



Dear Parents/Carers,

An all time record was broken this week, and yesterday I was certainly feeling somewhat dizzy! I still am, today, if I am being utterly truthful. You would be forgiven for thinking I am referring to the extreme weather we've been experiencing. I am in fact talking about suffering my first loss in a chess match since I can remember—to a child in Year 6! Whilst I would like to find a suitable excuse, the truth is...our After School Chess Club is creating future champions, it would seem! Well done Deniz - keep putting in the effort—you'll go far with the level of enthusiasm you have shown!

The weather, of course, has been a prominent factor this week. Thank you for sending your children into school, and for placing confidence in our team. As I mentioned earlier in the week, your children's safety and well-being is our priority. We have ensured children are very well hydrated, cool, and listened to, to ensure they have the best possible learning experiences. With the long summer holiday approaching, and with only a few weeks until the end of term, we know that every day counts. Routines, familiarity, consistency, and relationships, matter for our children. Recently, I heard that, up to the age of 18, children only spend approximately 9% of their total waking hours inside a school classroom. I was somewhat surprised to hear this.



Attendance

At the beginning of the year, we were set an external challenge of increasing our attendance by 0.4%, over the course of the year. Together, we have proved that anything is possible—increasing our attendance by 1.4%! Whilst our attendance figures have been above the national average every week since September (95% or higher), this week our overall attendance since September is now 94.8%. Hopefully the cooler weather will get us back on track, and help us show what we can achieve collectively.

Year 6 production

Our brilliant Year 6 are working hard in the lead up to their end of year production! Whilst walking past their music session yesterday, it was uplifting to hear so much fun and enjoyment being had. We cannot wait to see Oak Class perform 'Aladdin' on our stage - an Alderwood first! As the genie says "Let's make some magic!" Mr Gregory is busy bringing the songs to life, as I write...



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday, 1st July

Road Safety workshops for Years 1-6

Thursday, 2nd July

Reception Sport's Day 1.30pm-3pm

Friday, 3rd July

KS1-KS2 Sports Day
10am

Wednesday, 8th July

Year 4 visit to the Science Museum,

Parents' Open Evening

Thursday, 9th July

Year 6 production to parents—
2pm

Friday, 10th July

Year 6 Leaver's Disco

Monday, 13th July

Bikeability—Year 6

Wednesday, 15th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Thursday, 16th July

Last day—End of term





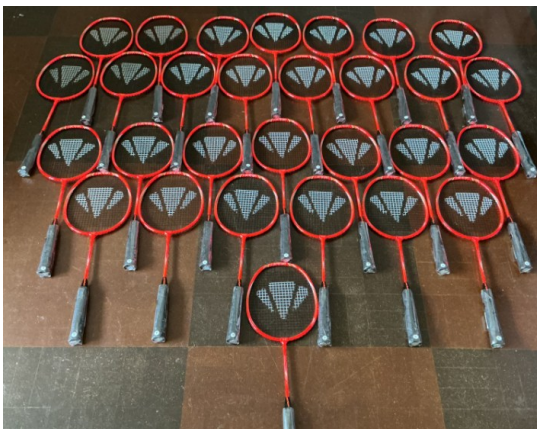
HMI Inspector visit.

Following on from our Ofsted inspection last December, we were invited to participate in research this week. On Tuesday, an HMI Inspector visited our school to find out how we use our inclusion spaces, and how we feel about what makes these spaces successful. We were part of a sample of schools recently graded as 'strong' for inclusion under the renewed education inspection framework.



New equipment

Finally, here's just some of the equipment which we have purchased ahead of September, to ensure our after school provision is rich and engaging. Badminton, tag rugby, and curling are just a few of the activities we are hoping to introduce next year. We look forward to sharing the club list with you and your children.



Exciting times ahead!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Very best wishes,

Mr Guy

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