

Happy New Year!

I hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and that you enjoyed New Year celebrations. I would like to thank you all for the way in which you supported the school last term, by attending the nativity, PTA events such as the Christmas Fair and for the generosity you showed to the whole staff team with cards and gifts at the end of term – we are extremely grateful.

It is lovely to have the children back at school. They came back full of stories about their holidays, which the children enjoyed sharing at collective worship when we have been discussing Epiphany.

Major Roadworks

Please be aware that significant road closures are planned that will impact Ide Hill for a long period.

Roadworks are due to start on **Monday the 8th January** along the A25 starting between New Road and The White Hart Pub due to gas network upgrades. **The works are expected to last around 12 weeks and will inevitably cause some disruption.** Although the school is aware that this may mean some children are late to school, we ask please that you plan your mornings and afternoons to allow for potential delays so that there is not a knock on effect at school.

KCC will be resurfacing Ide Hill Road in February. This means that the road will be closed between the Gracious Lane/Wheatsheaf Hill junction and the Bough Beech turning from 19th February to 2nd March 2024, which will make access to Ide Hill very difficult. It is assumed that the work will be done in sections, but at this stage no further information is available.

KCC have published the following road closures:

- Greystone Park: closed from Tuesday 2 January.
- Chapmans Close: Give and take will be in place from Tuesday 2 January.
- New Road: closed from Monday 8 January.
- Woodside Road :Temporary traffic from Monday 15 January.
- Manor Road: Temporary traffic lights from Monday 29 January.
- Church Road: closed from Friday 29 March.

For full information please go to:

<https://sgn.co.uk/our-gas-works/major-planned-projects/sundridge-a25-main-road>

School Data

I am very pleased to be able to share with you the children’s attainment data from the summer of last year. The tables below show the attainment of children from Ide Hill compared with Kent averages and the National average. You will see from the data that the children have all done exceptionally well, attaining far above both local and national averages.

EYFS	Ide Hill	Kent Average	National Average
Good Level of Development	73.9	68.1	67.3
Expected Standard Literacy Goals	78.3	70.6	69.8
Literacy Exceeding	82.6	79.0	77.2

	Ide Hill	Kent Average	National Average
Year 1 phonics check	95.7%	77.2%	78.9%

Y2	Ide Hill	Kent Average	National Average
Reading at Expected or above	85.0%	69.1%	68.3%
Reading at Greater Depth	25.0%	18.5%	18.8%
Writing at Expected or above	85.0%	60.5%	60.1%
Writing at Greater Depth	5.0%	7.8%	8.2%
Maths at Expected or above	85.0%	71.2%	70.4%
Maths at Greater Depth	20.0%	15.4%	16.3%

Y4 multiplication check	Ide Hill Mean average score	Kent Average	National Average
2022 - 2023	21.8	Not yet available	
2021 - 2022	17.7	19.4	19.8

Y6	Ide Hill	Kent Average	National Average
Reading at Expected or above	85.7 %	72.5%	73%
Reading at Greater Depth	47.6%	30.0%	29%
Writing at Expected or above	76.2%	73.2%	71%
Writing at Greater Depth	28.6%	14.1%	13.3%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling at Expected or above.	81.0%	68.6%	72%
Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling at Greater Depth.	28.6%	26.0%	30.1%
Maths at Expected or above	100%	70.0%	73%
Maths at Greater Depth	47.6%	22.2%	23.8%
Reading, Writing and Maths combined at Expected Standard.	71.4%	58.7%	59%
Reading, Writing and Maths combined at Greater Depth.	23.8%	8.3%	8.0%

We are so proud of our high standards at Ide Hill and this is due to the high quality teaching and learning that children receive and great teamwork. Throughout their time at Ide Hill there are a whole team of adults working with and around the children to help them to achieve their very best and we couldn't be prouder.

Happy Birthday!	Richu Harry Y
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Upcoming Dates for Your Diary	
29th January	Young Voices at the O2
9th February	Half Term