

The Blue Letter: 10th May 2024



Learning, Loving, Growing,
Together with God.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Good Luck Year 6! - Year 6 have been working hard preparing for their SATs and we know they will continue to show this positive attitude next week as they take the tests. SATS is a small glimpse of their primary school education. These tests do not measure who they are, what makes them laugh, what sports they enjoy (or don't), their music/art talents or how kind they are. These tests simply check where they are at in their understanding of reading, maths, spelling and grammar. Your child may be nervous - this is completely normal. We aim to make the week as relaxed as possible for them. Our advice this weekend is that they have plenty of fresh air and exercise as well as plenty of sleep! They don't need to arrive early but we will be providing breakfast for them from 8.35am. If your child suffers from hay fever, you might want them to have antihistamine in the mornings before school, so they are not impacted during the tests. Please encourage your child to do their best and remind them that they know so much more than they sometimes think they do.

Whole School Walk - Our next whole school walk is on Friday next week (17th May). As it is a non-school uniform day for Chestnut Tree House, the children need to ensure they wear clothes suitable for a walk. They may wish to bring a spare set in case they are muddy when we return (hopefully most of the mud will have dried up by the end of next week) The children will need to bring a change of shoes for when they get back to school. We suggest wellies or trainers that can get muddy, as even if most of the ground is dry, the fun is found in exploring the muddy patches!

Supporting your child with Fears and Worries - We are very lucky as a school, to have the support of the West Sussex Mental Health in Schools Team, Thought-Full. As well as working with children and staff, they offer parent support. We will be hosting a 5 week course for parents to help with supporting your child with fears and worries. The course will run on 5 Mondays starting 10th June from 3.15pm for just over an hour. Childcare for school age children will be available. The course is also open to parents of children due to join us in September. Feedback on the course from parents in other schools has been really positive and parents say they were pleased they joined. This course is for all parents. It will provide ideas to enable you to support your child with transition as well as any other worries and fears your child may have.

Little Hoot Design Competition - thank you to everyone who entered our competition to design our Owl. Congratulations to Hattie and Nelly whose designs will be amalgamated to reflect the school, some aspects of the local environment and the stained glass windows of the priory. Don't forget donations on Friday in return for our non-uniform day! In return for not coming in uniform, we would like the children to bring a donation for Chestnut Tree House. Please send your child with cash. Thank you

Monday 13th May	Squirrel Class PE
Tuesday 14th May	Reception drawing club ends 4pm
Wednesday 15th May	Fox Class PE
Thursday 16th May	Fox Class PE Owl Class PE Squirrel Class PE Outdoor learning - Year 1 - bring change of clothes Cricket Club ends 4.15pm Rugby club ends 4pm
Friday 17th May	non uniform day - donations for Chestnut tree house Whole school walk Owl Class PE Create Club ends 4.20pm Frozen Friday ice cream sales

Advance Dates

Wednesday 22nd May - class photographs
Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - half term
Monday 3rd June - INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th June - Year 4 multiplication check week
Wednesday 5th June - new parents meeting
Monday 10th June - Year 1 phonic check week
Monday 10th June - Parent workshop, Supporting your child with fears and worries session 1
Friday 21st June - non uniform - tombola donations
Monday 24th June - Diocese Leavers' Service - Cathedral
Thursday 27th June - GAS sports (selected children)
Friday 28th June - Summer Fair
Wednesday 3rd July - transition day
Thursday 4th July - Sports day
Friday 5th July reserve sports day
Friday 19th July end of year discos
Monday 22nd July Year 6 BBQ
Tuesday 23rd July End of Year and Leavers' Service 2pm
Tuesday 23rd July - end of term
Wednesday 14th August - Saturday 17th August - school decorating - volunteers wanted

With the May half term approaching, at Cobnor Activities Centre Trust are thrilled to announce their line-up of engaging and adventurous activities tailored for children.

Here's a glimpse of what they have in store:



Multi Activity Days: From team challenges to outdoor games, kids will enjoy a variety of activities designed to spark their creativity and ignite their imaginations.

Multi Activity 3 Day Course: Over the span of three days, participants will delve deeper into a range of activities, fostering new skills and building lasting friendships along the way.

Multi Activity Week: With a diverse range of activities planned throughout the week, children will embark on a journey of discovery and exploration like never before.

Sailing Week for Beginners: Whether your child is a complete novice or has some experience on the water, expert instructors will guide them through the basics of sailing in a safe and supportive environment.

Sailing Week for Improvers: The Sailing Week for Improvers is designed for those who are looking to refine their techniques and tackle new challenges on the water. It's the perfect opportunity for young sailors to enhance their skills and build confidence on the waves.

Weekend Paddling: Paddle your way to fun and excitement with Weekend Paddling sessions! Ideal for outdoor enthusiasts of all skill levels, these sessions offer a fantastic opportunity for children to explore local waterways and connect with nature.

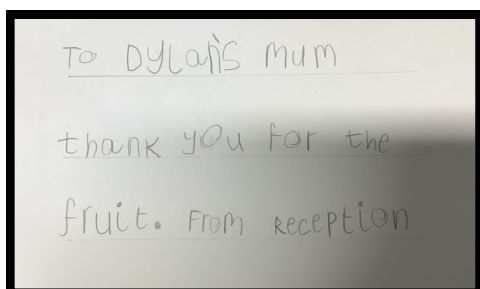
Cobnor believe that these activities will not only provide children with memorable experiences but also foster important life skills such as teamwork, resilience, and confidence.

If you would like more information or are interested in booking any of their May half term activities, more details can be found here:

<https://www.cobnor.com/summer-camps/multi-activity-camps-non-residential>

Fruit Fun

Dylan's mum very kindly bought a range of fruit for the children in Reception to try, including some dragon fruit. They loved trying it! Emily wrote a fantastic message to say thank you



Achievers

Well done to all our achievers this week:



Squirrel Class: Jasper, Theon, James, Jack, Hugo and Forest

Fox Class: Bella, Elisia, Aubrey, Georgia

Owl Class: Bella, Illia, Annie, Darcey, Elsie