



Term 5



We are now half way through Term 5, the year is really flying by! There is a lot going on this term so please take a minute to read this newsletter, we don't want anyone to miss out!

Attendance

Good attendance at school is important. Attendance above 95% is the target that the Government sets.

Obviously there will be times where absence is unavoidable and at these times you should inform the school.

We will refer unknown absences to the Governors and other agencies. Thank you to everyone who ensures that their child's attendance is good and communicates absence promptly.

New Road Markings

As you will have noticed, there are lovely new white markings on the entrance to Oakley School. As previously advised, please remember to be careful on this crossing and look out for cars.

The white lines had been slippery in the recent rain, but have now been repainted so should be better - but please still be careful in the wet.

Thank you to everyone who is using this crossing safely and ensuring that their children are developing a safe understanding of the roads.



'PARKING DANGERS'

Can we please ask again that parents do not bring their cars down the school drive. As we continually say it is for the safety of the children walking into school.

Uniform

It has been lovely to see summer uniforms being worn this term.



Thank you to all parents and carers who send their children into school in the correct uniform.

If you are unsure of the uniform, please ask for a copy of the uniform policy.

Lost property - We will be putting lost property out for parents to check next week. Please note that unclaimed lost property may be disposed of or used for spares.

Second hand uniform sale - We will also be holding a second hand sale soon, please look out for some bargains!

Uniform for next year - Please could people pre-order uniform for next year, as it is a busy time, to ensure that the items required are in stock.

Kent test (current Yr 5s)

The 11+ process is stressful and ultimately the amount of preparation put in reflects in the outcome. I would suggest that Bond publications are a good resource to use in the run up.

<http://www.bond11plus.co.uk/>

Please note that as a school, we are not allowed to coach for the 11+.

If you would like your child to take the 11+ then please apply online between 1 - 30 June at the following address:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

If you have further questions, please do ask.

Book Bags

Helping your child to succeed is really important. Checking their bag for letters, helping with homework and listening to them read really does make a huge difference. Please feel free to ask your child's teacher for any advice about home learning.

Dates for your diary

Hadlow farm trip-Woodpeckers	Fri 12 May
Summer Fair parent's meeting	9am Mon 15 May
Last day of term 5	Fri 26 May
First day of term 6	Mon 5 June
Hillview Taster Day (Yr 5)	Mon 12 June
Hayesbrook Taster Day (Yr 5)	Mon 12 June
Yr 6 Residential trip	w/c 26 June
Hugh Christie Taster Afternoon (Yr 5)	Fri 30 June
Summer Fair	Sat 1 July
Creative Week	w/c 3 July
Sports Day	Wed 5 July
Leaver's Event	Wed 19 July
Leaver's Assembly	Fri 21 July
Last Day of Term 6	Fri 21 July

Terms dates for 2017/18 are attached to this Newsletter.

Summer Fair

Plans for the Summer Fair on Saturday 1 July are already underway.

There is always a lot to do, so if you have time and would like to help we would be very grateful.

A meeting is arranged for Monday 15 May at 9am and you are very welcome to join us.

This year each class will be running their own stall - information to follow.



Class Photos

Class photos were sent home today. Please could you return any orders by **Friday 19th May**. Unfortunately late orders will incur an postage charge.

Letters home: Please note that we will be putting a copy of all letters sent home on the school web site and sending out via email. Please let us know of any changes to email addresses or contact numbers.