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NEWSLETTER

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Whole School Update



What an amazing time we have had at school! Finally, children and staff have enjoyed a fairly normal, reasonably healthy few weeks and they have certainly made the most of it. As well as embarking on SATs and assessments for the first time in two years, children have enjoyed playing on the field all together,

trips to London and Hastings, as well as Bikeability and Forest School in school. Along with the arrival of our school chickens and a new outside stage area, things are certainly looking up for Sandhurst.



Today, we finished with a magnificent Sports Day, family picnic and Jubilee Fair to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All children have also been presented with a souvenir Jubilee Coin to commemorate the occasion.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make this term so successful, our children are so lucky and we really couldn't do it all without the support of fantastic parents, staff, governors and a supportive PTFA.



For next term, we are already looking forward to trips to Leeds Castle and The Rare Breed's Centre as well as Y6 Leavers' events and hopefully a lot more sunshine and chances to play!

Have a lovely half term, enjoy the long Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 7th June.



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Potter Class Update



What an incredible Term 5 Potter Class have had! We welcomed back our class chicks into our outdoor area and we have loved watching them grow and develop. It has been amazing to learn how to take care of chickens, and also getting into their coop to get them used to being handled.

Our theme for this term has been 'Castles'. We have loved investigating all aspects of this topic. We have explored both fiction and non-fiction themes and even welcomed a dragon egg into the classroom. We used our amazing phonics knowledge to predict what might be inside! During our woodwork sessions, we learnt how to craft medieval swords. We measured the wood, used the saw to cut it, we then attached the parts using the drill and sanded them to finish. We certainly are becoming expert carpenters!

Miss Beaney keeps telling us what Superstar mathematicians we are. During the hot weather, we enjoyed exploring maths in our outside area. We have investigated capacity, delved into odd and even numbers and even used natural materials to learn about halving and doubling.

Finally, this term also bought another first for Potter Class. We spent all term practising hard for our first ever sports day. We showed mountains of bravery as we participated in three races for our peers and family.

Potter Class wish you all a wonderful half term—enjoy the sunshine!



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Nightingale Class Update

We have had a brilliant term in Nightingale Class. We have thoroughly enjoyed having the chance to visit Windmill Woods for our Forest School sessions. It is lovely to see the children show off their different interests and strengths and we have really loved spending time in such a special place.

I am thrilled with the progress I have seen in the children's writing this term. We seem to be flying into a more mature and independent approach to our learning and it is wonderful to see how the children can embed all that they have learnt so far this year to produce some brilliant stories, fact files and recipe writing.

We have really enjoyed learning about money. Please let your child show you what they have learnt by having a go in the shops or counting pocket money!

In science, we have been learning all about habitats and it has been fascinating to see how the children show an interest in learning about different habitats. For RE we have learnt all about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat, and we loved making Challah bread which is eaten during Shabbat.

Our big focus, as we approach the next term, is still our phonics. Thank you for all of the continued support at home; I have been blown away with the progress some children have made with their phonics and reading. Please continue to read over the half term as we have the phonics screening in our first week of Term 6.

I hope you have a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing you all next term.



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Darwin Class Update

Darwin have had another successful and fantastic term of learning. Well done to Year 2 for sitting Quiz Week so well.

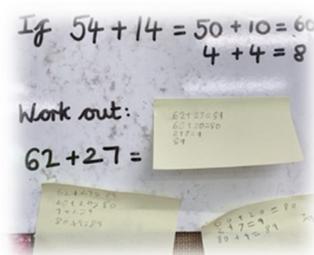
We have enjoyed our new topic, “Kings, Queens and Castles” and we have enjoyed learning about Bodiam Castle, which we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep! During topic so far, we have created our own maps and keys, read co-ordinates of maps and looked at castle features.



We have linked our art learning to topic, as always, and have created beautiful stained glass windows, portraits of the Queen and Heraldic flags. The children learnt a range of new skills in art—their favourite has been sewing!

In maths, we have had a range of lessons, recapping all the skills we have learnt before. Fractions, the four operations and shape have been some of the highlights. Darwin are super confident with their times tables now, which is fantastic!

We have written about a range of ideas and subjects in English. A favourite has been writing a letter to the Queen for the Jubilee and writing a castle description!



Pankhurst Class Update



Term 5 has been another busy term in Pankhurst class.

Our science lessons has involved investigating earthquakes and volcanoes. The children made volcanoes using custard and crackers, and we simulated an earthquake using soup and toast. This enabled the children to further their knowledge and understanding of our Earth. We also made our own volcano prints in art which were amazing.

We have been learning about the Commonwealth in topic lessons. The children did exceptionally well using an atlas to locate Commonwealth countries, and wrote fact files about a chosen country using the internet to research information. Linked to this theme, we used an embossing technique and printing to produce some Commonwealth flags.

Athletics has been exciting this term. The children showed amazing upper-body strength when practising shot put and javelin.



Shakespeare Class Update

Shakespeare Class have been working hard this term and have really enjoyed our new topic of the “Queen and Commonwealth” We have created a time line of her life and fact files about different Commonwealth countries. We have carried this theme over into our art, too, and have created amazing flags which we are looking forward to seeing displayed at the Sandhurst Jubilee celebrations.

In science, we are learning all about Evolution and we have enjoyed recreating the movement of tectonic plates using tomato soup and toast and the effect of dropping asteroids from different heights!

Our English book is called “Journey to the River Sea” and is about a girl who is sent to live with her cousins in Brazil; she is very excited to meet them, but unfortunately they don’t turn out to be very nice!

We have also enjoyed our PE this term and some of the class were really looking forward to competing in a cricket tournament which was unfortunately called off due to bad weather.

Have a great break everyone! We can’t wait for the final term of the year with lots to look forward to.



Churchill Class Update

Churchill Class have been very busy this term. In April we went to Safety in Action where we learnt how to be safe when entering secondary school. We went by double decker bus to Fosse Bank School where it was held. We were split into groups of ten, and went around all of the tents. There was road safety, fire safety, electrical safety, water safety, relationships, rail safety and peer pressure to name a few.



SATs week was in early May and we did tests in the morning from Monday to

Thursday. We were allowed to go to breakfast club for free in the mornings so that we could catch up with our friends and make sure that we had a good breakfast and we were not tired. As a treat, the school planned for us all to go to crazy golf afterwards to say “well done.” Some parents kindly helped out to take us there and Mr Preddy drove some of us in the St Ronan’s minibus—thank you! When we arrived, we had lunch on the beach before we could choose between three different courses: Crazy Golf, Adventure Golf and Pirate Golf.



On the penultimate Monday of term, we went down to Windmill Woods to do some descriptive writing about what we could hear, see and feel.

Over the last week, we have been doing bikeability. All of us have completed our first level on the playground and we have all finished our second level on the road, apart from one group which is doing their second level today. We have started planning the Year 6 production (Aladdin), and we have all written letters to say which part we want to be. We are looking forward to all of the fun events planned next term.



By Oscar Deacon and Rudi Powell

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Jubilee Cake Competition

Just a few photos of the amazing cakes that were brought into school for this competition. Well done, to the winners and to all the other children who took part—it was so hard to choose. Selling these cakes at the Jubilee Fair will enable us to raise even more money to improve our outside play areas. Thank you.



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Jubilee Cake Competition continued



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Sports Day

Thank you, to everyone, for the wonderful support—what a magnificent day! Well done to Miss Lett for organising the event and to all the children for taking part with such enthusiasm. Congratulations to the blue team, Bodiam, for winning.



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Sports Day



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Jubilee Fair



What a wonderful end to the term!

Thank you, to the PTFA and staff for organising everything so well.

Together, we have raised over £1000 and this will be put towards the new stage area.

Thank you.



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Local News and Events



The poster features a red background with a white polka-dot pattern. At the top left is the Cranbrook Juniors FC logo, a circular emblem with a cross and the letters 'CJFC'. To its right is the 'ACCREDITED CLUB' logo, featuring a lion and the text 'PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL'. In the top right corner, a white cloud-shaped box contains the text 'Half-term 30th-31st May'. The central focus is a large white speech bubble containing the text 'CJFC Football Camp' in bold red and blue letters. To the right of the speech bubble, a teal speech bubble contains '£50 (covers the 2 days)'. Below the speech bubble are three circular images showing children playing football on a grass field. At the bottom, a dark blue section contains white text detailing the camp's purpose and conditions, followed by a white rounded rectangle with the location 'BIG SIDE FIELD, CRANBROOK, TN17 2HD'. The registration information is at the very bottom in white text on a dark blue background.

ACCREDITED CLUB
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

Half-term
30th-31st May

CJFC
Football
Camp

£50
(covers the 2 days)

FOR PLAYERS OF ALL ABILITIES TO DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS, KEEP FIT AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

- For boys and girls in school years 1-5
- Starts at 10am and finishes at 3pm
- Lunch break (food not provided)
- Coaches are FA qualified & DBS checked
- Discount for existing club members
- Every child leaves with a trophy
- Limited availability so book early

BIG SIDE FIELD, CRANBROOK, TN17 2HD

Register at: www.cranbrookjuniorsfc.co.uk/camps

Local News and Events

The Festival Theatre
at HEVER CASTLE

heverfestival.co.uk 07379 488477

MAY - AUGUST

"My children loved seeing live theatre and play in Hever Castle gardens after. The perfect day!"

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Dates for your diary

Diary Dates 2022-23

20 th – 27 th May	Bikeability Year 6
27 th May	Sport's Day and PTFA Summer Fayre
30 th May – 6 th Jun	Half Term Holiday
6 th Jun	INSET Day – children not in school
7 th Jun	Children back to school
16 th Jun	PTFA Father's Day Sale
17 th Jun	INSET Day – children not in school
24 th Jun	Sponsored Welly Walk
28 th Jun	KS1 Trip to Rare Breeds Centre
4 th Jul	Year 6 to Kent Police Schools Open Day - letter soon
12 th Jul	KS2 Trip to Leeds Castle
13 th Jul	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal and performance to whole school Year 6 Performance to parents outside 5.30p.m.
14 th Jul	Move Up afternoon
15 th Jul	Year 6 Leaver's service at the Mission Church
18 th Jul	Year 6 Dinner 6.00 p.m.
20 th Jul	Leaver's Assembly 9.15 -10.15 End of Term
21 st Jul	INSET Day – children not in school
22 nd Jul	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day-children not in school



Term Dates 2022-23

Term 1

INSET Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September 2022

Starts Monday 5th September 2022

Ends Friday 21st October 2022

Holiday Monday 24th October 2022 - Friday 28th October 2022

Term 2

Starts Monday 31st October 2022

Ends Friday 16th December 2022

Holiday Monday 19th December 2022 – Monday 2nd January 2023

Term 3

INSET Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Starts Wednesday 4th January 2023

Ends Friday 10th February 2023

Holiday Monday 13th February 2023 – Friday 17th February 2023

Term 4

Starts Monday 20th February 2023

Ends Friday 31st March 2023

Holiday Monday 3rd April 2023– Friday 14th April 2023

Term 5

Starts Monday 17th April 2023

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2023

Ends Friday 26th May 2023

Holiday Monday 29th May 2023 – Friday 2nd June 2023

Term 6

Starts Monday 5th June 2023

INSET 23rd June, 21st July 2023

Ends Thursday 20th July 2023

INSET DAYS

1st September 2022

2nd September 2022

3rd January 2023

23rd June 2023

21st July 2023