I hope you all had a wonderful half term and have enjoyed this gorgeous weather we have had this week. On Monday, staff spent the day learning. Some had First Aid training all day whilst others spent time discussing the importance of the child/teacher relationship and started to plan for our exciting Theme week at the end of this term. They also moderated writing with other schools in our cluster. A very busy and productive day.

Next week, I am off to the borough’s Headteacher conference on Thursday and Friday so I am sorry to say, there will be no newsletter next week! It just means, the following week will be bursting with content. Have a wonderful weekend.

Staffing structure
As I am sure you are aware, we have had four members of staff head off on maternity leave this year. As a result, our leadership team has changed. I wanted to share the current leadership structure so you are aware of who to contact if you want any guidance or have a concern.

Mr Birnage Headteacher
Miss Pope Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Manager
Mrs Lindsay Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral and Community Lead
Mrs Jennings School Business Manager
Miss Davis Upper Key Stage 2 and English Leader
Miss Frost Lower Key Stage 2 and Maths Leader
Miss Howland KS1 and PE Leader
Mrs Geraghty Foundation Stage Unit Co-ordinator

If you have any questions or concerns, please direct these to the class teacher or Key Stage Leader initially. However, my door is always open and I am often on the gate so please do come and see me if you have any ideas, questions or concerns.

Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby
On Tuesday, some of us from Year 5 and 6 went to Rutlish Training Ground for tag rugby. There were 15 teams there and 7 playing in our group. We lost our first match 3-2 but we won the next 2. We also drew a game and lost another. Overall, we came 4th in our group and 6th out of 13 teams. We had a great day and enjoyed playing as a team. I think everyone should try playing Tag Rugby.

CLASS PHOTOS WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH
Pro-Resilient Workshop for Year 5 and 6 Parents

Year 5 and 6 parents were emailed information about a fantastic pro-resilience workshop we are holding at school. This is really a wonderful opportunity so I urge parents to attend the introductory meeting on Thursday 21st March at 7pm. Please see Miss Pope for more information.

I would also like to bring this wonderful TED talk to your attention about building resilience. It is only 15 minutes so please have a watch over the weekend. [https://www.ted.com/talks/julie_lythcott_haims_how_to_raise_successful_kids_without_over_parenting#t-120830](https://www.ted.com/talks/julie_lythcott_haims_how_to_raise_successful_kids_without_over_parenting#t-120830).

Dogs on site

From Monday, we are going to have to have a complete ban on dogs on site. This also includes the area just inside the gate. Sorry, I love dogs, but we have to have one rule for all.

Phones at School

A reminder of the rules for children that have phones at school:

- Phones turned off as soon as they enter the school site.
- Handed into the office in the morning.
- Collected from the office at the end of the day.
- Phones NOT allowed in child’s possession during school time.

Please remind your child of these rules if they bring their phone to school.

Radio 2’s 500 Words

The world’s biggest short-story writing competition for kids has returned. We would love for children to enter this at home. Just Google Radio 2 500 words to find out more.

Sports in the sun

School Lunches Tasting

On Monday 11th March at 2.30pm you will have the opportunity to taste the food the children are served at lunch. Before pick up, come along to the main hall to try the delicious school lunches.
£424 raised from Nursery bake sale

Thank you, parents/carers for your support.

All funds raised from the bake sales will be directly benefiting the year group. Teachers will be able to nominate how they will use this fund for the benefit of their class or jointly as a year group.

We are welcoming PARENT FUND contributions. You may have missed the voluntary collection in Dec 2018. Please refer to Mr. Birnage’s letter sent 27th Feb sharing the specific experiences funded by parent fund. Parent Fund enriches the curriculum and gives our children memorable experiences. Options for direct debit or one off contributions are available. Please refer to the poster below on how to contribute.

**KEY DATES**

**13th MARCH 2019 9AM – 10AM**
**BE Fit: Complimentary Fitness Class**
Provided by Anytime Fitness. All Parents / Carers welcome!
Venue: Hollymount
Booking open in Classlist event

**14th MARCH 2019 7:30PM – 8:30PM**
**BE Fit: Complimentary Fitness Class**
Provided by Anytime Fitness. All Hollymount Parents / Carers welcome!
Venue: Hollymount
Bookings open in Classlist event

**15th MARCH 2019 3.15PM – 5.30PM**
**Cinema Night**
For KS1 & KS2, run by Year 6

**26th APRIL 2019 8PM**
**QUIZ NIGHT: BATTLE OF THE CLASSES**
Social evening for Hollymount Parents/Carers
Venue: Hollymount
Tickets available soon...

**6th JUNE 2019**
**AGM: evening social event.**

**29th JUNE 2019**
**SUMMER FAIR: Beach Party**
Year 6 Cinema Night - Friday 15th March

Year 6 are, once again, running the hugely popular Cinema Night for KS1 and KS2, to help raise the funds they need for their France Trip in May. The movie this year is Hotel Transylvania 3 and it will begin straight after school on Friday 15th March.

N.B Parents do not need to collect their children at 3:15 if they are attending the Cinema Night. Staff and volunteers will take the children straight to the hall for the movie.

Ticket prices and collection times are as follows:
For all £4 including snack bag/drink
Collection: KS1 Terrace at 5:15pm & KS2 main playground at 5:25pm

Tickets must be purchased via Classlist by Wednesday 13th Mar at the very latest. More info and a link to the booking page will be sent out on Classlist shortly.

Year 6 appreciate all the support you can give them and hope to put on a fun afternoon for your children!

Calling Volunteers for the Art Mural Project

Theme: The Changing World

Ms. Marshall, who is the Art lead, would like to invite our parent community to help with the mural project for the fort.

We need parents from the 1st – 5th of April. You can volunteer as little or as many hours as you wish.

Please could you give your names to Otilia Gobjila (via Classlist)

Enjoy your weekend.