

Thursday 31 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again we find ourselves at the end of another extremely busy term. The weeks have flown by and although Covid has still dominated, school life has gradually returned to normal with the excitement of some year groups going on trips outside of school, swimming lessons taking place for Years 3 and 4, sport and drama competitions returning and finally a wonderful Spring Concert being held at St John's Church. Thank you for your continued support as we navigate the ever-changing environment we find ourselves in.

### Fundraising



Your generosity this term with the many fundraising activities in school has been very much appreciated. With your help, we have been able to support the NSPCC, Read for Good, Dementia UK, Christian Aid and Red Nose Day raising over £3500 in total.

The PTA have also had a busy term and we would like to thank them for volunteering their time to help raise funds for the school. Your support of their events, ranging from "Break the Rules" day to celebrate the PTA's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary to Bag2School, has resulted in nearly £4000 being raised.

### Easter Services and Activities

Although Easter will not take place until the end of the holidays, we have been celebrating Easter in school. Supported by our local Clergy team, children took part in special Easter assemblies at school. Pupils in KS2 will also have the opportunity to watch a special Easter play tomorrow performed by CRiBS (Christian Resources in Bexley Schools).



We are really looking forward to seeing our younger pupils in their Easter Hat Parade tomorrow. Children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 will be taking part and we hope they've enjoyed making their creations and will have fun showing them off. Thank you for taking the time to support your child with making their Easter hat.

### Staff news

Tomorrow the school will be saying goodbye and good luck to Ms Smith in Year 2 and Mrs Chapman one of our Midday Supervisors. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Pask on 20 April. The school has been lucky enough to work with such talented and dedicated staff and they will be very much missed. We wish them well as they leave to start a new chapter of their lives.



Mrs Netherton has now started her secondment as Head of School at St Paulinus Primary School. We wish her well and know she will do a fabulous job. Mrs Ivil will be back in school when we return after the Easter break, and she will be supported by myself as Deputy Head Teacher, along with Miss Edwards and Mrs Hill as Assistant Head Teachers.

This week we welcomed back from maternity leave Miss Major who will be replacing Mrs Pask in 1PP. Mrs Midda will be covering Head of Year time on her return after Easter.

## Covid

Although Covid restrictions have eased, the number of cases in school and the local community still remains high. When we return after Easter, the Government have announced that should your child be unwell with a high temperature, they should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. Children can return to school when they no longer have a high temperature and are well enough to attend.

## New Initiatives this term

**Lost Property:** Unfortunately the amount of lost property and un-named items within the school remains very high. Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are named so that owners can be re-united with their mis-placed items. After each play time, year groups will carry out a sweep of the playground for any discarded items and all named items will be returned to their owners. Any items which are not named will be placed in the lost property boxes in the KS2 playground or outside Nursery.

**Mountain Climber Passport:** This term, the school introduced pupils to the Old Bexley Mountain Climber Passport. Based on the Fruit of the Spirit, pupils have the opportunity throughout the school year to participate in a variety of experiences and challenges which link with the school's values.

**Bench for Gordon:** Earlier this month, the Head Boy and Head Girl, along with members of the School Council, took part in a bench unveiling ceremony in memory of our Lollipop man Gordon. We hope you have had the opportunity to see the bench by the KS1 gate.



## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 19 April	Start of Summer Term
Friday 22 April	St George's day – wear red and white
Friday 29 April	Class photo day
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Thursday 5 May	Polling Day (school closed)
w/c 9 May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 25 May	Platinum Jubilee celebrations in school
Friday 27 May	Staff Training Day (school closed)



### Sports Day Dates

We are planning to hold Sports Day on the following dates and times:

Wednesday 29 June @ 1.30pm – Year 2 (reserve date is 6 July)  
Thursday 30 June @ 10am – Year 1 (reserve date is 7 July)  
Friday 1 July @ 10am – Reception and Nursery (reserve date is 8 July)  
Monday 4 July @ 10am – Year 5 (reserve date is 11 July)  
Monday 4 July @ 1.30pm – Year 6 (reserve date is 11 July)  
Tuesday 5 July @ 10am – Year 3 (reserve date is 12 July)  
Tuesday 5 July @ 1.30pm – Year 4 (reserve date is 12 July)

On behalf of the staff at Old Bexley, I hope you all have a safe and happy Easter break. Please remember that school finishes at 1.30pm tomorrow and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 19 April**.

Happy Easter!



Mrs G England  
Deputy Head Teacher