

Headteacher Message

What a fantastic week we've had at Ide Hill Church of England Primary School! I'm thrilled to highlight the great class assembly by Oaks. It was wonderful to witness the progress the children are making and to see them eagerly sharing their learning journey with you all. Thank you to everyone who came and got involved with the audience participation.

This week also marked our Year 6's Bikeability sessions. A big congratulation to those who participated, showing resilience and determination, especially braving the cold weather! I had the pleasure of teaching in our Reception Class and Year 4 for a short time this week. Thank you to all the children for your hard work and enthusiasm—it truly makes a difference. Additionally, we successfully conducted a school fire practice. Both the children and staff performed exceptionally well, showcasing the importance of these termly drills in ensuring everyone's safety. As we head into the half-term break, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest - filled with exciting activities. I'm looking forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the new term. Have a wonderful break!

Wraparound Childcare Programme Survey

In Spring 2023 the previous Government announced its ambition that all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term-time childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm.

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents and carers to determine interest in their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school-aged children. The information will help them assess if there are any gaps in provision and how best to meet the needs of all families. Please find below the link.

<https://survey.kent.gov.uk/AfterSchoolClub>

Safer Internet Week

This week was Safer Internet with the theme "Too Good to Be True", the campaign aimed to raise awareness about the growing threat of online scams, and teach children and young people how to spot and avoid them.

Children were given the opportunity to learn some skills to identify these deceptive tactics and stay safe when online.

- You can complete the [UK Safer Internet Centre's interactive quizzes with your child about this theme.](#)
- Read the UK Safer Internet Centre's tops tips for parents and carers [here.](#)

PTA Updates

This year we are fundraising for the outside playground project which we really hope will be built over the summer holidays, for our children to enjoy in September, whilst we hope to receive some money from the diocese we need to fundraise.

We have some events planned for the rest of the year including the race night on 8th March and the fundraising dinner on 10th May, - more information will follow soon but we have a fantastic 3 course dinner planned and live band booked so time to start thinking about who is going to be on your table!

We are also planning to hold a silent auction and a live auction on the night and have had some lovely prizes offered so far but we are in need of your help for other prizes... Do you have connections for fabulous events we can use? Do you have contacts that work in formula 1? Does your brother work for RFU for example? Do you have an auntie that always gives you tickets for Wimbledon? Do you work for a spa or health club and able to give day passes? Do you work in a garden centre and can offer a voucher?

If you have anything you can offer anything for the auction or raffle can you send Sharon Taylor a message on 07946116738 or speak to her at school.

Race Night: We are looking forward to welcoming you to our race night on 8th March. If you haven't yet booked your tickets, please do.

We are serving a 2-course supper which is included in your ticket. We have a cash /card bar and chance to pre order your wines for your groups (we will be

PTA FUNDRAISER
A Night at the Races
SATURDAY 8TH MARCH
£15.00 PER TICKET INC SUPPER
CASH/CARD BAR.
RAFFLE
IDE HILL VILLAGE HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 7
1ST RACE 7.30PM

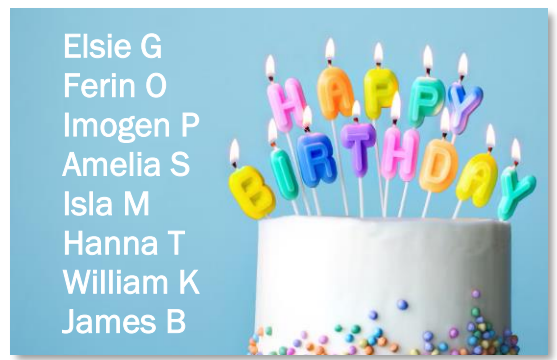


setting out tables of 8's and 10's).

On the evening, 8 races will be run, bets will be placed at £1 per ticket & races will be run when the betting desk closes. Pay outs will be for the winners only for each race. There is also a chance to buy the owners, trainers & jockey's in advance and prizes to be won!

Businesses will also be able to sponsor races (please ask if you would like to do this)

See you there!



SPLASH SAFETY
at your pad!

TOP TIPS for Bath Time

- 1. Stay together**
Young children should always be within arm's reach
- 2. Toadily awesome preparation**
Get everything you need ready to go before filling the bath (top overcast to own handy checklist!)
- 3. Avoid distractions**
Leave your phone outside the bathroom - it can't be that relaxing!
- 4. Check that the water has drained**
Toys can easily block the plughole leaving water unexpectadly in the tub after use
- 5. Keep your Pad tidy!**
When not in use, keep the plug and toys out of reach and shut the bathroom door to limit children's access without a grown-up

Don't let your froglets hop into harm!

For more helpful advice and tips for staying splash safe at your pad, visit our website www.dhs.org.uk/splash-safety or a QR code below.

Spread the word: @RRLSSUR #SplashSafety

BATH TIME CHECKLIST

Before your froglets hop into the bathroom, make sure you've checked off this list, so that there's no need to leave their side!

- Bubble bath
- Bodywash & shampoo
- Bath toys
- Rinsing jug
- Wash cloth
- Towel
- Baby lotion
- Hairbrush
- Nappy
- Sleepsuit or PJs

Pin me up in your pad!

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Have a great half term break – See you all on the 24th February!

<p>Saplings</p>	<p>Stephen - Well done for settling so well in your first few days at Ide Hill. We love having you in our class!</p> <p>Amelia F - We are very proud of you and how you have been such a great listener this week! Keep it up!</p>
<p>Elms</p>	<p>Lucas - For the effort and improvement you have made to your handwriting.</p> <p>Charlie - For your effort during phonics and for joining in and working independently.</p>
<p>Beech</p>	<p>Cora B-M - For always being enthusiastic in all that you do and having super resilience when you are set a challenge. You are always kind to your friends and love to help others. Well done Cora.</p> <p>Charlie - For being very helpful and caring towards his friends. Charlie has also made excellent progress with his handwriting.</p>
<p>Willows</p>	<p>Zac S - For his flexibility, perseverance and willingness to adapt his ideas in DT when making a pneumatic toy.</p> <p>Rupert - For his perseverance, resilience, flexibility and willingness to adapt his ideas in order to make his pneumatic toy design work.</p>
<p>Hazel</p>	<p>Rory - For his exciting, neat and well-written myth narrative in English.</p> <p>Maddie - For showing great perseverance when things are challenging and for being such a kind, supportive friend.</p>
<p>Ash</p>	<p>Max - For his insightful contributions to RE this week, exploring the challenges and significance of following the Ten Commandments.</p> <p>Noa - For her fabulous execution of her 3D map in art, and her creative approach to incorporate typography.</p>
<p>Oaks</p>	<p>All of Oaks Class - For doing well with sharing their learning in their class assembly this week.</p>