



Smarden
Pre School



SMARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24th June 2022

June

28th Mersham Cricket Year
3/4 boys & girls

27th Yr6 Safety In Action Trip

July

4th Bach to the Future music
performance

6th Sports Day

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,

We are now able to share with you the finalised Staffing Plan for September. Sadly, Miss Bisbrown will be leaving us to move to St Stephens' Juniors in Canterbury. Mrs Sophie Young is also moving to a school much closer to home, which we know will be much easier for her with her young family. We will miss both of them very much, and we know the children will too. We are lucky to have employed two extremely experienced teachers for Sassoon Class. Miss Edmondson will teach Sassoon (Year 3/4) on Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays and Ms Reynolds will teach the class on Wednesday and Thursday. Miss Edmondson and Ms Reynolds currently job share together at a school in Canterbury, so they know each other well, and will jointly plan for the class to ensure consistency across the week. Ms Reynolds is a 'Lead Practitioner' who trains teachers for the Open University during the rest of the week. We feel sure that her breath of knowledge and experience will really benefit the school.

We are also lucky to have Mrs Leeks stepping back into a teaching role one day/week for Year 1. Mrs Leeks, who is an experienced teacher and Early Years' Lead, will teach Year 1 on Wednesdays when Miss Powell has her planning time. Mrs Warner will be increasing her days to teach four days/week and Mrs Taylor is looking forward to teaching Year 2 on Mondays and Tuesday afternoons every week.

The TAs in the class and PEs days for each class are shown in the table on the next page.

We are excited to be taking part in an Accelerated reader competition with all other TKAT schools which starts on Monday 27th June. See the poster later in the newsletter. We can win a visit to the school by Brian Moses! Imagine how amazing that would be!

Prizes are as follows:

The school with the most quizzes passed (per pupil) during the competition window. The prize for this will be a workshop given by our selected author.

The school with the biggest improvement in the number of pupils meeting an Average Percent Correct of 85% on quizzing during the competition window.

The Most engaged school in 2021/22.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to Hayley Tucker, Gen King and Rose Pullar for working incredibly hard in the hot sunshine this morning to make the Kitchen garden look even more beautiful. On behalf of everyone at school, thank you, ladies, for a wonderful job.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. All children, apart from Year 6, will be completing assessments in reading and maths next week so please try to ensure the children get some rest and go to bed early on Sunday!

Mrs M



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

KS2 Year 3/4 Cricket Festival at Mersham 28th June

All children that have returned a form do have a place which means we will be having 2 teams participating.

Meet Mr Bedford-Cooper at the cricket centre for 09.45am where your child will be registered—you do not have to come to school first.

Collection is 3pm from the cricket ground.

Children must bring packed lunch, water and prepared for all weathers (sun cream, hats, raincoat etc)

Address is Mersham Cricket Club, Flood Street, Mersham, TN25 7HE

Medication in School

A reminder for parents that no medication, creams etc should be in a child's bag. All items need to be taken to the school office and registered by an adult. Mrs Speight and Mrs Miller are both qualified to administer all medication needs should you child require anything during the school day. Please remember it must be in original packaging and labelled with your child's name, also to ensure there is a spoon or syringe with the medication for correct dosage to be administered.

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 for showing respect, good manners and our school values.

Nomination the children that attended the music event this week. They behaved impeccably and were a fantastic credit to Smarden and made me very proud.

They were Oscar Majendie, Henry Fox, Elsa Brogan - Dickens Sassoon - Suzie Payne, Victoria Seaton, Lizzie Waldock, Isabel Smith, Piers Redman and James Green.

Matthew for being so kind and playing with other children in Blyton to share the football.

Millie for always being so kind towards her friends and being supportive in helping Elliot.

Autumn for being cheerful and polite to everyone

The certificate this week is presented to Millie Kersley for being nominated several times this year.



YEAR 1 & 2 SMARDEN VS EGERTON FOOTBALL MATCH

As the score reflects, this was a high scoring tight exciting game! The match itself was split into 4 x 10 minutes of play which allowed me to change formation. Captain George W scored for Smarden with a powerful shot from outside the area in the first 10 minutes which was a lead we held onto until the last 10 minutes! Cash, who volunteered to play in goal, was a spectator most of the first half. I wanted to concentrate on the team's formation more than the score line so every player understood their responsibility instead of the players just running after the ball.

We had 7 players and I decided to play a 2-2-1-1 formation. Having previously coached football at this age group it's important to let the players enjoy the game plus knowing their positions. The 2 defenders were Alfie and Conrad. Alfie played really well in his defensive role and alongside him at the back was Conrad. Conrad, who has only been at the school a short time, relished playing against some of his old school friends and understood his defensive duties. Wide on the left was Mario while wide on the right was Robin. They both had a lot of work to do both physically and mentally as they were in the engine room of the side as they both attacked and defended. They both had great games! Given a free role in the middle of the park was George who was always a threat with an eye for goal and his darting runs. Ben played centre forward and chased every ball that was played to him and he seemed to enjoy playing up top.

At half time Cash came out of goal and took over from George in central midfield. Egerton started to mount some pressure and George had to make some great saves.

It was still 1-0 to Smarden going into the last 10 minutes and I decided to change the keeper again. Both Mario and Robin shared the last 10 minutes in goal and in that time we conceded 3 quick goals!

Smarden never gave up and player of the match George scored a Smarden second goal to make it 3-2 which set the game up for a thrilling final couple of minutes! Smarden pressurised the Egerton goal but sadly we never got that elusive equaliser that the team deserved!

In summary, the team played really well and I was very proud of their performance. Well done!



CLASS ATTENDANCE 20th June—24th June 2022

BLYTON = 98.8%

AUSTEN = 96.4%

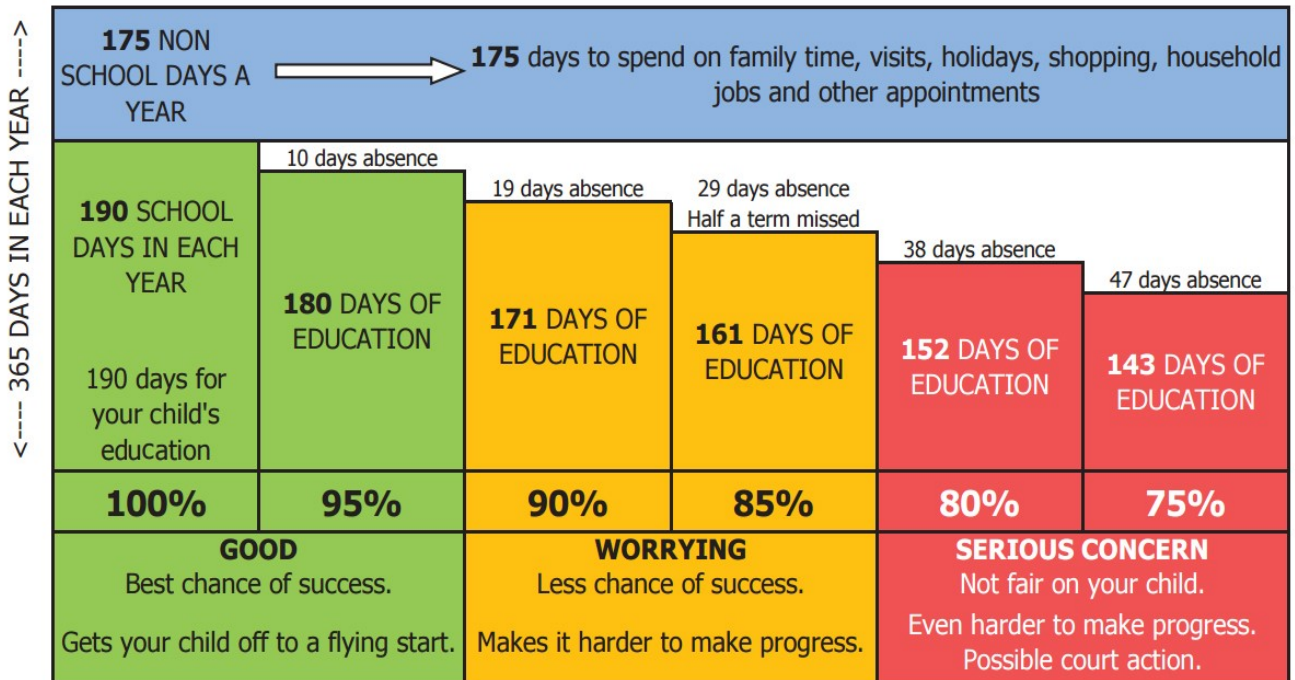
SASSOON = 98.4%

DICKENS = 95.9%

ROWLING = 94.7%

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS 97.0%

The national average is 94.1% so we are +2.9% this week





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*



BOOKINGS REQUIRED: www.mggs.org

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FREE Family Bus Pass

The free Reconnect Family Bus Pass is back for Summer 2022, thanks to our local bus operators.

These passes, for use between 23rd July – 31st August 2022, are intended for families who cannot attend summer activities due to a lack of transport.

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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SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP!

25TH - 27TH JULY, 10AM - 3PM

£20.00 A DAY
OR £50.00 FOR
ALL THREE DAYS



GUEST COACH



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PLUCKLEY RAPTORS YOUTH FC

JOIN YOUR LOCAL TEAM
BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5 - 10

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This week we revisited some of our key learning about anti-bullying. As a school we are united against bullying!

Bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online.

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

Definition of bullying

For more information and support visit <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>

We enjoyed our visit from NED on Monday - we learnt to **Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best.**



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

CATERPILLARS

Pearl Chittenden for her kind and friendly interactions with others and always having a happy smile

BLYTON

India Pearce – for her comprehensive and detailed discussions about changes that have occurred in herself since she was a young baby to now.

AUSTEN

Whole class for getting ready for transition and being really grown up about the changes that are happening.

SASSOON

Teddy: for being very mature about changes in friendships.

DICKENS

Henry Fox - For always showing respect to other children and adults.

ROWLING

Ryan Tucker - for his awareness, questions and contributions to our Jigsaw lessons on our changing bodies.

Summer READING CHALLENGE

27th June – 8th July

Can you complete your Bingo BookmARk challenge?

Can you pass every quiz that you take?

Can you read for at least 20 minutes every day?

Take the two-week challenge!

Summer READING CHALLENGE

Name: _____
 Class: _____
 My ZPD Range: _____

Bingo BookmARk

The Bingo BookmARk will be given to you at the start of the challenge. Complete all 12 activities on the Bingo card to get a 'Bingo BookmARk'! The Bingo BookmARk will be given to you at the end of the challenge. You can use the Bingo BookmARk to track your progress.

Read for 15 minutes every day for a week.	Read a book to a friend or family member.	Read for 15 minutes every day for a week.
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RENAISSANCE Accelerated Reader

Try to read every day!



The children enjoyed a spectacular air show of the Red Arrows today. We were lucky enough to be outside for lunch break and see their amazing display over the top of the school field and along Minnis.

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

What an exciting week it's been in Preschool! We have been learning all about music festivals and have had our very own 'Smardenbury' festival. We have been listening to different types of music and learning about different types of instruments. We went to the wooded area on Wednesday and the children took part in a wonderful music making session. They played instruments loudly and quietly, and then fast and slow. Finally, we put it all together in a song. We created a tent with the parachute and the children pretended they were going to sleep and then woke up whilst we sang 'Hop Little Bunnies'. Inside the classroom we have turned our home corner into a campsite with a tent, cooking equipment and musical instruments. The children have loved being in there and we've seen some fantastic imaginative play. Philippa made fruit in jelly on Tuesday which the children loved. On Friday we held our 'Smardenbury' festival outside in the playground and had music, face painting and bubbles! In addition to all the music making this week we have looked at 'u' and 'b' in Phonics and we have re-capped numbers 1-5 in Maths.

Headteachers Award

All of the Preschool children for participating in some fantastic music making this week

BLYTON CLASS

In Blyton Class we have been exploring minibeasts this week. The children have had fun trying to discover them in the outside area and have written some brilliant 'What am I?' riddles describing the minibeast and encouraging their friends to guess what it is. We have been exceptionally proud of their writing as everyone is trying their best to write independently. In Maths, we have been learning teen numbers including what they look like and how to write and order them correctly. The children have enjoyed exploring larger numbers and have impressed us with their skills and knowledge. Finally, we have been discussing changes this week, and have talked about what we were like as babies

compared to now. The children were surprised by how different they are now and thought about all the additional life skills they now possess compared to when they were a baby. Following this, we discussed what the children would like to do when they become an adult. It was lovely to hear the children all share their different ideas and talk about things they were good at and how these skills can be used in the future. Great thinking everyone!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Parker Smith – For his kindness to others – engaging positively with his friends during their play and supporting the teachers in the classroom.

AUSTEN CLASS

Austen class have been working hard this week and should all be proud of themselves. Year 1 have written the longest piece of writing to date with some incredible results. Year 2 have also finished their long piece of writing all about Where the Wild Things are. We are so pleased at how far the children have come with their writing.

Today we said "see you soon" to Miss Powell who has been with us all year as a student teacher. She has been amazing and has worked incredibly hard to gain her Qualified Teacher Status and we look forward to seeing her back soon. Well done Miss Powell.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Freddie Newman for keeping his head down and working hard
Adaline for great editing of her story.

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TUESDAY 23rd AUGUST

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Members & Non-Members



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www.ryetennisandsquashclub.org.uk/the-centenary-open-day/



*** CELEBRATING OUR CENTENARY YEAR ***

DICKENS CLASS

In Dickens we have had another busy week but a very productive one. The highlight this week has probably been Science, where we created our own instruments out of drinking straws to investigate volume and pitch. Sorry to everyone who had to put up with the sound of 29 Kazoos on Thursday afternoon! I think my ears are still buzzing!

In Maths we have been exploring the properties of triangles and more recently quadrilaterals and diagonals. In English we have been working hard to edit and re-edit our writing on setting descriptions and all children have produced independent written pieces that are of a very high standard! Well done to everyone for challenging yourselves!

We combined Art and Geography this week to explore mountains. The children created incredible mountainscapes depicting peaks and valleys in their compositions by using shadow and perspective successfully. Well done everyone for a great week of learning. I have been very impressed by everyone's hard work!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Lucy Edmed - For a fantastic attitude to learning in all subjects
Elsa Brogan - For going out of her way to help others with their learning.

ROWLING CLASS

This week Rowling class have been in full rehearsal mode! We've gone fully for it and we're getting better every day. I have been enormously impressed with how everyone has been learning their lines and with transition weeks coming up it has made us feel much more confident. Elsewhere we have continued to look at how to order food & drink in a French Cafe, and had some mature conversations regarding puberty, conception and growing up. Both myself and Mrs Taylor were very impressed once again by everyone's maturity and the quality of the questions asked. Next week many of the class are away for the Homewood Transition week, but those that remain have the Benenden trip to look forward to on the Wednesday, creating promotional materials for our production and continuing our Art projects.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Jessamy Payne - Her wonderful portrayal of the Wicked Witch in our rehearsals
Amelia Harris - For the learning of her lines, of which there are a great many

SASSOON CLASS

The major thing that happened this week was that the year 4's finished their times tables check! I am so proud of them all and all the practice they put in. We will wait to see what the results are, but it doesn't matter as the progress has been incredible.

In English we completed our character descriptions and they are fantastic! So many similes, adjectives and even alliteration. At the end of the week the children created fact files about Frida Kahlo, who they have been fascinated by. With their groups they created their drafts on large pieces of paper, they look great! So creative too. They are then going to create double page spreads about Kahlo in their books.

In Maths both year groups have been learning about measurements. In year 4 we started the unit by looking at capacity, mass and length. We then looked at converting between centimetres and millimetres.

In Science we looked at shadows and the children did an experiment to measure how the size of shadows change depending on the distance from the light source.

In PE we are doing athletics and this week the children practiced relay races and javelin.

With Mrs Wilson the children were learning about their changing bodies, they were quite giggly! In RE they started learning about how vibrant British Hindu life is.

We finished off the week with an art lesson, again looking at self portraits.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Bea: For her fantastic character description and story. She has been really developing her language.

James: For working so hard on his times tables and also for always having his hand up in class to contribute.