

# NEWSLETTER

8th June 2018

## Churchill Class Update

While most of the year 6s have been in France, we have been working on a topic: "Wildlife in our Local Area". We used persuasive language to create some fantastic information leaflets about wildlife and how to protect it.

We also took a survey around the school to find out the most popular wild animals in the area. We created a pie chart to show the results. Grass snakes came out top!

We brought in lots of wildlife books and Darcy brought in a robin's nest. She told us that there were five eggs originally but the last chick needed her dad to help it out of the nest.

Some things we have found out this week:

- There are no moles in Ireland and a mole can eat 50g of earthworms a day. *Lexy*
- A common pipistrelle bat weighs less than a £1 coin. *Mollie*
- It would cost farmers £1.8 billion a year to pollinate our crops without bees. *Zak*
- There are thirty-six different types of mouse in Europe. *Scarlet*
- Hares are not protected but their numbers have declined by 80% since the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century. They can still be hunted, even in the breeding season, leaving the babies (leverets) to starve. *Elsa*
- When a mother hedgehog is pregnant, it takes 4½ weeks until the tiny pink hoglets are born. They're not born with spines (quills) but in 2½ months they will become independent. *Ilona*
- Grass snakes pretend they're dead if they feel threatened and if they are handled, they make a horrid smell. *Willow*

Also this week, we had our last session of archery and fencing with Premier Sports which Zak won for us. We went in groups and did a carousel of activities which was great fun. Archery was more popular than fencing and we all made lots of progress. *Darcy, Elsa, Ilona*





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## Hello from Churchill Class Year 6 in France

Our Year 6 children have been on school journey in France this week. Looks like they have been having fun!



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## Class Photographs

The photography company have asked us to let you know that the proofs sent home to you this week are not available on line and need to be returned to the school office for collection.

## Summer Holiday Activity Club

We will not be running a Summer club this year as the school is having a new heating system installed, which will be for the duration of the holidays.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	94.1
Nightingale	98.5
Darwin	97.5
Shakespeare	96.6
Churchill	99.3

Churchill win Attendance Ted and Punctuality Pup. (We are sure Year 6 turned up to breakfast on time and your classmates left behind, certainly did!

Excellent attendance en France and Angleterre!

Great effort from everyone else this week too.

### Bounce Award

The children got their reward for 100% attendance in Term 5 today. Even better, they got to bounce on the field! 80 Platinum and 10 silver certificates will be awarded to the children next week.



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## Reminder

Just a reminder that packed lunches should not contain nuts of any type. Thanks.

## Bottle Tops Wanted

Shakespeare Class are using bottle tops to create a display next week. If you have any they would be very grateful. Please put them in the container in the foyer. Many thanks.



## KS2 visits to mobile library

If you have completed a consent form and your child has a library card, please remember to bring it in on Friday.

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## Sports Week

The last week of term 5 was a busy week of sports activities. During the week, all classes took it in turns to see how many times they could complete the trim trail course on the field in 10 minutes – a very competitive activity! On Thursday, Key Stage 2 took part in an interhouse competition consisting of three sports: kwik cricket, rounders and benchball. They made a great start but unfortunately the heavy rain in the afternoon meant that they were unable to continue the competition even though the children said they would play through the rain! We hope to reschedule the interhouse competition for this term.



We finished the week with Sports Day. Luckily the rain stayed away and the sun eventually came out and the children were able to complete their activities. Key Stage 1 started the day with their races, shortly followed by Key Stage 2. It was lovely to witness so much great sportsmanship between the children during the morning activities with lots of cheering and congratulating which continued in the afternoon round robin event. The afternoon events ran very smoothly with children completing eight sports stations in two minute intervals - another highly competitive time for all the children working together to be the best team. Although all the children did extremely well, there could only be one winning team; a huge well done to the Blue team who are 2018 sports day winners!

A big thank you to the children for taking part in the events; to all the staff that helped to run the activities and to the governors who put their mathematical skills to the test to calculate the team results. Finally, thank you to all the parents who attended sports day to watch and support the children as well as organising a lovely picnic lunch!

A very special thank you to Miss Weeks for organising the week so well.



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## P & F Update

Thank you to everyone who came to the P&F meeting this week. We had a full agenda covering all the events we are going to put on up until the end of the school year. Our gratitude goes to The White Hart in Newenden who provided us with some fantastic food during the course of the evening. Their hospitality was very much appreciated.

Friday 15th June sees both our non-uniform day plus our Fathers Day Sale.

Your child(ren) can wear non-uniform to school next Friday in exchange for a donation towards the tombola at our summer fayre. Please can KS1 children bring in a donation of sweets (not chocolate), and KS2 children need to bring in a bottle donation. This can be any bottle, for example, shower gel, bubble bath or alcohol. We will be on the gate in the morning at drop off to collect the donations.

During the afternoon, each class will have the opportunity to purchase a Father's Day gift for that special someone. Please can children who wish to take part please bring their money in a named purse/wallet. Gifts will range from between £1.50-£2.50 per gift!





## Studybugs

### Studybugs – report absence securely and help improve children’s health

We’re pleased to announce that Sandhurst Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child’s absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child’s ill and unable to attend school.

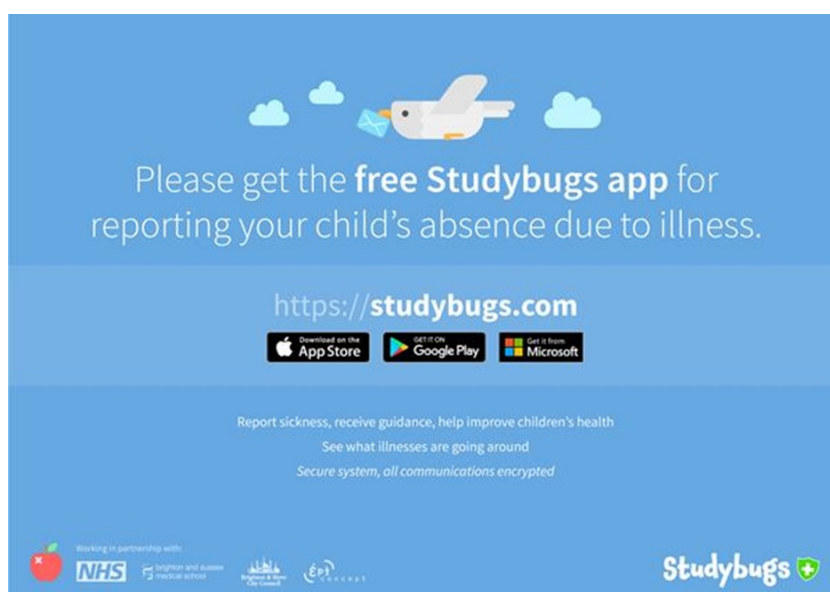
Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It’s integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It’s quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You’ll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children’s health.

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

We will be transferring to the Studybugs platform for all school to parents text and email communications. This service is free, allowing us to allocate the budgeted funds elsewhere within the school. While this transition takes place, please be aware we will be using both systems, Teachers to Parents and Studybugs, to communicate with you until everyone is signed up. We will continue to use School Money for all payments.



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## Local Events

### ARE YOU A GIRL IN YR 3 or 4 & WOULD LIKE TO TRY FOOTBALL?



**BECKLEY  
RANGERS FC**

Would you like to play for  
a team every week?

Beckley Rangers need new  
players to play u10s girls'  
football next season.

We currently play on  
most Saturday mornings at:  
The Moor in Hawkhurst.

If you're interested in taking part or joining the  
team please contact Scott Mason on:  
**07952609025** or  
**smasonuk@yahoo.co.uk**



### ARE YOU IN YR 6 & LIKE PLAYING FOOTBALL?



**BECKLEY  
RANGERS FC**

Would you like to play for a team  
every week?

Beckley Rangers need new players to  
play U12s football next season.

We play in the Crowborough League  
against teams in Tunbridge Wells and the  
surrounding areas on Sunday mornings.

**We have a Trial!**  
**Sat 9th June at 10am at**

The Moor, Hawkhurst, Cranbrook, TN18 4NR.

If you're interested in taking part or joining the  
team please contact Scott Mason on:

**07952609025** or **smasonuk@yahoo.co.uk**

Scott is a L2 FA qualified coach, CRB checked & first aid trained.



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## Diary Dates

11th Jun	<b>Year 6 Memory Book Photos</b>
14th Jun	<b>Churchill class - Bodiam trip</b> New intake parents evening 7.00 p.m.
15th Jun	<b>KS2 visit Mobile Library</b> P & F Father's Day Sale <b>P &amp; F Non Uniform day</b>
22nd Jun	INSET Day - children not in school
26th Jun	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 'Growing Up' talk</b>
30th Jun	P & F Summer Fayre
3rd Jul	<b>Shakespeare class - Bodiam trip</b>
4th Jul	<b>Darwin class - Bodiam trip</b>
5th Jul	Reports to parents Move Up Afternoon <b>Churchill Class - Meet The Teacher after school</b>
6th Jul	<b>Official Opening of the Tesco School Garden Project</b>
9th Jul	<b>KS1 Trip to Kent Life</b> Meet the teacher week after school
12 Jul	Year 6 Performance to parents
13 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Church Assembly
14 Jul	P & F Camping Day
17 Jul	Year 6 Leavers Dinner
20th Jul	Leavers Assembly
23rd Jul	INSET Day- children not in school
24th Jul	INSET Day- children not in school