



Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been so wonderful this week to see the sunshine! Although the weather continues to be rather sporadic, we welcome children to wear their summer uniform. This is shorts for girls or boys, and girls have the additional option of wearing a summer dress. Ties still need to be worn, except for with a summer dress. Please also ensure that your child has their water bottle in school, as well as a sun hat. A reminder that staff are not able to apply sunscreen to children, however your child is able to apply this themselves if they keep a small bottle in their bag.

We have now received the final report from the Ofsted inspection that took place before Easter. Each family will receive a printed copy home today, as well as a covering letter from the Chair of Governors. Thank you for your patience and ongoing support of the school.

Excitingly, the school choir have been invited to perform at New Hall School later in the summer term as part of their Musical Theatre Extravaganza. A letter will be shared in a few weeks containing all of the information, but Mrs Lewis has already been busy scheduling some rehearsals and talking with the children. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform alongside other children with a large audience.

Next week, children in Year 6 will be taking their SATs. I am incredibly proud of their attitude and work ethic. The children have been regularly seeking homework from Mr Pearce, responding positively to feedback for improvement and supporting one another with their wellbeing. Thank you to Mr Pearce for organising the SATs breakfast next week for Year 6 to come into school from 8.15am to share a breakfast and set themselves up for the day ahead. Year 6, I wish each of you the very best.

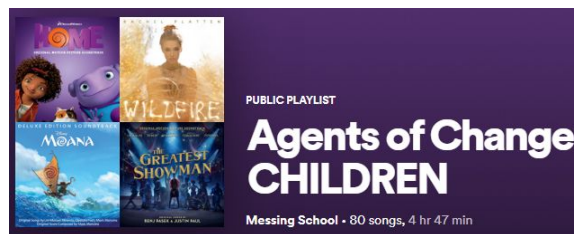
Best wishes, Mrs Charlotte Brown

Agents of Change

I am pleased to share the children's first Messing playlist! In order to earn stamps for their Agents of Change passports, children have been writing their own playlists, and sharing them with staff. There are around 80 songs on the playlist so far. Some of the songs will be learnt as part of our weekly singing assembly, led by Mrs Lewis.

We have created the playlist using Spotify and the link below should enable you to access this.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0e4G45qALGtjuXFUWtmJ89?si=acac36d30a28477c>



Football at Shrub End

Congratulations to the group of children from Robin class who went off to their first football experience at Shrub End on Wednesday 1st May.

Write up by Harriet and Alf

We went on the minibus and it took about half an hour to get there. After getting there, we had a little bit of fun and then had to sit in a line to hear what we needed to do and who we were up against.

We played a little bit of Simon Says and other games. We had a snack break after the fun games. Then we had to focus on the big stuff, which was football matches! I was a goalie twice and Alf believed in me and gave me some advice to get better.

In the third match it was pretty tough, but Jackson managed to score a goal and we all cheered. We got to play with lots of different people and it was really fun.



How to talk to your child about online safety

Technology offers children many opportunities for learning, socialising and play. But there are also risks. So, how can you talk to your child about internet safety in a way that doesn't make them switch off?

The link below contains a range of useful tips and information.

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/how-talk-your-child-about-online-safety>



Spotlight on Sport

Congratulations and well done to Arthur in Year 5 who had the opportunity to take part in a rugby competition over the bank holiday weekend. He travelled to Kingswood in Folkestone, Kent, on Friday evening with his team, West Cliff.

Write up by Arthur

We stayed for 2 days and we did some other activities like climbing. We also did the zipline and aeroball. That was on the Friday and Saturday before the rugby started.

Then on Sunday we got ready to go on the coach to the rugby club. First, we had a full English breakfast to give us some protein. We started training before the matches. There were about 9 teams in total. We played a team called Finchley first and we won 2-0, this was a promising start. We also played against Cromebrook, Brentwood, Dover Sharks and Folkestone.

Overall we did quite well and I felt proud of the team. Afterwards I was very exhausted because we started at 10am and played until 3pm!



PTFA Fundraising

The PTFA have been busy planning ahead for upcoming events in the Summer term. This of course, includes the Summer Fair, scheduled to take place on Friday 12th July.

There will be a newsletter coming out from the PTFA team today that sets out how the money raised by school events is being spent. Decisions on how to spend the money are always driven by the children, and the School Council have been key in sharing their ideas and wrote letters to the PTFA with their ideas and wishes.

If you would like to get involved in any way, please remember that just by being a parent or carer, you are part of the PTFA community. Please do share your ideas with any member of the team.

Secondhand Uniform Plea

As we begin to prepare for the new Reception cohort in September 2024, we are asking for any donations of small size second hand uniform in good condition. It is great to be able to offer this to new families who need it. Additionally, if you have book bags, ties or caps that your child no longer uses, then these are always gratefully received.

Thank you.



Summer Term Diary Dates

- W/B Mon 13th May-** KS2 SATs week
- Thurs 16th May-** KS1 Sports Events at Charter Hall
- Mon 20th May-** Water Saving Week (Agents of Change project)
- Fri 24th May-** PTFA Non-school uniform and sponsored event (and final day of term)
- Mon 3rd Jun-** Non pupil day
- Weds 5th June-** KS1 Three Tees Cricket Event
- Weds 12th Jun-** New Sept. 24 Reception intake parent talk (3.30pm)
- Thurs 13th Jun-** School photographs
- Fri 14th Jun-** PTFA Remote Control Car event
- Mon 17th Jun-** Governor monitoring visit day
- Tues 18th Jun-** KS2 Athletics competition
- Thurs 20th Jun-** KS2 Cricket event
- Fri 21st Jun-** Agents of Change pupil conference
- Tues 25th Jun-** Yr 4/5 Food and Farming event
- Thurs 27th/ Fri 28th Jun-** Thurstable Yr 6 Transition days & New Hall music event for the school choir
- Tues 2nd July-** EYFS Sports Day at St. Lawrence School
- Fri 12th Jul-** Sports Day and Summer Fair