

Headteacher Message

We have had an exciting start to the summer term and, as always it is going to be a very busy one. The term kicked off brilliantly with our Year 3 and 4 children attending a cricket match and training session at Hazelwood School. They performed incredibly well, winning both of their games – a fantastic achievement! Our thanks go to Hazelwood for the use of their excellent facilities and for the much-appreciated biscuits afterwards. We now look ahead with excitement to the next match on Monday. Swimming lessons have also begun for our Year 5 and 6 children at Edenbridge Leisure Centre. Swimming plays a vital role within our curriculum, helping children to develop water confidence, stamina, and essential lifesaving skills. These lessons support not only physical development but also resilience and personal safety, and we are delighted to see the children engaging so positively.

During the Easter holidays, work took place to refresh our school environment once again, including the painting of the Library and the Zen Den. A huge thank you to the staff members and parents who generously gave up their time to help with this. The spaces are already looking fantastic, and we hope to complete the remaining developments over the next couple of weeks so they are ready for the children to enjoy.

This week, we also joined schools across the country in celebrating 50 days to go until the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, which will be hosted in



England and Wales. Throughout the day, classes took part in cricket themed activities, and all children joined the Picture News Live Assembly – we even received a shout out, which was very exciting! We are very much looking forward to a positive, productive, and hopefully sunny term ahead. As always, please do come in and speak with us if you have any questions or concerns – we are always happy to help.

Congratulations

A massive congratulations to Toby in Oaks class for reaching the Kent Finals of the Young Cooks Competition. What a fabulous achievement – we are very proud of you!



Thank you!

We are delighted to share our sincere thanks to Exact Moves for their generous donation of tables, chairs, and essential office supplies. Their contribution has made an immediate and meaningful difference, helping us create a more functional and comfortable, for staff and pupils.



Support like this goes far beyond the items themselves—it enables us to focus more of our resources on the work that matters most. We are incredibly grateful for Exact's kindness and community spirit, and we truly appreciate their willingness to support us in such a practical and impactful way.

Thank you once again to Exact for helping us move forward with renewed energy and improved facilities.

Elms Class Walk

This morning Elms Class took a walk around the village to try and identify human and physical features of Ide Hill. Our Geography topic this term will be to compare Ide Hill to Shanghai in China!



Year 5 Creative Writing Event

On Thursday 4 children from year 5 attended a creative writing event at Sevenoaks School, here is what they had to say about their experience!

"When we got inside we were greeted by Louise Austin, a local author. She was the person who wrote Alex Abbot is (Un) Dead) which is about a reluctant vampire who is 1 ½ years old. The book was ready published and put in all our local bookshops. After that Louise introduced herself to us and asked a few questions. Then we got a sheet to fill out about our character and next we shared them. After, we wrote a short story and each of us shared them with the other schools. It has improved our writing and it was a fun adventure!"- Immy, Finley, Annie and Lottie.

Coram Life Education Workshop

Today, our pupils took part in an engaging and thought-provoking Coram Life Education workshop, exploring how the human brain works and the important role it plays in our mental wellbeing.



Through a series of interactive and age-appropriate sessions, children across the school developed their understanding of emotions, resilience, and strategies to support their own wellbeing. Each year group focused on a key theme, building progressively on their knowledge and skills:

- Year 2 explored *gratitude*, learning how recognising and appreciating positive moments can boost happiness and emotional health.
- Year 3 focused on *acceptance*, encouraging children to understand and respect differences in themselves and others.
- Year 4 learned about *protective behaviours*, helping them to recognise safe and unsafe situations and identify trusted adults they can turn to.
- Year 5 examined *the brain and stress*, gaining insight into how stress affects the body and learning practical techniques to manage it effectively.

The workshops sparked thoughtful discussions and provided children with valuable tools they can use in their everyday lives. It was wonderful to see pupils so engaged and open in sharing their ideas and experiences.

Sunshine

As the weather is hopefully starting to improve and temperatures are rising please could we remind parents to ensure children have sun cream applied before school. Please also ensure children have water and sun hats. Thank you!

The Ide Hill Fair 'Great Bake Off' Competition



This year we are going to be running a baking competition at the Fair on May 25th!

There will be the following categories:

- Best 'Round' Cake
- Best Cupcake (please bake at least 6)
- Best Biscuit (please bake at least 6)
- Best Traybake Cake
- Best Cake made by a Gentleman
- Best Cake made by an U16 (please note your age on your entry)

Judging (by our star village baker Sharon Taylor) will take place just before the start of the fair so please make sure your clearly marked entry gets to the tea tent on the green before 11:45 on the day of the fair.

There will be trophies and huge glory for each of the winners and runners up. And of course all the cakes will then be sold to our lucky fair customers!

Please also note that we would obviously welcome all cake donations even if you don't want to enter the competition. We did run out towards the end of the fair last year so the more the merrier.

Any questions please contact Tony King – 07803 233377.

