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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Acorns

We have been feeling very Christmassy in Acorns class over the last few weeks! Both Reception and our Year 1's put on amazing Nativities. We were so proud of how well they said their lines and sang the songs with enthusiasm. We have also been writing letters to Santa, making Christmas cards and taking part in lots of Christmas crafts.



Bluebells



This term we have been focussing on the DT topic of sliders and levers. We have learnt how they work and have used what we have learnt by making a Christmas card with 1 slider and 1 lever. We are so impressed with the results.

Conkers

This week in Conkers we have been working incredibly hard on our river themed artwork. We have been inspired by Megan Coyle to create a mixed media collage of a river landscape. Our landscapes began with a base of a ripped newspaper to create the texture. Then, we painted over the top to give the collage the colours we wanted. We used our knowledge of colour theory to mix the colours to make the perfect shades.



Dandelions



Dandelion Class have worked SO HARD on their non-chronological reports on The Galapagos Islands. Each and every member of Year 5 has become an expert on the wildlife, plant life, landscape and history of the enchanted isles! We have conducted detailed research to inform our reports and presented them beautifully, complete with our very own illustrations!

Elders

This term, Elders and Dandelions have been treated to some lessons on a programme called TinkerCad from pupils from Sevenoaks School. We have learnt how to create different objects using 3D shapes, perfecting the look of the finished pieces as well as the functionality. We are looking forward to continuing this next term.



News, Updates and Reminders

Christmas fair/PTA

A huge thank you to Emily Keeley and all of the other parents who made our Christmas fair a massive success. It was amazing to see so many families there supporting the school. Also, well done to the Christmas choir who sang their hearts out and did a tremendous job.

Thank you also for all your donations this year. The children loved watching the Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk - on Wednesday which was paid for by the PTA.

Music

Well done to everyone who performed in our woodwind/brass concert on Tuesday. We are so proud of all of our musicians who have taken up music lessons offered. If you are interested in booking your child in for music lessons, please contact Mrs Lakin-Hall. Costs vary depending on the music lesson and if an individual or group lesson. We currently offer the following:

Monday – Singing

Tuesday – Piano

Wednesday – Woodwind/Brass

Friday - Guitar

Sporting News

Girls from KS2 took part in a football tournament recently and did a fantastic job. They represented the school excellently and, as always, showed brilliant sportsmanship. We are very proud of all the girls that took part.

Swimming will start next term for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 on Monday 15th January and will run for 10 sessions.

School Uniform

Before the start of the new term, could you please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

Forest School

Dandelion class will be taking part in forest school next term on Wednesdays.

Staffing

As many of you may now be aware, Mrs Sarah Gibson has been completing her Initial Teacher Training since September. During Spring, Term 1, she will be conducting her second placement at Chiddingstone Primary school. Mrs Chapman will be joining us from Chiddingstone.

Governors

The governors are pleased to let you know that we have just appointed Maria Boxley as a Co-opted Governor. Maria has worked in Education for many years and will be an enormous asset to our school. A big welcome to you Maria!

Church News

We would love to say a huge thank you to all the members of the community who brought some extra Christmas joy to Crockham Hill this year by creating beautiful knitted angels for each of the children in the school. It took an incredible amount of time and effort but we know it is very much appreciated.

Key Dates

Spring 1 - Swimming starts this term on 15th January for Years 3, 4 & 5.

Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Term 3 Enrichment Day Focus -Art – Please ask children to come into school in PE Kit
Monday 15 th January	First Swimming lesson for Year 3, 4 and 5
Thursday 18 th January	Census Day
Wednesday 24 th January	Conker's Class Assembly – 2:40pm
Friday 26 th January	Whole school film night
Wednesday 31 st January	Young Voices Concert
Friday 2 nd February	Numbers Day - NSPCC
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 9 th February	Kidzania Trip – Year 3 & 4 End of Term 3

Spring 2

Monday 19 th February	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 27 th February	Sponsored event (details TBC)
Friday 1 st March	2pm – Parent council Meeting
Monday 4 th March	Year R – Hearing and vision tests 3:15pm – Year 5 Hindleap warren and 11+ meeting
Week beginning Monday 4 th	MANGOs Gift Shop (Mums, Aunties, Nans, Grandmas, Others)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day 5pm - Story time (all children invited)
Monday 11 th – Friday 15 th March	British Science Week
Thursday 14 th March	8pm – PTA AGM (venue to be decided)
Friday 15 th March	Bluebells Class Assembly – 2:40pm
Saturday 16 th March	School outdoor area help day (volunteers welcome!)
Wednesday 20 th March	Class Photos

Wednesday 27 th March	March Mad Hair Day
Thursday 28 th March	Easter Church Service – 2pm End of Term 4

Summer 1

Monday 15 th April	Start of term 5 (summer Uniform – optional)
Friday 3 rd May	Own Clothes Day for May Fair donations.
Friday 10 th May	Own Clothes Day
Saturday 11 th May	Mayfair
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 15 th -17 th May	Hindleap Warren – Year 5 Residential
Thursday 16 th May	Census Day
Monday 20 th – 23 th May	Bikeability (Year 6)
Tuesday 21 st May	Reculver Trip – Year 3 & Year 4
Friday 24 th May	Break the Rules Day (donations please) End of Term 5

Summer 2

Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6
Friday 7 th June	Fathers' days gift/bag hand in at drop off KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 13 th June	FUDGE Gift Shop Open (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads, Everyone else)
Friday 14 th June	Back-up Sports Day
Monday 17 th June	Cumulus (Year 6 Residential)
Tuesday 18 th June	Acorn's Parent Assembly – 2:40pm
Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June	Year 6 School Journey Cumulus Tented Village
Wednesday 10 th July	KS2 District Sports (provisional date)
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6/KS2 production (TBC)
Thursday 18 th July	Prize Giving (TBC)
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Church Service – 2pm End of Term 6
Monday 22 nd July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET DAY

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Higgs