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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has sped by and yet, as always, we have managed to pack so much in. Everyone worked so hard in the lead up to the May Fair and once again this was very successful (more about that later). A special well done to our Year 6's for showing off how much they have learnt during SATs week. The children, and the staff, worked incredibly hard throughout the year and it was lovely for the children to celebrate with a trip to the park and a picnic. We are very proud of every single one of them!

## Acorns & Bluebells

Acorns and Bluebells Classes had a brilliant time on their recent school trip to Knole House! The children spent the day exploring the stunning historic house and its beautiful grounds while immersing themselves in Tudor history. A highlight of the visit was dressing up in authentic Tudor costumes—everyone looked incredible! The children also tried their hand at writing with real quills and ink, just like people did in the Tudor era. They were fascinated by the grand portrait gallery, thrilled to spot deer in the park, and thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on workshops that made learning come alive. It was a fun, memorable day that brought history to life in a truly meaningful way.



## Conkers



We have had a very exciting and fascinating term based on the Victorian era. Our outing to the Amelia Scott Museum was fact-filled and the children behaved impeccably. Our English lessons have been based on 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine' and the children have produced some lovely rhyming poems. In Art, we have looked at the Victorian textile designer William Morris. The children designed their own patterns and then their own potato printing blocks - hopefully not much paint came home on their uniforms! We had a lot of fun learning our May Fair dance, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

## Dandelions



Dandelions and Conkers had the wonderful opportunity to have a trip to Tunbridge Wells and the Amelia Scott building. There, they learnt about living in Victorian times. After lunch, the students were taken on a short walk around some key areas near the centre of the town. The Opera House was spotted and the rich Victorian street of York Road. The class then had to sketch the Trinity Arts Centre Church. While doing this, the director of the Arts Centre invited the students to come inside and climb the 118 steps to the top of the tower and have a look at Tunbridge Wells from a different viewpoint. This included a quick tour of the mini-museum in the tower on each level. Several students overcame their fear of heights and all enjoyed the experience. It was a good day, fun was had by all.

## Elders



In our Science topic this term, we have been looking at the human circulatory system and one aspect covered has been to understand the role of blood and how it is pumped around our bodies. To explore this, we made our own 'blood' to remind us of why it is so important. We added yellow food colouring and salt to our bottle of water to represent plasma that transports nutrients and minerals around the body. Next we added Cheerios soaked in red food colouring to show the red blood cells, before we dropped in mini marshmallows for the white blood cells. Finally, we added purple pompoms to show the blood clotting platelets. It was a bit messy but it was great fun using tongs so that we didn't get covered in too much food colouring!

## News, Updates and Reminders

### Tanzania/Solar Lights – Raising Funds and Awareness

Thank you to all the children who have raised money through completing chores at home. We will be continuing to raise money through a cookie Sale on Friday 23rd May.

Well done to our Year 5s who have written letters to send to the pupils at Queen Esther School, a Secondary school, in Tanzania – we look forward to their replies.

### May Fair

We had some beautiful weather again this year for the May Fair. The children across the school did a fantastic job with their country and western style dance routines. Year 6 did a great job with the traditional Maypole dancing and everyone (especially Mrs Hutchinson) was relieved when everything went off without a hitch. The May King and Master of Ceremonies also did a brilliant job leading the proceeding and opening the fair. Everyone had a great day and we raised a fantastic £2, 685.96 – well done!

### Pupil Survey

Almost all children from across the school completed a survey where they were asked about their opinion about different aspects of school life. This process is incredibly important as it allows us to make improvements for everyone and help us to make important changes.

### Playground

Thank you to four parents who have volunteered to form a committee to help with the playground development. We have met twice this term and are excited about the prospect of improving our grounds.

### Good News

As I announced at the May Fair, I would like to again say congratulations to Mrs Campling who is getting married during the May half term. We wish her a perfect day and look forward to hearing about everything after the holidays. She will be changing her name after the Summer Holiday.

### Communication

As you are aware, after half term **ALL CHILDREN** will need to enter the school independently. If you need to speak to a teacher, please leave a message with the member of staff at the gate or make an appointment through the office.

### Sport

Year 3 & 4 Football, Year 5 & 6 Football

Well done to every pupil who represented the school as part of a football team this term. They all did a fantastic job and we are very proud of them all.

Cross-Country

At the beginning of the term, we took part in a cross-country event with Four Elms Primary School. All the children did a great job and we were very successful.

### **Uniform**

A new optional school fleece is now available from Price & Buckland, as many parents have asked for something warmer for the children to wear on PE days. Please see our school website.

### **Reminders About Attendance**

The class with the best attendance at the end of Summer 1 Term is Conkers with 96.5% (finally higher than Bluebells).

For full information on school attendance please see our policy: [Attendance](#)

Have a lovely half term, see you on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.**

Mrs Higgs