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Good Afternoon

Year Six have just returned from a great week away at the Windmill Hill PGL Centre in Hailsham. They have had a marvellous week, enjoying one another's company, pushing themselves physically to levels they had no idea they could achieve and eating for England. Thank you so much to all the staff who worked so hard to make this such a great experience. Y5 enjoyed a day at the British Museum on Tuesday – they learned lots about the Egyptians in preparation for their first topic in Y6 and Y2 have been to Brockhill School Farm where they made pompoms from lamb's wool and fruit kebabs for the chickens. It's also been assessment week in school, so most children have been completing their end of term tests. This is a really important job as it allows teachers to see exactly what children have learned so far this year and to plan to address any misconceptions they may have.

The Annual Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 28th March. Tickets are on sale at 20p each from class teachers. Staff kindly donate the eggs for this raffle and it's a great way to help children understand that sometimes you win and sometimes you lose when you take part in a raffle.

Remember YR – The Starfish parents, are welcome to come into school on Wednesday afternoons at 3.00pm to read their Little Wandle books with their children.

Folkestone School For Girls Open Mornings 2024 for Year 5 girls

This year FSG are running Y5 open mornings from 9.15am to 10.45am from 29th April to 3rd May 2024. If parents wish to attend, can they please register via their website: <https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/events-and-key-dates/year-5-open-mornings-2024/>. If parents want their daughters to sit the Shepway test in September, then details of this will be given at these open mornings.

Please can you bring children into school directly through their classroom doors in the morning, unless you have been given permission to go through the main entrance because of special circumstances. So many children using the entrance hall door into school is becoming a bit of an issue as we cannot monitor children's coming and going effectively.

It's almost the end of the financial year and our financial closedown will take place in the next few days. If you have any outstanding debts to the school, please pay them as soon as you can. If you are unable to pay any bills to the school because of financial hardship, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

A quick reminder that if you change your personal details – email address, telephone number, second contact information etc. please ensure that you inform the office. It's really important that we are able to get in touch with you if your child is unwell at school or in an emergency.

Easter food vouchers for £20 will be sent out as usual for eligible families next week.

Next week is the last week of term and I am sure everyone is looking forward to the break. Remember we finish on Thursday 28th March as Friday 29th March is Good Friday and a bank holiday. Our End of Term Easter Service will be held at St Leonard's Church on Wednesday morning.

Have a good weekend

Carolyn Chivers

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary - Yellow highlights – change of information /date	
25 th March – 28 th March	Travelling Book Fair – Main Reception from 3.15pm daily
26 th March	Y6 Houses of Parliament visit
27 th March	Easter Service 10am
28 th March	Last day of term 4 for pupils
15 th April	First day of term 5 for pupils
19 th April	Y3/4 trip to Kew Gardens
26 th April	Mrs Wiles Class Worship
26 th April	Friends Rock and Roll Bingo
29 th April – 3 rd May	Folkestone School for Girls Open Mornings
6 th May	Bank Holiday
8 th May	Y4 Church Morning
13 th - 16 th May	KS2 SATs
22 nd May	Hythe Bay's Got Talent
23 rd May	Y5 PESE meeting for parents (to discuss secondary transfer)
24 th May	Last day of term 5 for pupils
3 rd June	First day of term 6 for pupils
12 th June	Y5 Church Day
10 th June	Friends Father's Day Shop
10 th to 14 th June	Y1/Y2 Phonics Check
26 th June	Sports Day
27 th June	Alternative Sports Day in case of rain!
28 th June	Mrs Apps / Mrs Hughes class worship
4 th July	Slip through day – meet your new teacher
5 th July	Mrs Whitham Class Worship
5 th July	Friends Summer Party
9 th and 10 th July	Y6 Production
12 th July	End of Year Reports to parents
12 th July	YR Class Worship
15 th July	Open Afternoon
July	YR Graduation
19 th July	Leavers Service – 10am St Leonards
19 th July	Last day of term 6 for pupils
22 nd July and 23 rd July	Staff non-contact days

Anchored by God, we strive to teach children to be confident, connected, and creative through outstanding teaching and care. We show our love, tolerance, forgiveness, and compassion, not just by talking about them but living them each day of our lives.