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Navigating the incredibly hot temperatures this week has not been easy for any of us, particularly the children and I hope that the rest of the term will be much easier to manage! I would like to thank all of you for your understanding and support over the last week as we made adjustments to how we were operating. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the staff who have continued to undertake their individual roles with resilience and positivity despite the stifling heat! Hopefully the weather will be cooler next week.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Sports Day – Monday 6th July

A reminder that Sports Day has been rescheduled to Monday 6th July. In the morning (9:15-11:15 am) we will be holding Sports Day for all children in Duckling, Parrot and Robin classes. The afternoon (1:15-3:15pm) will be for children in Kingfishers, Toucans and Falcons. All children will come together for a final presentation at approximately 3pm. Refreshments for parents, families and friends will be made available by the PTFA.

Breakfast Club

Please can I remind all parents that if they would like to use breakfast club, they must book this in advance via Arbor. The staff in breakfast club are reporting that many children are being dropped off and have not been booked on the system. This can be difficult to manage when staff are trying to plan food requirements etc each day and for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

After School Club: pick-up – message from Mrs Wenn

As part of safeguarding and our duty of care, if someone other than a parent is collecting your child from After School Club, it's vital that this person is nominated on the school Arbor system. While a child may greet a familiar family member or friend, if the person is unknown to either Miss Norman or I, then we will need to double check on the school Arbor system the person nominated to collect and we will check their photo identification e.g. driving license.

If there is no record/nominated authorisation, then we would telephone the 1st parent/carer nominated on Arbor to double check. Thank you for your understanding. Mrs Wenn

Upcoming Events

1 st July	Walk in Wednesday
6 th July	Sports Day 9:15-11:15 Years R, 1, 2 and 3 1:15-3:15 Years 4, 5 and 6
13 th July	Annual reports to Parents
13 th July	Yr 6 Performance 6pm
14 th July	Yr 6 Performance 1:30pm
17 th July	End of Term 6
20 th July	Staff Training Day
21 st July	Staff Training Day
1 st Sept	Staff training Day
2 nd Sept	Start of Term 1

Reading Challenge – see attached poster

The Reading Agency's Summer Reading Challenge is back at Kent Libraries from Saturday 4 July to Saturday 5 September – and it's completely free to take part.

This year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrates music, stories and creativity, encouraging children aged 4 to 11 to enjoy reading in a way that works for them.

Children can join at any time by visiting their local library, borrowing a book and getting started. They can also take part online by logging their reading digitally.

With flexible reading-related goals and rewards along the way, children can read to their own beat and build confidence over the summer.

Can't wait to start? As part of the National Year of Reading, you can Go All In and begin now by sharing your reading goals in the Kent Libraries Book Chat group on Facebook.

Library staff are on hand to help, and you can plan your visit with virtual tours and social stories available online.

Find out more at www.kent.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

Fidget Toys

Just a reminder to parents that children should not be bringing fidget toys into school. For those children that need them, we have a selection available in every classroom. In addition, we have seen some children with Squishy Dumplings that are a new craze. Please be advised that some of these contain toxic substances that can cause injury. Please see the attached article that explains more about this. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c2eyn1dxl1xo>

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

9 th July	Kingfisher Class
16 th July	Duckling Class
17 th July 2pm	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly

Art Workshops – please see attached flyer

Places still available for Cygnets Art School Folkestone's Summer Holiday workshops, running on Tuesdays and Wednesdays across July and August. Our theme this year is 'Cities Around the World'. We'd love for you to join us for a global art journey through New York, Rome, Sydney and Tokyo!

We run two holiday workshops per day, so you can choose to attend one, several or all sessions. Booking is split into a separate page per themed week.

Here's what you need to know:

📍 Venue: Sandgate Primary School

🕒 Time: Morning workshop 10:30am-12pm and afternoon workshop 12:30-2pm

👤 Ages: Suitable for children aged 5-12

🧺 What's included: All materials are provided! If children are attending the full day, they will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

Follow this link to reserve your child's space today:

 <https://bookings.cygnetartschool.com/public/workshops?centerId=547>

The Funky Festival – please see attached flyer

The Funky Festival is taking place on Friday 31st July and is a fun-filled day for children aged 5–11 years, packed with dancing, games, arts & crafts and festival fun.

As a little extra for your families, we're currently offering 15% off bookings made before 1st July using the code FESTIVAL15.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October

Staff Development Days – Tuesday 1st September and Friday 23rd October

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Staff Development Days – Monday 19th July, Tuesday 20th July and Wednesday 21st July

PTFA News

Can you Help?

We're looking for lovely volunteers to help provide refreshments at the upcoming school events in the summer term:

- **Sports Day – 6th July**
- **Leavers Performances** – evening of **13th July** and afternoon of **14th July**

Even an hour of your time would make a huge difference. If you're able to help at any of these events, please let us know – we'd love to have you involved! Email hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk or drop a message via Facebook or WhatsApp.

Thank you for supporting our school community.

