



Extra Curriculum Activities

- Children in Year 1 and 2 are visiting Bedgebury Pinetum on Monday. The coach leaves school just after 9:00. It is very important that children **wear long sleeved trousers and tops** - comfortable clothing (not necessarily school uniform), **Bedgebury will not allow the children to take part in the activities if they are not suitably dressed**. Children will need to wear a sun hat and sun screen, sturdy shoes and boots (not sandals) and waterproof clothing if needed.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch from home, please ensure it contains no nut products or fizzy drinks. The children will need plenty to drink throughout the day so please include lots to drink and place it all in a named carrier bag which can be disposed of afterwards. We hope the children have a lovely day and we look forward to hearing all about it.

- **Whole School History Day:** To celebrate our history learning across the school; on Friday 14 July children will be spending the day experiencing 'childhood lives' from the past by dressing up as children from their current history topic:

Year 5/6 - **The Shang Dynasty (China)**

Year 3/4 - **The Anglo Saxons**

Year 1/2 - **Famous Explorers**

Reception - **Pirates**

To enhance the learning experience for the children we would like them to come to school dressed in costume. This can be as complicated or as simple as you wish (*please take into consideration how the weather might be on the day, if it is very warm please do not send your child into school in full costume, one or two items as part of the school uniform is sufficient*). If you would like costume ideas please speak to your child's teacher or Phase Leader. Teachers across your child's phase will deliver 'experience workshops' focusing on how life may have been for children from the past. Activities will include cooking or food tasting, games or crafts. We would like to purchase food items and props for the workshops therefore we are asking parents and carers for a **£1.00 voluntary donation** to cover any expenses, please send any money in via your child's class teacher in an envelope marked History Day.

Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

- We will be holding a cake/ice lolly sale after school today to raise funds for **Water Aid**. Thank you for your cake donations this morning. Please come along and support at 15:25.
- Children in Year 4 visited Aylesford Priory on Tuesday this week to attend a special **Picnic and Praise in the Priory** Mass and Fun Day.



"It was very exciting and I think it was very well organised. My favourite part was the Mass and the singing," Sophia (3/4 St Peter).

"On Tuesday we went to Aylesford for Picnic and Praise. We went into a dome and learnt some lovely songs then we learnt the actions. For lunch we sat in a field and all had lunch together followed by a Mass." Grace (3/4 St Paul).

The PTA paid for 80% of the cost of the coaches to Aylesford so thank you to them.

PTA NEWS

Thank you for all the sweetie donations this morning in exchange for wearing trainers to school.

Don't forget the following:

- **Class Hampers - Donations needed now:** Each class has been given a colour scheme, please send in 'colour' donations to your child's class or directly to their class representative. Cash donations are also welcome.
The deadline for donations is Wednesday 5 July.
- **Bottles for Own Clothes Day - Wednesday 5 July:** Children to bring in a bottle for the Bottle Tombola and in exchange can wear their own clothes to school;
- **Raffle Tickets:** have been sent home via children's book bags. Please sell as many as possible and return the stubs, money and unsold tickets returned to your child's class teacher;
- **Nearly New Books, Soft Toys, Jewellery and Scarfs Donations:** Please bring in any donations before 8 July and hand into the office or PTA representative;
- **Cake Donations:** Are welcome on the day (homemade or shop bought);

Help Still Needed: Setting up, running stalls and clearing away. Many thanks to all those who have already signed up to help, if you would like to offer your assistance please email:

ptaaugustines@gmail.com

Sporting News

Do not forget it is **Sports Day** next Friday so please ensure your child has their PE kit in all week. The timings for Sports Day are as follows:

Reception, Year 1 and 2: From 09:30 - 11.45 ~ Year 3 - 6: 13:15 - 15:15

General and Reminders

- Do not forget the deadline for ordering your child's **class or sports team photos** is **Tuesday 4 July**. Orders required after this date will have to be directly through Van Cols and will occur a fee.
- Thursday 6 July is the local area **Year 6 Transition Day** for the majority of the secondary schools in the area. Please can you inform your child's teacher in writing, if your child will be spending the day with their new secondary school.
- A reminder that we are supporting our local community foodbank **Nourish** who are appealing for our help in ensuring no child in our local community goes without food during the long summer holidays. Nourish told us that "A recent Government report found that up to an estimated **3 million children risk being hungry in the school holidays**. Nourish Community Foodbank can confirm that this is an issue that also affects local children. Last July and August saw a 57% increase in the number of children receiving a three-day emergency food bag, compared with the previous two months. That's the equivalent of more than 1,800 meals to stop children going hungry in this area." Please help us support Nourish by donating food items as well as cleaning products or pet supplies. Our school donation box is located in the main entrance outside the school office.

Assemblies and Worship

- Thank you to all the families who came this morning to watch our **Make Time for Music Keyboard and Guitar Assembly**, presented by the children who have had lessons with these instruments this academic year. Well done children, you sounded great!
- On Tuesday 4 July children in **Year 5** will be presenting a special **Make Time for Music Ukulele Demonstration** at 09:15. Parents and carers are invited to watch and see how they have progressed with their Ukulele lessons since the beginning of this academic year.
- The next Class Assembly to take place is that of **3/4 St Paul** on Tuesday 4 July at 15:00. The children take so much pride in preparing for and presenting their assemblies, we strongly encourage parents and carers to come and watch if they are able.

Our Community

- Friends of St Gregory's invite you to their **Golden Jubilee Summer Festival** at St Gregory's Catholic School Reynolds Lane TN4 9XL on Saturday 15 July 18:00 - 22:00. Entrance £2, BBQ, International Food, Bar £250 prize draw, Live Bands, Stalls and Tombola.
- **Summer Holiday Fun:**
 - **Holden Park Pre School and Out of School Club** are running their Summer Holiday Club for children aged 2 - 11 from Monday 24th July to Friday 25th August from 7:45 till 18:00 Monday to Friday. We provide the children with craft activities, fun and games. If interested in the sending your child to the holiday club then please contact Dan or Sarah on 01892 520626 or email us at Admin@holdenparkpre-school.org.uk
 - **Harlequin Out of School Club** are also running their Holiday Club every week day of the summer holiday. Children aged 3-12 are invited to attend and join in the numerous activities and fun outings. Parents can book as many or as few days as needed. Children do need to be registered with the club before attending. For more details, please go to our website www.hosc.co.uk

Coming Up...

- Friday 30 June - Cake/Ice Lolly Sale for Water Aid 15:25
- Monday 3 July - Year 1 and 2 visit Bedgebury Pinetum
- Tuesday 4 July - Deadline for Van Cols Sports and Class Photo Orders
- Tuesday 4 July - Make Time for Music Year 5 Ukulele Demonstration
- Tuesday 4 July - 3/4 St Paul Class Assembly 15:25
- Wednesday 5 July - Own Clothes Day for Bottle Tombola Donations
- Wednesday 5 July - SEN Consultations 14:00 - 17:45
- Thursday 6 July - Local Area Year 6 Transition Day
- Friday 7 July - Sports Day (Morning - Year R-2 / Afternoon Year 3-6)
- Saturday 8 July - PTA Summer Fayre 12:00 - 15:00
- Tuesday 11 July - Year 6 Production to Parents 18:45
- Wednesday 12 July - Year 6 Production to Parents 18:45
- Friday 14 July - Whole School History Day
- Monday 17 July - (**Current Year 5**) Year 6 Residential Meeting to Parents and Children 16:00 - 17:00
- Tuesday 18 July - Leavers Celebration 18:45
- Thursday 20 July - End of Year Mass 09:30
- Friday 21 July - INSET Day (No School)

Congratulations to our Award Winners

- **Lunchtime Award:** George (5/6 St Mark)
- **Tidy Classroom Award:** 5/6 St Mark

CAFOD prayer inspired by this week's

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

God of all that is good, you make the sun rise across the earth, you breathe wind through the fields, you pour water from the mountains. Move us to change our lives, and bring the power of your love, so that all may flourish. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.