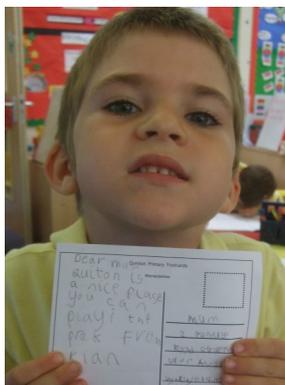


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## Newsletter

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“We want to unlock the learning potential of every child in our school, remove any barriers to learning and offer every child opportunities to develop the skills they need for a happy and successful life”

Dear Parents

The onset of a heatwave is enough to bring out words of wisdom from a variety of sources. Obviously, in school the children's welfare is paramount so please make sure that your child has a water bottle, a hat and is liberally covered in sun cream. The final newsletter of the year will be when we finish on 17th July and contain all the dates and information for the new academic year. That will also be posted on the website where you can always read any of our previous newsletters.

*David Skelcher, Headmaster*

### External Moderation by the Local Authority

Reception, (all areas); Year 2 (maths, reading and writing); and Year 6 (writing) are all moderated by the Local Authority to check that the teachers are making sound and accurate judgements.

I am delighted to confirm that all three year groups were successfully moderated. There were many areas of which we can feel very proud:

How well the teachers knew their children;

The quantity and the quality of the work in the children's books;

The high expectations and high levels of achievement;

The positive work ethic across the whole school.

**DON'T FORGET!**

**SPORTS DAY WILL TAKE PLACE**

**ON FRIDAY 10TH JULY  
9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

**INTERESTED IN BEING A PARENT GOVERNOR?**

**In the Autumn term there will be elections for parent governors. Think about it!**

### E-Safety Warning

**Children and online chat rooms/social media.**

Some children have told us they are receiving upsetting material when online. Please make sure you know who they are talking to.

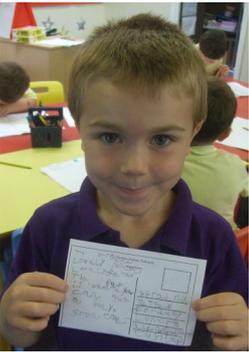
### Amazing Maths

Last year, the SATs results in maths were disappointing and didn't reflect the work and assessment that had taken place during the year. Hence, our focus for this academic year has been maths. As you know, we introduced a new style of maths homework booklets and linked these to "mathletics" sessions which took place 3 times a week. We also employed a maths specialist, Mrs Edwards, one morning a week to work across the school wherever there was most need and that has included staff training and working with children in a variety of ways. Also, we have continued with our half-termly Progress Meetings where we have pinpointed any children who needed extra support and delivered specific intervention. In order to measure the impact of all of these extra strategies, the children from year 1 - 6 took a written assessment at the beginning of the year and at the end of the year. The results have shown a massive improvement in their maths skills, almost without exception. On average, each class has improved their scores by 20% with many children making even greater progress. Well done to everyone!

**Reminder: School ends: Friday 17th July and starts again: Tuesday 8th September.**

## Induction Day

We had ours on 23rd June and as usual it was a really exciting day for the children. I think, unless you work in a school, you don't realise how big an event this is for the children as they move from the comfort and familiarity of their own classroom and teacher to new surroundings and a new teacher! These changes can be very daunting. For staff as well, they are not immune to a few nerves as they face a new cohort. Thankfully, during the day, the school remained peaceful and from what I saw, both children and staff even seemed to be enjoying themselves! That was confirmed by my conversations with lots of children at the end of the day, many of whom wanted to stay in their new classes. I know for a fact that the current Year 5 certainly enjoyed being "top of the heap" for the day. We are all looking forward to what's shaping up to be another excellent year from September. Onwards and upwards!



## End of Year Reports

These will be sent out to parents on 13th July. Don't forget, Year 2 and 6 still have levels. Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be either: **D** for developing; **S** for secure and **E** for exceeding..

## **Year 1 wrote postcards this week.**

## Year 6 End of Year Production

On Monday 13th July at 6.30 p.m. Year 6 will be performing **Glint of Gold**. I've been listening to rehearsals and it sounds absolutely fantastic. High drama, great humour and awesome acting! Don't miss it!

## Attendance

Our monthly attendance figure for June is 96%, a slight drop on last month but still above our target of 95%. Now we just have to keep it going!

## Experienced Handyman/woman Required for September

One day a week for 5 hours to maintain our school during term time. If you think you may be suitable, apply, in writing, to Mrs Maxwell, in the school office. Applicants will be thoroughly vetted and need to supply two referees.

## Ilmington Multi Sports Club - Tennis Open Day

Sunday 5th July at Ilmington Tennis Courts 2pm - 5 pm  
Come and join in the fun, mini tennis activities, adult cardio and beginner/improver tennis taster sessions.  
BBQ, Pimms and Soft Drinks Strawberries and Cream.  
New Membership Reduction if you sign up on the day.  
Bring your friends and family and join in an afternoon of free tennis activities.

## Important Bits and Pieces

- Change of contact details? - Let Mrs Maxwell know;
- Are you registered for Parent-mail?
- School Lunch costs **£2.10**;
- Don't forget sun cream and hats for the sunny weather;
- Please label your child's school uniform;
- Please do not let your child ride their bike/scooter on the playground.

## Cygnets News

At Cygnets we have been making the most of the sunshine and our under the sea theme, splashing around in the paddling pool keeping cool as we look for fish. We have also enjoyed watching the seeds we planted outside growing into lovely flowers and vegetables that we will continue to enjoy over the summer. With the summer holidays fast approaching we have lots of fun activities planned, for information about our holiday club please call us on 01789 721161.

