

Headteacher Message

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on everything we've achieved together. It's been a great year, full of success, growth, and unforgettable memories.

We were thrilled to receive a Good rating from Ofsted, a testament to the hard work and dedication of our incredible team. We also proudly received the Nurture UK Award, recognising our commitment to supporting the wellbeing and development of every child.

One of our standout moments this year was our unforgettable performance of The Lion King—a spectacular show that truly highlighted the talents and confidence of our pupils.

A heartfelt goodbye to our Year 6 class—an excellent group of leavers who have left a lasting impression. We will miss you greatly and wish you all the best in your new schools!

We're also very excited about the improvements happening to our school environment. Work is due to start tomorrow on our new playground and school hall projects, which will provide fantastic new spaces for learning, play, and community events. We can't wait to see the finished results!

We are so proud of our amazing children, whose enthusiasm, kindness, and resilience shine every day. None of this would be possible without our brilliant staff, who work tirelessly to support, inspire, and nurture.

Together, we are a wonderful school community, and we're grateful to everyone—families, carers, staff, and pupils—for making this such a special place.

Thank you for the generous gifts and kind words—your appreciation means so much.

Have a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on the 2nd September!

Lion King Video

A reminder that the Lion King Production video is now available to download via the DropBox link that was sent to parents. As we are required to cover the cost of the performance licence and are also fundraising for improvements to our playground and other areas in the school, we kindly suggest a voluntary donation for the video. Donations can be made via **SchoolGateway**.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the recent school uniform consultation and for your feedback on the outcome. As you can imagine, a wide range of views have been shared and discussed with staff and governors. While we have done our best to take as many of these into account as possible, it is unfortunately not possible to accommodate everyone's views. After careful consideration, we will be moving ahead with the current plans as outlined. Over the coming months as the new uniform policy is enforced we are of course happy to continue the dialogue.

Elms Class News

Last week Elms class were extremely fortunate to have a visit from Harry at Wildlife Wonders in Westerham! He brought with him an Australian BooBook owl, an Asian water monitor lizard, a cornsnake, a Mexican red kneed tarantula and a North American striped skunk. The children were given the chance to see the animals close up and even held and touched some of them. We loved seeing the owl flying to her perch, although as she is still a baby in training, she sometimes got confused as to



where she was flying! We had so many incredible questions to ask Harry and found out so much about these incredible animals. We hope he comes back again soon!

Summer Holiday Contact

Should you need to contact the school in an emergency or for safeguarding reasons over the summer holidays please email headteacher@ide-hill.kent.sch.uk. Emails will be checked on a regular basis but not daily.

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PTA Update

As this Summer term comes to a close I can't help reflect on this amazing year and what we have managed to achieve.

We kicked our fundraising off with our amazing quiz night and involvement with the bonfire parade in the autumn, our Christmas fair -which feels like such a long time ago! - We have then packed in less than 6 months a race night, an amazing dinner dance, help at village fair including maypole-ing! A school disco and an epic performance!

This year you have helped us raise an incredible £20,811.60!!

All of this could only have been possible with help from our fantastic parents giving their time and energy and sharing their skills. So if you have sold lollies, made up sweet cones, sold raffle tickets, face painted, I'd like to say a massive thank you!

In October we will hold our AGM, where current committee members step down and parents can join our committee, there will be some roles that are up for election which I will write about next term but if you interested in getting involved then do get in touch. Thank you again, we are small but mighty in all we set out to do.... Wishing you a very happy summer!
Sharon - PTA chair

Message from Anne Fletcher – Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and carers,
The summer term is always full of all sorts of activities and in recent weeks there has been a huge amount of sport including the fabulous cricket team of Year 5 and 6 getting to the final of the Kent cricket. I was lucky enough to be there. What a day that was ! So many congratulations to the team. They should be so proud. Many congratulations too to the school for the Gold Standard Sport award which is a fantastic achievement. This, together with the Nurture UK award, led by Alison Daniels shows how much has been achieved this year and how diverse.

Last week saw the first ever whole school production of a show. The school chose the Lion King. It was a total triumph - not many dry eyes in the house. The children were just brilliant and captured our hearts. They sang, they danced and they spoke; we loved every minute of it. So many congratulations to them all, from the blades of grass in Reception to the main parts in Year 6. This of course would not have happened without the exceptional skills of the staff team putting it all together and the various talented parents who produced the fabulous costumes ! Well done to absolutely everyone.

Regarding Governor news, we are so sorry to be saying goodbye to Helen De May who is stepping down after many years. We are deeply grateful to her for all her work, including being Chair of the Teaching and Learning Committee (TLC) and we hope she will come back regularly. As you know Tammy Coles recently retired after her four years as a parent governor. We are deeply

grateful to her for all she has done in this role. Recently a parent election was held to replace her and I am delighted to be welcoming Jenny Smith onto the Governing Body, and onto the TLC. I would also like to thank Linda Melin. She has been the staff governor for the last few years. We are very grateful to her for giving up her time and for all her contribution to the governing body. There has been a staff election and I am delighted that Josie Farrar will be the new staff governor from September. Recently one of the many priorities of the Governors has been the garden redevelopment, for which there was the incredibly successful fundraising dinner in May. This was led by the inimitable Sharon Taylor. I'd like to reiterate our thanks to her and to her team for the fantastic amount raised - over £10,000! Since then we have secured funding from both the Diocese of Rochester and the Trustees of the Combe Bank Fund. We are deeply grateful to them all as it means we are in a position to start the development over the summer. I'd like to thank one governor in particular who has led this application - Richard French. Without Richard we would not be in this position and it will be so exciting to see the impact on the teaching and learning for the children. Finally I would like to say a huge thank you to Lizzie Alexander, Jeanine Johnson and every single member of our school team for all they do for your children day in day out. On behalf of you all I would like to wish them, and indeed all of you, a very happy summer holiday.
Best wishes
Anne Fletcher



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