brogan into our class and were amazed by the story of endurance he told us about the Cape Wrath Ultra - a race covering 400km in 8 days, whilst climbing nearly twice the height of Mt Everest (which we studied last week in Geography). It was amazing to see real footage of the event and listen to Mr Brogan's unbelievable experiences. It has already inspired some future challenges that the children are coming up with. It was also a fantastic lesson in resilience and determination! Thank you Mr Brogan for such an inspiring experience!

Another experience this week was an incredible school trip to Benenden School for a science afternoon. The children were amazed by the lessons they took part in and scientific minds have been inspired. We saw what happens to hydrogen when you light it, we experimented with different acids in Chemistry, we burnt a Wotsit on a bunsen burner to measure its energy content in Biology and we even made our own periscopes in Physics. We look forward to working closely with Benenden School on future science-related activities.

Thank you to all of Dickens for all of your effort and hard work this week!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Henry DW - For an exceptional week and some great contributions to class learning

Bella-Rose - For approaching all her work with a positive and enthusiastic attitude

ROWLING CLASS

This week has been a most unusual week for Rowling class! With only half the class in due to Homewood Transition week (and sometimes even less than that!) we've been quite off the grid for the week. We've completed a project for our leavers' service - top secret for the time being - completed some promotional material for the Wizard of Oz, helped out in some of the other classes and checked our PE shed ready for Sports Day next week. Along with this we've had some well earned down time with some extra PE and games outside in the sunshine. Next week we welcome back our pupils from Homewood, but lose more to Lenham! However with the play coming up fast we'll be getting this ready for our show in just a couple of weeks time

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

All Y6s present - For their wonderful project that they designed and made earlier in the week.

SASSOON CLASS

It has been a very busy and off timetable week.

Much to the children's dismay, it was NTS test week, so there have been lots of tests happening, however this was balanced with extra movement breaks and relaxing reading outside in the sunshine.

On Monday the children decorated their shadow puppet theatres and made their puppets, so they are ready to plan their performance and experiment with shadows.

The children also completed their Frida Kahlo fact files and they look great, so colourful and detailed, they have been so engaged with her life.

On Tuesday, half the class went off and played cricket and Mersham. They had a great day but were very tired! The rest of the class had a chilled day with me. We played a game of rounders in the afternoon.

On Thursday the year 4's had their final violin lesson, whilst the year 3's had an art lesson with me. We looked more at Frida Kahlo's paintings and the children started their initial self portrait in the style of Kahlo.

We have also had two French lessons, so the children should be experts on numbers to 20 and how to introduce themselves and say how old they are.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Jody for always being such a positive and cheerful member of Sassoon. He is always helpful and really impressed Mrs Smith with his maturity during RE and French.

Jesse: For being so enthusiastic in French and trying really hard in the last few weeks to be doing his best work and improving his listening.