



Smarden
Pre School



SMARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

25th May 2022

May

23rd Blyton & Austen School trip

26th Year 1/2 football away to Egerton—mixed match

27th Pre School Open Afternoon at 3.15pm

June

10th-12th Yr6 Residential Trip

13th Yr6 Bikeability

13th Class photos

20th NED Workshop

22nd Music afternoon NKS

29th-30th Yr5 Residential Trip

27th Yr6 Safety In Action Trip

July

4th Yr6 to Kent Police

12th Guitar assembly

19th Governor prize giving

Term Dates

Term 5—19.04.22—27.05.22

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,



Well done everyone for a great week at school! A special well done to all our children who received Headteacher's awards this week, often for trying their hardest with their work and persevering to produce their best.

Well done also to the children who were nominated by staff for a Respect award. These were some of the comments from staff: 'Olivia Leech from me. She is so polite to adults and always kind and respectful to other children. This week she once again amazed me by her manners and all round attitude to everyone. Mrs DW would like to nominate Evie Shepard and all the teachers in Blyton agree. Evie is polite, especially when we have a guest teacher and a great friend to all. A great attitude to have! Alfie Etheridge always remembers to say please and thank you to his peers and to adults. Laurie Dixon has been very polite to me this week in the corridors too. I would like to nominate Kayleigh Quinn, who always shows good manners, looks out for her peers at school and has been very helpful this week.' Mrs Pickering has also been nominated this week for a special award for getting the children through their KS1 SATS so smoothly.

We are incredibly sad to be saying goodbye to our school business manager, Liz Rice, who is returning to her previous career at Transport for London. Liz will be leaving on 1st July. We are delighted that Mrs Claire Speight has agreed to step up to the role of business manager, on a secondment for one year in the first instance. This means that we currently have an advert out for a new office manager and will let you know as soon as we employ someone.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Mrs M



Thank you

A special thank you for the very kind and generous donation of soil and stones for our kitchen garden from Mr Medlock. We are looking forward to using this for our garden area.

Year 1 Parents

I would like to invite you to a parent information meeting on Tuesday 24th May, to discuss the statutory year 1 phonic screening check. The check will be taking place the week beginning the 6th June. This will be a brief meeting and will take place in Austen Class at 3:30pm.

If you are unable to attend, I will ensure that you receive all of the information shared.

I look forward to seeing you there, if you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Taylor

Half Term Music

KMSS courses are exciting and engaging, perfect for giving your students an ensemble experience outside of their music lessons. They offer the opportunity to build on their love for music while expanding social and musical horizons.

The focus of the Summer School music courses is for young people to have fun while being encouraged and motivated to improve, supported by professional tutors and an experienced pastoral team. From new starters to experienced players, it's a place for everyone to enjoy themselves and enrich their summers, making friends and memories to last a lifetime!

KMSS offers something for all young musicians. Ability, experience and finances needn't be barriers to entry. All courses are audition-free, and we can offer generous financial assistance to students who meet the criteria.

Visit their website (www.kent-music.com/kmss) for more information; alternatively, go directly to the Kent Music Website for queries and contact details.

Colour Run Sponsorship

FoSP are still waiting on approx. £500 of sponsorship money to be handed into Mrs Speight at the office.

Please could you look to have all money collected and returned by the end Of next week where possible.



Football v Egerton

As there are a lot of children that want to play in the school football matches, I came to an agreement with Egerton Head Mistress, Mrs Walker, that we should play 2 friendly matches.

I split the boys into 2 teams.

Smarden 'A' 4 v Egerton 'A' 3

This was a tight match that went to the final whistle. Egerton had some really good players and this included a boy who was at Crystal Palace academy! I made a change in formation whereby I played Freddie Watson on the right and Cam on the left. This meant that both players could cut in on their preferred foot to shoot at goal. Both boys played well and took to the change of formation and seemed to enjoy it. Making his debut in goal was Joe who made some tremendous saves that was exciting the on looking crowd. Danny Brown had a great game and scored another goal and could have gone on to score more. Peter Joe was introduced in the second half and showed some neat confident touches. This change allowed our skipper, Tommy, more license to push forward and join in with the attack.

The goal scorers were Freddie W, Peter Joe and Danny B got a brace (2), Well done boys!

Smaden 'B' 7 v Egerton 'B' 2

This match was just as entertaining as the first game, if not even better! It gave me an opportunity to give players a lot more game time. Will had a great game goal and in the second half he swapped places with Jude. They both had great games in goal plus enjoyed their time on the pitch! Freddie King played on the right of our 'Diamond' formation and capped a fine performance by scoring a goal! Smarden 'B' captain and player of the match, Laurie, enjoyed his role of main striker in the first half and looked equally accomplished at the back when I switched him to the bottom of the 'Diamond' allowing Oscar to play up front. Zach, another making his debut, really enjoyed the game and was involved quite a bit in his defensive duties. Arthur also had a great game and enjoyed his role on the left wing. Freddie King and Laurie both got hat tricks and Oscar chipped in with the other goal. Well done boys

Twickenham Rugby

Both Henry and Charles DW and Charlie GB have an amazing opportunity to play rugby at the home of English Rugby, Twickenham! They will play on the pitch at half time of the game between the Harlequins and Gloucester. I'm sure it'll be a day and experience they will treasure for the rest of their lives! Good luck boys!





CLASS ATTENDANCE 16th May—20th May

BLYTON = 83.7%

AUSTEN = 98.5%

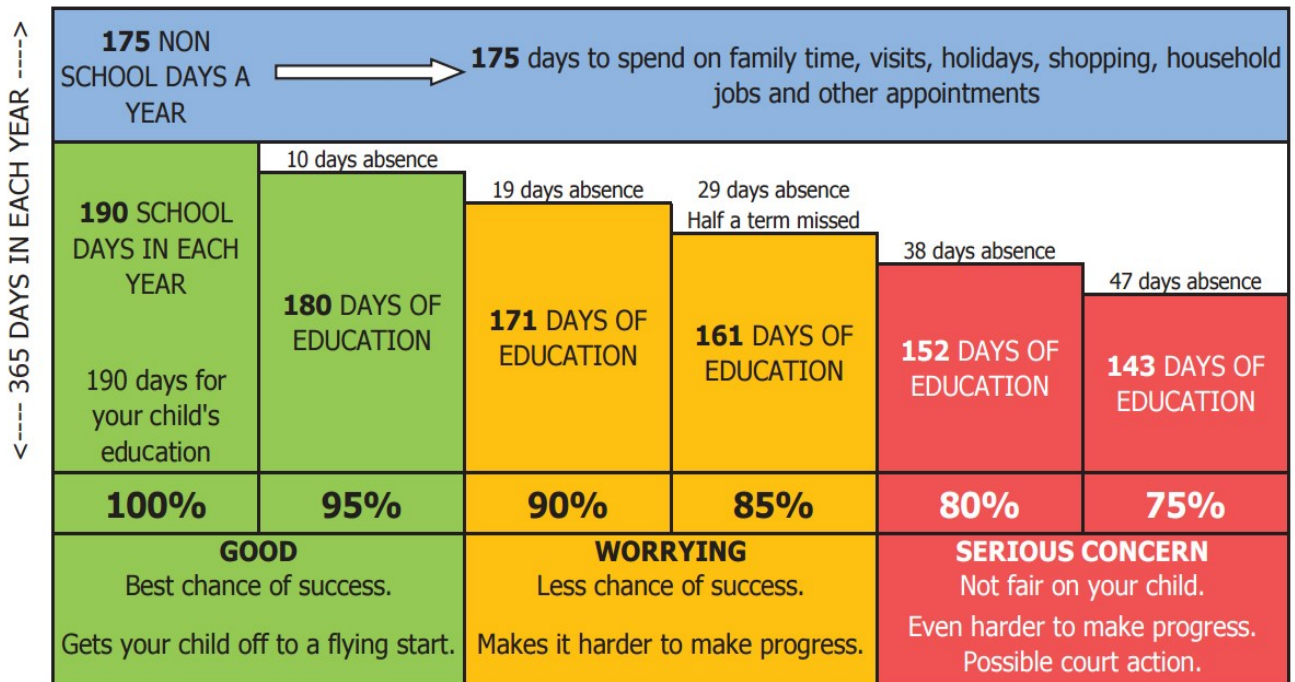
SASSOON = 96.3%

DICKENS = 95.2%

ROWLING = 94.7%

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS 94.0%

This is below national primary average attendance this week which was 95.3%.





This week we are celebrating children that
'know how to help themselves and others when they feel upset or hurt'.



BLYTON

Grace Boorman for gaining in confidence at Preschool and showing us her beautiful smile.

AUSTEN

I would like to celebrate the whole class because they are all trying really hard at asking for help when they need it and they help each other out in lots of different situations.

SASSOON

Isobel for knowing how to help others and herself, showing her kind and compassionate nature

DICKENS

Tommy Burns - Freddie Watson - For encouraging others in group work

ROWLING

Kayleigh Quinn - For her empathy for everyone, both in the class and school.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

IN CONJUNCTION WITH

K2 Sports

Bring a picnic

FOSP

PRESENT:

AN AFTERNOON OF

★ **ROUNDERS** ★

Swing on over

AS WE CELEBRATE

ICE CREAMS **FATHER'S DAY**

DAD'S VS KIDS



Cornes Meadow
Smarden

COLD DRINKS

HOT DOGS

FOSP

invites you to :



*All Hail
the*

Queen

in the:

FOSP MARQUEE

celebrating

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE

Smarden Village Green

Sunday
JUN
5TH

11AM - 4PM

KIDS
MINITURE
SUMMER
FAIR

ICE
CREAMS

FACE
PAINTING

CUPCAKES
&
PROSECCO

Reminders

Please remember that all hair of shoulder length and below, MUST be tied back in school.

Children must wear regulation school black shoes, NOT trainers.
PE kit must be the regulation kit and children must get changed in school, rather than come to school in their kit.

Reports of scores in the recent Year 5 CATS tests will be sent home in book bags on Monday. If you would like to discuss your child's scores, or their secondary choices, please make an appointment with Mrs Miller by ringing the school office.

Pre School Caterpillar Class

We have been preparing for the Jubilee this week and have had a great time learning all about the Queen and Great Britain. The Caterpillars began their week by finding out which countries are in Great Britain and trying some food from them. The Welsh cakes and shortbread were a big hit, but the cream tea, not so much, surprisingly! The highlight of the week was the Queen herself coming for a visit! The children took it in turns to hold her train and they all went on a parade to the woods where the Queen sat on a throne and the children cheered. Some of the children were convinced the Queen was Marie, but others were not so sure. Our home corner has been turned into The Jubilee Cafe and the children have also created flags. The school leavers have been continuing to practise writing their names and have looked at the phonics 'i' and 't' this week. Our Shape of the Week has been a rectangle.

Headteachers Award

Joey Mcaleer for being an active participant in our Forest Time and showing a real love for outdoor learning

BLYTON CLASS

It has been all chickens, chickens, chickens in Blyton Class this week! The children began the week by exploring the features of non-fiction texts compared to fictional stories. Next, they discovered lots of fun and interesting facts about chickens. Did you know that chickens are related to the Tyrannosaurus Rex and that they can dream when they sleep? Following on from this, the children were able to create their very own exciting fact page including a main heading, pictures and three facts about chickens! They really wowed us with their fabulous writing and are becoming progressively more confident to write independently. Well done! In Maths, we have been exploring money, in particular coin recognition, counting coins up to 20p and finding change from 10p. The children have all tried very hard and have enjoyed playing with coins in the learning environment when searching for pirate treasure and in our new garden centre! Next week we are all looking forward to our class trip and we will enjoy celebrating the Queen's Jubilee as a class.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Rattray: For trying incredibly hard to write independently – keep on going, you can do it!

Darcey Riley: For persevering with her writing and hearing all sounds in CCVC and CVCC words.

AUSTEN CLASS

This week our chrysalis have grown into beautiful butterflies and our chicks have started to grow their flight wings! We are all looking forward to visiting Godstone Farm on Monday supporting our Science unit of growth. Fingers crossed the rain holds off.

In English, Year 1 we have been busy exploring the issues hedgehogs face and over the next week we will be discovering ways Smarden can become a hedgehog friendly village and presenting these solutions to Mrs Miller.

Year 2 have worked incredibly hard with their SATS this week and they will be enjoying some well deserved chill out time with an ice lolly and film on Friday.

Here's a picture of our first butterfly on the next page.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Mazie and Charlie for amazing effort in class discussions and in their work.



DICKENS CLASS

This week in Dickens we have mainly been completing CATS and English assessments, however we have still managed to complete a lot of other things.

In English we have been exploring fact files and in groups we have been challenged with gathering, sorting and reporting information on certain topics. The children have needed to work together to assign duties to each other in their groups, and then pull together information from a range of sources on their specialist subjects. They then had to sort and categorise the information and start putting together a fact file/ about it. It has been great to see effective teamwork happening as they complete their tasks. I'm sure the final results will be superb.

In Maths we have focused on recapping on our knowledge of decimals and so far we have looked at place value and decimal addition using a range of strategies.

In art we have been studying colour in composition and have looked at tone, shade, tint, hue and mood, and explored how we can alter each of these to change how a painting makes us feel. We were also all able to put our mixing skills to the test when trying to accurately recreate colour spectrum wheels with paint.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Joe Greenup - For showing a great attitude towards all his work

ROWLING CLASS

This week we've thrown ourselves into our writing. We've read some more of our book, 'The Viewer,' and created the next part of the story ourselves. We've had some very mysterious happenings in our stories and created some excellent writing. Elsewhere we've looked more at rhythm, tone and tempo in music and started to read musical notes, in computing we've looked more at coding on scratch - this week learning more about sensing and creating random operators. In science we've done some research into the value of drinking water and in Jigsaw we've continued to look at relationships.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Jessamy Payne - For her huge improvement in her writing, and progress throughout the week.

Ryan Tucker - For his direct speech in his independent writes this week.

SASSOON CLASS

In Maths, the years 3's have continued to learn about area and perimeter and looking at cm and mm units.

The year 4's have been working really hard at their decimals work and we have progressed onto hundredths.

In English we have moved onto our new class text which is 'Window' by Jeannie Baker. This book has no words, only pictures, however there are so many messages and stories with the windows. The children began with their cold task and then made their own windows for what they can see from their own window at home, using collage.

In Science we looked at reflections with a few activities. They used mirrors to write secret messages and discovered how difficult it is to follow a maze using a mirror and we discussed why this is.

We are nearing the end of our French topic and the children have been working so hard and showing huge enthusiasm, impressing Mrs Wilson.

In PSHE there were important discussions about friendship. In computing we have been looking at image editing. To finish off a great week, we will be creating images of the queen for display at the Zion chapel.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Andrea: for working hard to use fantastic language in his writing and continuing to improve the presentation of his work.

Jody: For making a big effort to listen in class and complete more work.