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Headteacher Message

As we wrap up this first half of the term, it's wonderful to reflect on how well everyone has settled into their new classes. We've also welcomed some lovely new faces to our school community, and it's been heart-warming to see how quickly they've adapted.

Despite a few unfortunate cancellations, we've had some fantastic events, including trips to Bore Place, sporting fixtures and forest school sessions, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. It's also exciting to see the progress being made with our new writing scheme, with a strong focus on handwriting, presentation, and behaviour for learning. The effort the children are putting in is truly paying off. Our PTA events, links with the church, and collaboration with Sevenoaks School have all been great successes this term, helping to strengthen our school community. A huge thank you goes to our hardworking teachers who continue to deliver excellent lessons and support for our children. We are also grateful for the positivity and support from our parents. Your feedback means so much, and your commitment to improving attendance and punctuality has not gone unnoticed—thank you! As we approach the half-term break, we wish everyone a relaxing and well-deserved rest. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for the second half of the term! Have a wonderful half-term!

Colour Run 2024

Wow! What a fantastic afternoon!

Well done to all the children, parents and staff that ran, walked, hopped and skipped! We were so lucky to have had beautiful weather and it was a wonderful atmosphere. There was lots of lovely teamwork and cheering each other on. It was brilliant to see!

Thank you to all our amazing helpers, excluding the person that made me into an Oompa Loompa! (see photos!) Thank you to Katie and Rachel for arranging the event. An extra huge thank you to Harley's mum for the incredible balloons!



It was a great opportunity

to be all-together, in houses and our school community! We are looking forward to more events in the future. Thank you again for your support.

PTA Update

We are excited to share that the Chilli night raised an impressive £910, and the second-hand uniform sale added a further £320. This brings the total to a remarkable £1,230. Big thank you to everyone who participated and contributed your generosity is appreciated. Today, the PTA is collecting donations for Non-Uniform Day. Your support will help us raise funds for the exciting playground revamp planned for summer 2025.

We are looking forward to participating in the Edenbridge Bonfire Procession on the 2nd of November. We would love to see as many familiar faces along the route so if you are not joining in, why not come and watch!

Save the date: Great news! Tori's fabulous Christmas wreath-making classes are back this year, happening on December 1st and 2nd! Plus, add December 7th to your calendars for the Christmas Fair. Watch this space for more details—there is plenty of festive fun coming your way! Wishing everyone a fantastic half term from the PTA. Enjoy the break, have fun, and make some wonderful memories!

Recycling Week

The children have had a brilliant week making and creating lots of wonderful models and art out of recycling!









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Outdoor Equipment

We have been extremely fortunate to receive funding from our local community shop. Our bid was to improve the outdoor area of Elms class and Mrs Farrar has been opening exciting packages destined





for this area all week! We were very fortunate that our largest item arrived just in time for the working garden party, so a huge thanks to Mr Smith who helped

Mrs Farrar to assemble an amazing wooden teepee!

The children have been exploring their amazing new resources and so we send a huge thanks to our amazing community shop from all the children who will benefit. A massive thank you to everyone who helped at the working party – The garden looks amazing!



Saplings News

The Year 5 buddies gave their Saplings buddy a Bible each today to celebrate their start to life at Ide Hill School! Thank you, Ash Class, for the lovely messages you wrote for your buddies in their Bibles. We are looking forward to spending more time together after half term!

We have been recycling our

cardboard boxes this week in



Saplings. We have used the book "It's not a box" as inspiration to draw a new design for our box and we have begun to transform them into new things!

Saplings have worked really hard using their designs to create their new ideas with the junk modelling. We

have had a variety of creations including a flower, castle, rabbit and an enormous ice cream! Today in Saplings we have all brought in our favourite teddies and books. We shared why our teddies are so special to us and why the books are our favourites. This afternoon we will be enjoying a Teddy Bear's Picnic to celebrate the end to a wonderful first term. Have a wonderful half term everyone from Saplings.

Term 2 Dates

Please do make sure to see the attached dates for Term 2 – It is set to be a very busy one!



Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you all on the 4th November!



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Elms	Annie - For the amazing progress which you are making in your reading, but also for your effort in listening and joining in on the carpet. Keep it up!
	Jack W - For making such a huge effort to present your work really neatly. You set an excellent example!
Beech	Richu - For always being a kind and
	helpful friend and showing excellent growth mindset in his work this week. Ruan - Well done for using excellent vocabulary and having super ideas to plan and write a letter.
Willows	Violet - For her attention to detail
	when making her castle for DT. She followed her design and made a fantastic one. Zach M - For his thoughtful contributions to our class learning and
	for always thinking carefully in all we do.
Hazel	All of Hazel Class - For their hard work
	this term and for settling so well into Year 4. Well done!
Ash	Jackson - For impressive work in
	Maths this week when Comparing Calculations. You worked with a deeper process to find the answers to calculations that were challenging you. Aryssa - You showed great teamwork, commitment and skill during our Tag
Oaks	Rugby games this week - great work! Harry - For his perseverance when
Odks -	using pictorial representations to show BODMAS. Phoebe - For her effort in using all four operations in maths.