



Smarden
Pre School



SMARDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

6th May 2022

May

11th Girls football match vs
Headcorn

23rd Blyton & Austen School
trip

June

10th-12th Yr6 Residential Trip

13th Yr6 Bikeability

29th-30th Yr5 Residential Trip

27th Yr6 Safety In Action Trip

July

4th Yr6 to Kent Police

18th 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,

It has been another busy week at Smarden. On Wednesday, we were honoured to welcome Dr Karen Roberts, who is the CEO of our multi-academy trust, TKAT. In her letter of thanks, Karen described the school as 'One of the most vibrant, happy, and purposeful primary schools I've been round' which was high praise indeed, as the trust includes 30 primary schools stretching from Essex to Chichester. I would like to say a special thank you to all the staff for working incredibly hard in the run up to her visit, and to the children for making us all proud as ever by their politeness, good behaviour and friendly manner towards her.

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Rosy Almond, who will teach Blyton Class from September on Fridays, as a job share partner for Miss Judge. Rosy is an experienced teacher, and former Assistant Head of a school in London, and we are really lucky that she is joining the Smarden teaching team. She is planning to come in for the Year R settling in sessions in term 6 so you will be able to meet her then.

Next Friday is the FOSP Colour run after school, so KS2 football club will take place at lunchtime that day. Mr Hall will be joining Miss Bisbrown and I in running, so do come along and support us or, even better join in with us! All children must be collected at 3.15pm that afternoon, but after school club will still be available if needed. Please book on parent pay.

Finally, well done to the team of Year 5 children who took part in the Ashford Prep Schools Maths Challenge yesterday. They performed incredibly, and came an impressive joint 4th place out of about 30 schools taking part. They were only 3 correct answers off the winning team. Wow!

As ever, please do not hesitate to email or dojo if you have any concerns or questions. I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs M





School Uniform

Under our school uniform policy trainers are not an acceptable footwear option other than for PE. Could you ensure your child is in school with black school shoes every day from Monday.

In addition to this socks should be ankle or knee high and not over the knee. Skirts should be a respectable length and hair below the shoulders must be tied back.

A green tie is also compulsory school uniform and all children must wear this everyday unless wearing a summer dress.

PE kit is plain black trousers or shorts, there should be no writing on any kit. A school green polo shirt and if required a black school logo zoodie.

Pre School Open Afternoon

This will be held on 27th May at 3.15pm and is open to anyone looking for a pre school place from September 2022. Mrs Rowland, Mrs Miller and Mrs Pickard will be in attendance to answer any questions and provide information about our wonderful pre school.

Parking

Parking on double yellow lines and the school zig zag markings is not allowed and there is clear signage outside school requesting that cars do not park here. There have been several days where it has been very difficult for traffic to see round the corner outside school on their approach and is a real concern for a potential accident.

Please park appropriately on the road or at Charter hall. We are no longer advised when parking attendants will be in operation so they will appear at any time and tickets will be issued.

GOOD MANNERS, KINDNESS AND RESPECT NOMINATIONS

Amelia Harris was nominated by several members of staff for always being polite, holding doors open and being helpful.

Jessamy in Year 6 was nominated by Mrs Pickering for holding open the door for her.

Lottie Batt has also been nominated for holding the door open.

Owen Crowe has been nominated for looking after the classroom by tucking in chairs and looking after the school's resources.

Madi in Dickens Class has been nominated for always saying a sunny good morning, and showing respect and empathy to adults and her peers. Madi is always well-mannered both at playtime and in the classroom.

Freddie Watson has been nominated for several weeks in a row for always being extremely helpful, polite and kind.

The certificate this week was
awarded to Freddie Watson.

Well done, Freddie!



Charing Girls 1 v Smarden Girls 0

What an exciting game! Even though we got beat in the dying seconds of this match, the Smarden girls should hold their heads up high.

We were up against stiff opposition in that some of Charing Girls actually played against our boys team a few weeks back and they were very talented!

This didn't put off our team and some stellar performances by Leila, Autumn, Amelie and Willoe.

We also had Bella, Dollybelle and Bell who also had great games.

Lauren, who I've never seen kick a ball before, played really well in defence. Margot and Kayleigh got involved in what was to be a finely balanced match.

The Girls team have a tricky away fixture next week against Headcorn and I'm sure, with the addition of Maisie, we will produce a much needed win.

Overhaul I'm very proud of the way the girls played and I think we at least deserved a draw. Well done!

Smarden 7 v Headcorn 4

Headcorn proved to be our stiffest opponents so far of the 3 friendlies we have played.

Having switched the game to 5 a side by the request of Headcorn's coach we quickly reverted to our diamond formation consisting of Tommy at the back, Danny B up front with Olbie on the right and Danny O on the left.

Starting on the bench were Oscar, Jude and Peter Joe. My coaching philosophy is to play with comfort on the ball and keep the ball on the floor as much as possible. Recognition of their responsibilities is also key and making sure that they understand that.

Our starting side, made up of 4 Y5's. shows the talent we have at our school.

Headcorn, made up of mostly bigger Y6 boys started stronger and went into a 3-1 lead. At no time did we panic and we kept playing our brand of playing football that we have become accustomed to as time goes on.

Danny Brown showed his eye for goal by scoring 4 goals and Tommy, Danny O and Freddy W all got on the scoresheet. Everybody played their part in what turned out to be a tough battle. Our team is maturing into a very good side and I have high expectations for the future.

Well done boys!



CLASS ATTENDANCE 2nd May—6th May

BLYTON = 95.1%

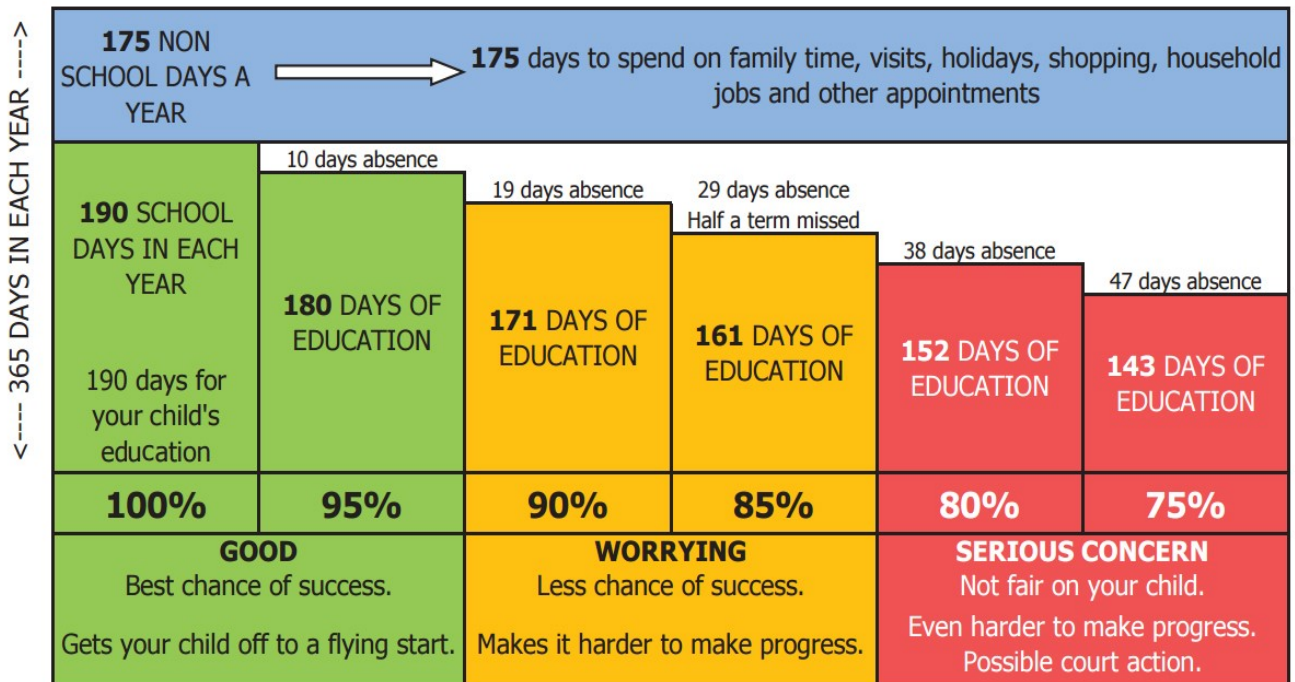
AUSTEN = 93.6%

SASSOON = 94.6%

DICKENS = 95.9%

ROWLING = 93.5%

OVERALL ATTENDANCE WAS 94.6%





In preparation for Mental Health Awareness Week next week, we have been exploring the experience of 'loneliness'.

We recognise that even in a big crowd, surrounded by others, we can feel lonely. We shared ideas about what we could do, if we ever felt lonely. We could sit on the buddy bench, speak to a Jigsaw leader or Safeguarding Champion, write a note and add to our class worry box, join a club, speak to a friend or adult or we could spend time with a loved pet.

Next week we will be thinking about how we can help others who might be feeling lonely.



This week's Jigsaw celebration is 'children who help others feel part of the group'
CATERPILLARS

Theo Marden for playing really well with his friends. Well done Theo!

BLYTON

India Pearce – for always being kind and inviting other children to join in her play.

AUSTEN

Natalie will always engage the children in her group to complete tasks

SASSOON

James: For being enthusiastic about everything which encourages others in his group to feel the same enthusiasm.

DICKENS

Olivia Leech - For looking out for other children and being a great classmate.

ROWLING

Olivia McLaren - For her inclusive attitude to everyone during playtimes.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

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CHILD ON THE
DAY FOR
£5

JOIN US FOR THE

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SPONSORED

COLOUR RUN!

3k RUN/WALK

13th MAY 2022

15:30 Cornes Meadow

SPONSORSHIP FORMS IN BY THE 9TH OF MAY

HOW MUCH CAN YOU RAISE:

- £5 - SECURES ENTRY
- £10 - 1 X COLOUR POWDER BAG
- £15 - MUTLTI COL WHISTLE
- £20 - NEON SUNGLASSES

CHILDREN MUST BE SUPERVISED AT THIS EVENT



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



Pre School
have been
having a
fantastic
time outside
today in the
sunshine

Pre School Caterpillar Class

We've had a lovely week in the Caterpillars class! The children have loved learning about our Transport theme, so much so that we will be carrying on with it next week. We've read information books about different vehicles and learnt that not all books are stories. The children have had messy play fun, making tracks in paint and shaving foam with a variety of cars. They've used the diggers and trucks to move sand and rice, and created some giant vehicles in the garden - thank you parents for supplying the big boxes! In Forest Time the children had a fantastic time flying paper aeroplanes they had made! The older children have begun their phonic sessions in earnest and have learnt the sounds 'm' and 's.' Our Shape of the Week has been a square, and we have looked at the shape's properties and created pictures using different shapes. We have also started daily name writing practice for those going to Reception in September.

Headteachers Award

Benji Garsed-Bennet for always being so kind and friendly to all.

BLYTON CLASS

This week the children have been amazed to see our little caterpillars become fully grown, turn upside down and form a chrysalis around themselves. As they are aware from the story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, they now need to wait 2 whole weeks until they emerge. We are all full of excitement to see what colour the butterfly's wings will be! In literacy, we have explored the life cycle and learnt the parts of a butterfly. Did you know that a butterfly has no eyelids and sleeps with its eyes open or that a butterfly uses its antennae to smell the flowers? The children were very interested to see the butterfly's proboscis and to witness it drinking nectar from the flowers. In maths, we have been consolidating our learning on addition and the children are becoming extremely confident to add two single digit numbers together and write the number sentence. What a clever bunch they are! Next week, we will begin learning about the lifecycle of a chicken!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Thomas Kenneally – for his brilliant factual writing about the parts of a butterfly.
Henry Seaton – for his wonderful enthusiasm and effort towards all areas of his learning.

AUSTEN CLASS

Austen have been busy looking after all of the animals this week. We looked at the eggs under a light to check on them and they seem to be growing nicely. The caterpillars are eating well and getting nice and big ready for their next stage. Finally, our lambs, Mabel and Bonnie are growing nicely and jumping around - they love coming to school and seeing all the children.

We have also been talking about growth in humans and we have a lovely display of photographs in the classroom of the children and some of the staff which shows them at different points during their lives. It's fascinating to see - I wonder if you can guess which teacher is which?

Year 1 have worked so hard in their writing this week and we are really proud of how far they have come since the beginning of Year 1.

Year 2 have also done so much work this week - particularly in maths where we have been working on lots of areas of maths.

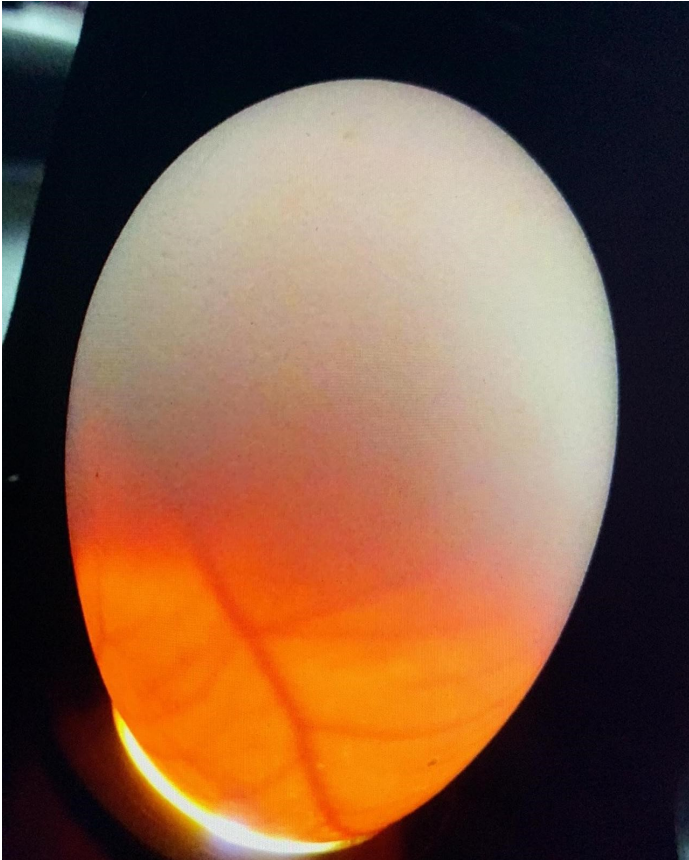
HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Adaline for some super ideas for her writing
Mazie for trying so hard and making great progress on phonics

Blyton Class eggs are growing nicely

The lambs have a wonderful time at school

Caterpillars are getting big and working on their next stage



DICKENS CLASS

Although it has been a relatively short week in Year 5 we have managed to achieve an incredible amount! In maths we have deepened our understanding around units of measurement and studied calculating and converting units of length in the context of perimeter and area.

In English we have created our own storyboards for play scripts and have started putting together our own scripts using all the essential features to make them successful. I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing the children discuss, edit and even act out their ideas as they put their scripts together. We definitely have some budding actors in Dickens!

In Art this week we looked at texture and how light can give away clues about what different objects and surfaces are made of. In music we have perfected harmonising when singing. I was incredibly impressed how quickly the class worked together to keep rhythm when singing different parts of the same song on top of each other. It's hard to explain but it sounded great!

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Scarlett Carter - For pushing herself to deepen her mathematical understanding, and for helping me every day without being asked.

Joseph Gibbs - For approaching all his work with enthusiasm and determination.

ROWLING CLASS

This week has been as busy as they come. We've had maths, English and SPAG coming out our ears...but we're finally there. At this point it is very worth saying how hard every Y6 has worked to this point. They've been incredible. It's not all about next week though and we have continued with our first music lesson of the term, we've continued to look at variables in computing, the world in French and completed our science experiment on heart rates. Next week we shall be continuing all the wider curriculum in the afternoons as normal.

I would recommend a really relaxing and fun weekend before next week to alleviate any stresses/anxiousness that pupils might be feeling (and an early bed-time!)

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Luke Avery - for his maths this week, where he's shown significant progress and understanding.

Maisie Bottle - for her reflective attitude to her learning this week.

SASSOON CLASS

In maths we are no longer doing fractions! Oh the relief! The year 3's started a short unit about graphs. They have been learning about pictograms and bar charts with Mrs Leeks. The year 4's have been using their knowledge of fractions and applying it to decimals. They have been comparing and rounding decimals too. I have been very impressed by how hard they have been working and their enthusiasm.

In Talk For Reading we have continued to book talk Charlotte's web. We have read up to chapter 8 and have been having many discussions about the language and the characters. To end the week we will be having a debate about whether humans should be vegetarians or not. In Talk for Writing we have continued to explore playscripts and on Monday Sassoon will be ready to write their own script, influenced by the storyline in Charlotte's web.

This week in music we were all together as the violin teacher was absent. We were using body percussion to learn about metres. At the end we introduced instruments and it was almost enjoyable to listen to!

In Friday's RE lesson we will learn about the Hindu Gods and Puja, which is the worshipping of a deity.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Jesse: For making a huge effort to really concentrate and complete his work. He did fantastically at boxing up a plan of The Three Pigs.

George E: For contributing in our Talk for Reading lessons, being so enthusiastic about Charlotte's web and sharing his thoughts.

Teddy: For really improving his attitude in all his lessons. We have been very impressed by the effort he has put into his work.