Message from the Headteacher

I would like to start by thanking all the Year 6 pupils and teachers for their hard work preparing and sitting their SATs exams.

The pupils have worked extremely hard and should be very proud of their achievements. I would also like to thank all those parents who supported the school and their children through the after school and booster sessions.

It is important that your child attends school every day. Attendance is closely monitored by the school with the Medway Attendance Advisory Service. You could be issued a penalty notice if your child has incurred 10 or more absences that have not been authorised by the school.

If you have issues getting your child to school please contact the school office. The feed back from our new newsletter format has been extremely positive. In an effort to save paper and the environment, we will now be issuing only one newsletter per family. Newsletters will continue to be available from reception and can be accessed through the website. As we are fast approaching the end of term; I would encourage you to check the website regularly for information regarding school trips and end of year performances.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful break and look forward to seeing you in the new term.

Class photos will take place in school on Friday 9th June 2017.

As the weather turns warmer remember to provide your child with a water bottle. On very hot days don’t forget sun cream and a hat to shade from the sun.

Please remember to keep us up to date with any change of address or mobile phone numbers.

A reminder to check our website for all the latest news in school.

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Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed the start to our new topic of ‘Time Travel’ in which we have been studying the Stone Age. During our visit to the Guildhall Museum we had the opportunity to hold real stone age tools as well as an actual mammoth tooth, which had been found in Kent! The pupils loved all the aspects of the music and dance festival and the teachers were very proud of their achievements. We would like to congratulate Lukas from Class 3 for his fantastic enthusiasm to learning and the big improvements in his behaviour. Keep it up Lukas! We would like to welcome Joshua and Maria to Class 2 and Sarah and Kristian to Class 1. They have all settled in really well and have made valuable contributions to the Year group.

Year 4 launched our topic ‘All Creatures Great and Small’ with a visit to Capstone Park. During this visit the children explored a variety of habitats and living creatures. This stimulating experience provided inspiration for the children’s writing. For example, we have written a descriptive piece on various animals including the water vole, badger, toad and mole. Our class book ‘Wind in the Willows’ will provide the children with reading challenges involving fact retrieval, inference and prediction skills. All of the children have been working very hard, but in particular we would like to congratulate Lourd Ampah-Lathbridge, James Hillman and Iga Balut. We will use our forthcoming trip to the theatre to inspire our children to create their own ‘Wind in the Willows’ musical.

Congratulations to all of Year 5 for planning, creating and performing a musical interpretation of ‘The Lion King’. The show was a ‘roaring’ success! The children designed the costumes, wrote parts of the script, created the props and backdrops and rehearsed their parts. During rehearsals, the children developed their speaking, listening and performing skills. We have a couple of stars in our midst! A particular mention to Jaden Ebol, Charlie Edwards and Amy Philpott for their commitment to rehearsals. We are currently watching, with anticipation, the life cycle of a butterfly unfold. The children are captivated by this remarkable phenomenon and are gaining a real insight into the similarities and differences between species. We are all looking forward to the butterfly emerging from its cosy chrysalis.

We are very proud of all the children for their hard work during their preparation for SATs. We have been particularly amazed by the dedication and positive attitude the children have shown throughout this period. Many children attended after school and holiday boosters, which just shows how much they care about their learning. Thank you to all these children. Now SATs is over we turn our attention to our exciting new topic ‘Back to the Future’. We are launching this topic with a visit to the Science Museum. This will provide an exciting stimulus to engage the children in the wonders of science and technology. We feel that the appreciation of the power of science is essential for all future citizens. Therefore, the children will have every opportunity to explore many scientific developments.