

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year. We have had many exciting events this term with your children enjoying trips and special days in school. It was great to see the Diamond Geezers in school with Year 5. We have been developing the speaking and listening opportunities through drama. The English, Talk for Writing format focuses on building vocabulary and giving children the opportunity to act and read out their texts. The staff also enjoyed training with the Diamond Geezers and Year 5 looked at mime conveying meaning in a story. We have worked on the cycle for improvement in Design and Technology and many classes have enjoyed cooking as well as model making.

Next term we are working on developing the practical and concrete elements of Maths learning to help children remember number facts and times tables to use in reasoning problems. We are joining the local Maths Sustaining Group with other local schools to work together on our mission. This also involves working with an external Local Authority Maths curriculum lead. Alongside this focus we have purchased an exciting comprehension package which helps with analyzing interesting texts. We will also be working on our spelling development across TPF.

We are very proud of our reading progress across the schools. Junior children have been working on their genre challenges and it was great to issue completed genre challenge certificates to children in our final Junior Assembly. Infant children have shown themselves to be great readers and learning their phonics with good Little Wandle phonic progress. The staff work hard to organise all the daily phonic sounds and tricky words to meet the demands of the lessons for children to complete phonic practice and learn their tricky words.

We were very proud to work alongside Homewood School in our recent celebration for attaining our Nurture UK Award. We were filmed as an excellent case study for embedding the nurture approach across our schools.

All your children come to school with great ideas and aspirations and it is wonderful to see them support each other in play and work. We wish our Year 6 children great success as they move onto their secondary education. They are a wonderfully kind year group and the spontaneous standing ovation that they all received for their Matilda performance was very well deserved. The singing and acting was amazing! Year 2 as busy bees cared for each other on stage as they retold an important story about pollination with fantastic dancing and singing and impressive narration and speaking parts. They are ready and excited for Year 3.

We consider how our actions and words reflect our school values of love, respect, perseverance and faithfulness. The staff and governors work hand in hand to ensure the very best we can offer your children so they can continually learn, grow and flourish in a safe, inspiring and welcoming environment.

I would like to thank all the staff, governors, children and parents for their continued hard work this year. We are always very grateful to TePTA for their passion and time in their fund-raising activities and thank you for your continued support and smiles.

We wish Miss Love all the best as she takes on new adventures and thank her for her work and kindness teaching Lemur Class. We thank Mrs Bowtell and Mrs Hawkes for being part of the teaching team and thank them for their hard work leading their classes. We were very grateful that they both could offer long term cover, providing the class with stability when unforeseen staffing circumstances arose.

I am immensely proud of our whole school community and it is joy to lead our schools, as we work together to provide the best opportunities for the children.

As we say goodbye to this year and look forward to the next, please enjoy reading some of the children's favourite moments. The staff and I wish you all a very happy and safe, **HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY.**

Kind regards

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Executive Head Teacher

Year FS

"I have really liked to make things with the teachers in our class." Aurora

"I have really loved being in the big sandpit and pretending to be on the beach. There is lots to do." Thomas

"I have enjoyed being outside in the woods with the trees and learning."
Alayah

"I have liked having students in our room to work with us." Seb A

"It was good going to Hastings Aquarium. I liked the big coach. I sat with my friend. I saw the fish. They were colourful." Elsie

I liked it when Mrs McGrath helped me with my broken leg. She was very kind. I like Maths and learning about squares, circles and triangles." Rudi

"I have loved being in my classroom, it is happy. I like playing with my friends and riding the bikes. The reading corner is comfy and I like "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." Sofia W

"I like playing on the bars in the playground with my friends. I like the music in the dough-disco circles." Tiago

"I have enjoyed doing phonics with Ms Hayward, she makes it fun." Chester

"The children have enjoyed filling their Sharing Book with lots of great ideas and work from home. The teachers have enjoyed sharing activities each week."

Year 1

"Multi-sports with Mr Fraser and Mr Preston is good as we have done lots of different sports. I liked playing cricket because you get to play and hit the balls. Football is good. I like to be in goal and save the ball. Maths is my favourite subject." Albert

"I liked the Science when we heard all the sounds on the screen. There were bird noises, jingles and trumpets!"

Ava

"I liked tasting the food in Year 1 because I really liked the sour lemon. I didn't like ginger as it felt like it burnt my mouth but I do like different spicy foods." Nadia

"Maths is fun and I liked it when we were telling the time. The school trip was fun and I liked going in the mini-bus." Robin F

"My favourite subject was Science because I loved learning about putting Mentos in coke because it explodes! In Art I liked my ocean picture because I added lots of creatures to it. I used the paint and then I used pen to add more detail." Harry

"Phonics was good as I learnt new sounds and it fun. In English we read the Rainbow fish and at the end he gave away all his scales and only had one left - I like that story." Henry

The school trip to Hole Park was fun because there were lots of open space to run around and play games. My legs got tired because we did lots of walking with Edward , the owner." Jack

"PE in Year 1 was fun especially cricket because I liked hitting the ball so far away! I was in team USA and they came 4th but England won every match. I also like doing my 2x tables in Maths. "Kit

I liked Maths in Year 1 and learning to tell the time. I really enjoy playing with Lego and building houses with it." Oscar

I like learning Maths and English. In English I enjoyed the Rainbow Fish and making up my own storybooks." Arlo

"The taste test in Science was good because the marshmallows were gooey; they were sweet. I liked the ginger because most people didn't like it. I stayed in my seat while others rushed to their water bottles!" Ella

"In English, I like writing. I especially liked Jack and the Beanstalk. We changed parts of the story so the castle became a windmill. I loved that!" Ava

Year 2

"In Year 2 we have been on different adventures. I really liked our school trip to Leeds Castle." Kyan

"I loved our school play The Bee Musical. I loved all the singing together and hearing our harmonies." Adaline

"I enjoyed all our learning in Year 2, it has been fun. We drew on the tables to help us with our Part-Part-Whole and adding big numbers." Jonah

"PE is fun. I like playing freeze tag and chasing my friends!" Nailey

"I liked it when a visitor from Tenterden Wildlife talked to us about the bird skeletons he brought into school." Cade

"I liked it when we made clay houses because the clay was nice and cold and I liked my design." Ben

"I liked the school disco and getting my hair done." Nellie

"I had a lovely time doing my Pizza Project." Eva

"I like seeing my teachers because they help me learn and make me feel happy." Milly

"Science is really fun, the pond dipping man showed us different mini-beasts. I like learning about habitats. I saw the water beetle swimming very fast." Maxon

"I liked writing about a rotten sandwich for English. We had to think of something seagulls wouldn't eat, to stop them stealing Mr Grintings lunch." Eloise

"I liked our trip to Leeds Castle as I like visiting new places." Ivy

"I've loved everything, I feel happy at school and I really like seeing my friends and teachers." Sophia

"I have enjoyed drawing in Art. We used sketch pencils and drew tigers and different flowers." Isabella

I enjoyed making a pinch-pot out of clay." Primrose

"I cannot choose my best bit in Year 2 because it has all been really good fun." Harper

"The Nativity was fun and I liked learning the songs." Olivia S

"I liked the art a lot as we made clay houses and made stockings." Beauden

"We learnt about the Swan Princess and did a play at Leeds Castle." Olivia B

Year 3

"DT has been great. I have enjoyed making pneumatic toys. Mine was a golden bunny." Evie P

"In English I have been describing a powerful dragon. My dragon has long wings and can fly. It breathes out fire." Mariella

"I liked road safety in PSHE so we know how to cross the road." Ava W

"In music we have used lots of instruments to do drumming beats. This was fun." Harrison

"I have enjoyed learning on the computers and playing with my lovely friends." Seb

"Year 3 has been great because I have made lots of new friends. Science has been great because I love experiments! We made an erupting volcano!" Cami

"I have enjoyed making new friends and PE – basketball and tag rugby. My teacher is fun." Louie P

"Our teachers in Year 3 are very kind and help me. I enjoyed learning about 2D and 3D shapes in Math." Tiffany

"I like geography because sometimes we look for locations on the maps." Lewis

"In RE I liked learning about the Mustard Seed because you start off small and then grow to become wiser and helping people." Reggie

"Art has been good in Year 3 because we have been making imaginative sculptures using food boxes. I used a chocolate box to make a twisty shape." Rosie

"In Year 3 I like making the pneumatic toy. I am making a tiger which will open its mouth when I blow in to the tube." Eliza

"I have found PE really great. I have learnt lots of new netball moves." Tilly

"English has been interesting because I could write my own news report. Mine was about a Tsunami in Asia." Lenny

"I have enjoyed PE. Football, hockey, basketball and rugby were my favourites because they all involve a ball. They are exciting. The Egyptian scrolls were great and writing about the dragons!" Henry P.

"I have liked all the maths, especially times tables, division and subtraction." Henrie

"Year 3 has been good because we do lots of Maths. I enjoyed learning the properties of 2D shapes." Jackson

"I think Ancient Egyptians were fascinating to learn about! Did you know they had over 2000 gods!" Hayden

"I have enjoyed Maths- learning about time." Grace

"I think maths is good because I have Learnt my adding and subtracting." Imogen

Year 4

"I have liked English. I wrote all about going on our train journey to Bodium. It was fun." James M

"I really enjoyed sports day this year and doing our class assembly because I was the lead person and it really improved my confidence when talking out loud in front of people." Dulcie

"My favourite part of the year was making Gingerbread men with Mrs Willis for English and DT. I decorated them yellow." Lukas

"In Year 4 we have done lots of fun activities. I love maths and times tables was good, I can do these."

"I enjoyed about electricity in science and making our own torch. I liked the way that we had to problem solve to make the torch work, and I helped others too. The hardest thing was physically assembling it." Clementine

"I like making things so I have enjoyed DT. I have made a working torch. It is a cylinder with a handle and sliding door to protect the switch." Oliver R

"I have really enjoyed the school trips this year but I also loved sports day because it was fun and we got to do loads of activities." Luna

"I am so glad I joined this school because I have made lots of friends." Matilde

"In Year 4 I have really enjoyed DT and computing. We collected information about animals and produced a report." Hugo

"This year has been wonderful and full of adventures, like going on the train to Bodiam." Isabelle

"One of my highlights of the year was when we went to Tenterden Station and got on the steam train. I enjoyed it because I got to spend more time with my friends. I also enjoyed reading the book 'Escape from Pompeii' in English as I enjoy History and it taught me about what happened." Diana

"One of my favourite things about Year 4 was Roman day because we got to try different foods that Roman people would have eaten. I also enjoyed it when Mr. Egypt came in to speak to us. He also showed us artefacts." Hugo

"The thing that I liked most about Year 4 was when Mrs Lilly helped me with my English because I noticed that my writing was getting better." Layla

"My favourite thing about this year was our class assembly because we got to choose what we wanted to talk about." Reagan B

"I liked it when we did our class assembly because I got to speak really loud and my parents were very proud of me." Rocky

"I liked Maths and worked really hard to improve my times tables for the MTC check." Danny

"This year has been full of lots of sporting events. I took part in a hockey tournament, where we came close to the top. I enjoyed scoring lots of goals. We came third in a cricket tournament and I hit two sixes" Felix

Year 5

"I really liked the school trip to the aerodrome at Headcorn because it was very interesting to learn about new things. It was memorable to see the museum." Lucia

"It was really great learning about and making pop-up books in Design Technology." Edward

"I have learnt to spell and read great books." Lilly-Rose.

"This year I have been very happy to learn about the Ancient Greek." Dominic

"I really liked learning about Space and the Solar System in Science, I found it very interesting." Max S

"I enjoyed RE because it has helped me understand other religions, especially Humanists that don't have a religion but still have a different way of life." Toby

"I enjoyed History this year because we learned about the Maya and how they survived in the rainforest. We learnt how they worshipped their gods and what they built their houses out of." Amber

"What I enjoyed about Year 5 is Maths because we were learning new ways to work out subtracting and adding. We were learning about shapes and angles too." Amalia

"This year I really enjoyed Maths. In Maths we learnt about negative numbers and other things to do with units of measure. We also had a really fun school trip to the Battle of Britain Air Show." Henry

"The best memory in Year 5 for me was when we did our class assembly because I liked showing everyone what we have been learning." Ivy G

"Play in a Day with the Diamond Geezers, was all about Silent Films and we played small games that were warm ups. One of them was when we had to guess what other people were acting out in mime which was really fun! We created a film that was 10minutes long." Olivia

"My favourite memory is winning my first netball match." Imogen H

"I really liked when we were making pop-up books in DT. My pop-up book was Humpty Dumpty. Learning about space in Science was interesting too." Caleb

"I liked learning about the Alps because we also got to make food and it was interesting to learn about the mountains." Arya

"I felt quite happy and free playing football this year. Playing football has made me make more friends. Mr. Fraser has taught me to be a better player and helped me develop my skills." Jake

"I liked the Play in a Day because we were asked to make our own stories and come up with our own ideas. We were able to make the play our own and we filmed it along to music." Rosie

Year 6

"I have enjoyed History and Science. They are both equally interesting. Did you know that during World War II there were spivs (The black market)?" Gabriel

"We played Fifa and it was quite competitive and great fun!" Tycie

"When we went to Dover Castle we went through a World War 2 tunnel that was underground, it was awesome." Jesse

"Year 6 has been a place of joy. I enjoyed Year 6 with all my friends and the teachers." Zach

"I have enjoyed being a librarian. It is a great role as I can read lots of books. Everyone should respect and enjoy books." Freya T

"Activity week was great. We made pizzas, they were amazing. We made them with fresh dough and loads of toppings!" George

"It was good when we had to dismantle a bomb in the Escape Room!" Taylor

"Matilda was great – my favourite scene was the Bruce scene because I used the smoke machine to mimic a chocolatey burp." Frank

"My favourite scene in Matilda was the spelling bee because of the tense atmosphere it created and then a sense of victory." Millie

"We practised many songs which got stuck in our heads, like: When I Grow Up and Revolting Children. It made me realise how well we work together as a team." Hazel

"Matilda has helped us all with building confidence and self-esteem on a stage, with acting and singing in front of an audience." Zinnia

"When we went to Dover Castle it made me more independent and wanting to explore things." Lacie.

"When we were evacuees we were greeted by an army soldier, we were wondering whether we were about to be recruited in to the army as we boarded the train." Tyler

"When we returned to class we were shown how to make chocolate spread out of potatoes!" Saphira

"In Year 6 I enjoyed going to Young Voices. We all enjoyed every moment as we sung Hairspray!" Chelsea

"We have had time to talk about our worries. On the first day it felt like home." Rhea

"Bedgebury Pinetum was so fun because of all the parks that are scattered and hidden around the forest." Emily

"At Kench Hill we made shelters out of sticks and a tarp. Then we poured water over them to see how waterproof they were!" Charlotte

"There are no proper words to describe the wonderful time here at Tenterden CE Junior School. We learnt about World War II, which gave us more opportunities to go on trips." Sienna.