

### Welcome!

Welcome back to school. I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer holiday. We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school and hearing all about all their exciting adventures.

The summer holiday was a busy time for the school and you may have already spotted a few changes! We are delighted that the school fencing has been raised. The children feel much safer and are pleased to have a little bit of extra space to play in the junior playground.

We have now created a dedicated library for the children, who have been very excited to use it and are being very quiet in there too! As the term progresses, we aim to make a few more changes to the school environment so that we can create a really motivating atmosphere for learning.

### Wonderful News!

Many congratulations to Miss Rose, who welcomed a baby boy into her family last week. Both mum and baby Rafferty are doing very well and we cannot wait for them to visit!

Miss Rose has asked me to pass on her thanks to you for all your kind words of encouragement and gifts. She is truly appreciative.

### After School Clubs

Many clubs led by external groups have now started. The school expects all external clubs to liaise directly with parents rather than via the school office so if you have

any queries, please contact the club directly. We will shortly be organising teacher and parent led after school clubs and we anticipate that these will start in week 4 and run for 8 weeks. This year, there will be a small charge for all clubs to enable the school to run these sustainably.

### Kent Test

On Thursday, many of our year 6 children will be taking the Kent Test. The children will be completing their tests in Oaks classroom with a visiting invigilator whilst the remainder of the class learn in the library. The children are required to bring a bottle of water and may bring a fruit snack and a small mascot if they wish.

### Next Week

Monday	INSET Day – school closed
Tuesday	2:30 Elms and Beech parent meeting in the school hall.
Wednesday	
Thursday	Kent Test Day
Friday	

### Staff Changes

Today we emailed all parents regarding staff changes. We are currently recruiting and will keep you all informed of our progress.

We are delighted that Mrs Lingard has joined the staff team. Mrs Lingard will be teaching PE two days a week from Reception to year 4 and we are thrilled to have her on board. Mr Marsh has also returned to school as a midday meals supervisor and was mobbed at lunchtime by some very excited children!

### Weekly Awards

These will be presented at St Mary's church on Tuesday at 2:30. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Elms	<b>Baden and Annabelle</b> – for making such an effort to settle in to Elms class.
Beech	<b>Lucas</b> – for working so hard in literacy and showing fantastic resilience.
Willows	<b>Charlotte</b> – for her excellent contribution to our discussion about what makes a good learner. <b>Luke</b> – for his enthusiasm and understanding in our maths games.
Hazel	<b>Oscar</b> – for showing amazing listening skills and working hard. <b>Cory</b> – for always helping in the classroom.
Ash	<b>To the whole class</b> – for solving the daily challenges and working so well together. You are going to be excellent learners this year!
Oaks	<b>Edward</b> – for an excellent start to Oaks. <b>Lily</b> – for her fantastic work ethic in maths this week.

Attendance Ted Winner	House Cup Winner
<b>Saplings and Beech</b>	<b>Hever</b>

	<b>Elliot</b>
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