



### Headteacher Message

We have had a wonderfully busy and exciting week in school, full of rich learning and opportunities for our children. Across the week, children visited Sevenoaks School to take part in a fantastic range of STEM workshops. The children were completely absorbed in activities such as code breaking, dissection, theatre-based science shows and even an unforgettable Liquid Nitrogen demonstration. These kinds of experiences are so important in helping children see the relevance of STEM in the world around them and inspiring curiosity, problem-solving and ambition in areas that will shape their futures. A huge thank you to all parents who transported children there and back—we know it can be disruptive to your day, but your support is truly appreciated and helps make these experiences possible.

Year 4 also enjoyed a wonderful visit to Bore Place, where they benefitted from learning outdoors and exploring in a completely different environment. Trips like this deepen children’s understanding, develop independence and give them a real sense of connection to their learning. They came back full of enthusiasm and stories to share, which is always lovely to see.

Thank you as well to those who were able to join us for the parent rep meeting this week. Hearing feedback and perspectives from each class is invaluable, and it is always helpful to share ideas and reflections together to keep strengthening our school community.

Our netball club also played their very first match this week, and we could not be prouder of them. Facing a well-established upper KS2 team was never going to be easy—especially on a full-size court three times the size of ours—but the team showed fantastic resilience and determination. There were ups and downs, as expected in a first match, but the children handled themselves brilliantly and learned so much from the experience. A special well done to Mia, who was chosen as Players’ Player, and to Daisy for scoring a super goal. Thank you to Miss Rose for organising everything so positively, and to the parents who came to support on the side lines—your encouragement made such a difference.

Year 1 have also had a special week exploring old toys brought into the classroom to support their learning. Thank you to Mrs Fraser for organising this wonderful opportunity for hands-on discovery. The children were completely captivated by the toys, fascinated to see how they worked, and eager to tell others all about them.

Finally, children across the school have been working incredibly hard as part of assessment week. They have

shown great focus and perseverance, and I look forward to meeting with teachers next week to hear about the strong progress being made throughout the school.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Wishing you all a very happy and restful weekend.

### Elms Class Visitor

On Tuesday Elms Class were lucky to have Mrs Fraser visit with a selection of her toy collection. Mrs Fraser used to teach at Ide Hill School and her extensive toy collection has always been a source of great joy, especially to Year 1 while we learn about toys from the past.



### STEM at Sevenoaks School



Years 1-6 were very fortunate to be invited to Sevenoaks School for their annual STEM event. Year 6 dissected squid, Year 5 attended at code breakers workshop and Y1-4 attended Royal Institute Shows. The children were all extremely enthusiastic about their experiences.

### PTA Fundraising

A huge thank you to all the parents for helping us to raise £1476.60 for the race night and £275 for the Wellness Day bringing our total to £5993!

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!**

£7,000

TOGETHER WE CAN...

- UPDATE OUR LIBRARY
- DEVELOP OUR SEN CALM AREA
- PROVIDE EQUIPMENT FOR OUR OUTSIDE AREA

£5993

**DONATE TODAY**  
EVERY POUND MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



PTA Easter Egg Hunt

**EASTER EGG DECORATING COMPETITION**

£1 ENTRY      EASTER EGG PRIZE!

KS1 & EYFS: Colour in an Easter egg template  
KS2: Decorate an egg

- Blank eggs will be sent home with children next week
- Return all entries by 27<sup>th</sup> March to the box in the lobby
- £1 donation per entry via School Gateway
- Please ensure child's name and class are written on / attached to the egg

6 hampers to win!

**Ide Hill Pre-School Easter Hamper Raffle**

*Support your local pre-school!*

*£5 per ticket*

Draw on 25<sup>th</sup> March

Contact Camilla for tickets  
07811354409

**Save the date**

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★ *Join us for an evening of suits and sparkles at our fundraising dinner*

**Saturday 9th May**

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*More information to follow!*

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