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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been an unusually quiet week here but I've been very pleased to see some excellent work around the school as I've been visiting classes – particularly in writing.

Attendance & Punctuality

We have a visit this week from KCC who came to talk to Morny and me about attendance. They were asking about our attendance figures and we were pleased to be able to share with them how good they were. The KCC officer made comments about our positive relationships with parent and how it's clear that our parents value attendance and punctuality. I'd just like to say thank you for your ongoing support.

OPAL

Work to introduce OPAL across the school continues and Mr Wren has been 'leading the charge' on this. He has been holding meetings this week and will be updating parents as we progress, with the first update lower down in this newsletter - you'll see a plea for equipment from the OPAL team below (the first of many, I'm sure!)

PTFA

Our PTFA have also been busy with plans for the summer fete underway. Attached to this newsletter is the PTFA newsletter and I'd encourage all parents to save the date of the summer fair – it's a big event in which a lot of support is needed to make it the best that it can be!

The PTFA Quiz Night is also coming up and I'm sure that we have several parents keen to prove themselves against the might of the two staff teams that have set themselves us (I've unkindly referred to them as Team A and Team B), but I'm sure that there's a group of parents out there ready to put them both in their places – nothing wrong with some friendly competition!

Wishing you all a good weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
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OPAL Update

As you are aware, we have begun process of setting up our OPAL Play initiative in the school to offer more enriching opportunities at play times. We are currently in the early stages of gathering resources to help facilitate the children's play and are looking for donation towards it. The first zone we are looking to resource is the Small World Area. We would very much appreciate any donation of items from list below which can then be put on our 'OPAL Donations Table' found in the main office.

Small World Donations:

- Small plastic figures
- Animals
- Dinosaurs
- Cars/Trains/other vehicles
- Trucks (small and large)
- Wooden Blocks/shapes
- Small wooden 'landscape' items (trees, houses, bushes etc.)
- Lego
- Shells/Pebbles/Rocks/Gravel/Bark chippings/Tree stumps



We thank you very much in advance for your continued support and look forward to sharing regular updates of our OPAL journey.

The OPAL Team

World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, it is World Book Day and we are inviting the children to come into school dressed as their favourite author or character from a book. Please do not feel like you have to spend a lot of money costumes check with other parents to share the load.

During the day, the children will have opportunities to celebrate 'reading their way'. On Friday this week, adults will be sharing a book that they will be reading to the children at the end of the day – the children will be able to choose the book that they would like to listen to.

Thank you for your support as usual. I'm sure we're going to have a fun day 😊

Kind regards,

Helen Allison

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Alice T (Elm) for demonstrating great resilience, especially when there are new things in the timetable. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Heidi P-S (Beech) for her fantastic writing in English this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |
| ☆ Lina (Ash) for writing independent sentences and always participating in class. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Lily H (Hazel) demonstrating resilience and a positive attitude when approaching her fraction work this week. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Harriet M (Willow) for excellent listening and working extra hard this week! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Otis J (Hazel) for showing a lot of empathy and taking care of his friend when they had fallen over. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Lana J (Rowan) for her fantastic introduction to her report about ducks in English. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Gabriel M (Birch) for his excellent fractions knowledge this week! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Bella A-B (Pine) for working hard and contributing in lessons this week. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Ewan C (Holly) for excellent engagement and team work this week, particularly in History and PE! <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Barnaby G (Oak) for always showing enthusiasm when completing his times table maths challenges. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Matilda W (Maple) being an all-round superstar this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Sylvie R (Chestnut) for her fantastic effort in English especially her lovely poem about a cat. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Emile M (Sycamore) for manipulating her writing style utilising various skills. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| | ☆ Isabelle S (Poplar) for excellent use of dialogue in her narrative writing! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |

House Points Competition

Children across the school have been working hard and the numbers of house points are starting to ramp up. The results were shared with the children at celebration worship today.

Well done Zborowski house who, this week, earned the greatest number of house points this week extending their lead at the top!



Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate with either myself or Mr Taylor. This week's lucky six are:

- Betsy (Hazel) – Fairservice
- Chris (Hazel) - Hadrian
- Hallie (Rowan) - Fairservice
- Teoman (Willow) - Fairservice
- Patrick (Oak) - Shirley
- Lily (Hazel) - Hadrian

Upcoming Dates

Monday 3rd March	
Tuesday 4th March	Y3 -6 Cross Country Competition
Wednesday 5th March	
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 7th March	

Monday 10th March	Beech Class Trip to Wildwood	
Tuesday 11th March	Chestnut Class Trip to Wildwood	Lent Prayer Stations
Wednesday 12th March	Lent Prayer Stations	Maths Workshop for Year R parents
Thursday 13th March	Pine Class Trip to Deal Castle	
Friday 14th March	Oak Class Trip to Deal Castle	

Monday 17th March		
Tuesday 18th March	Year 6 Viking Workshop	
Wednesday 19th March	Yr 3/4 Quicksticks Hockey	Yr 5/6 Quicksticks Hockey
Thursday 20th March	Year 3 Forest School	
Friday 21st March	Year 4 Forest School	PTFA Quiz Night

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 4 (Spring)	
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
World Down Syndrome Day (charity fundraiser)	Friday 21 st March
PTFA Quiz Night	Friday 21 st March
French Exchange (hosting)	Monday 31 st March to Friday 4 th April
Term 5 (Summer)	
Easter Services	Thursday 24 th April (morning)
Christian Aid Week (charity fundraiser)	Monday 12 th May
Year 6 SATS	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May
French Exchange (to Montpellier)	Monday 19 th May to Friday 23 rd May
Dare to be Different	Friday 23 rd May
Term 6 (Summer)	
Staff Training Day	Monday 2 nd June
Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis (charity fundraiser)	Friday 20 th June
Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)	Monday 23 rd June
Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)	Thursday 26 th June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 3 rd July
Bridge Village Fete	Saturday 12 th July, 12pm to 4pm
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services	Thursday 17 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2pm