

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

We take time to reflect on some of the events and activities that we have developed and enjoyed this year.

Little Wandle phonics scheme has been a great success which has meant we have achieved high scores in Year 1 Phonic Screening and Year 2 Phonic retakes. The foundation children have also completed their phonics to a high level. Thank you to all our volunteer readers for providing children with additional time to enjoy sharing their book talk. The Little Wandle phonic scheme has focused on developing decoding skills and ensuring that children are fluent, confident readers. Next year we continue to develop reading through focusing on our libraries and book corners, continuing to make reading at the heart of our teaching and learning.

Transition Week was a great success. The children enjoyed continuing their Maths and English work with their new teacher and teaching assistants in the morning. The afternoons were spent enjoying creative activities for their first unit of work. Our website shares with you our exciting curriculum for Term 1 and Term 2. We have made strong links with the community: Tenterden Museum, Tenterden Wildlife and Tenterden Sustainability Group. Next year, we are looking to increase our Geography fieldtrips to provide first hand experiences which will include children applying their Maths and English skills. The children are ready to move to their next class as the Year 2 children move to the Junior School, having provided us with a wonderful play entitled Croak! Well done. Thank you also to Year 6 for their super play Mary Poppins and their thoughtful pieces in the Leaver's Service in St Mildred's Church. It is always a special time when the children personally collect their Bibles, filled with good wishes from all the staff. We take this moment to wish all the staff who are moving on to new adventures with special thanks to Mr. Theobald, Mrs Houston and Mrs. Matthews. We all wish Miss Burdett well and send our sincere thanks for her continued care over the years, leading our schools.

We are looking forward to continuing to welcome parents/carers into school, these include our regular Book Looks, parent evenings and opportunities for you to join your child in class for special school events. Thank you for the great support during all the Sport Days; superb fun was had by everyone in all the races! Next year, we have several opportunities for you to work in partnership with us to share your ideas and desires for your child in Tenterden Primary Federation. One meeting that we are planning we are calling 'Teapot Meetings'. There will be an invite to all parents/carers at the start of each term to share and discuss the School Improvements and forthcoming workshops. We have a strong team of expert staff and we are looking forward to offering workshops and learning experiences throughout the year. The Teapot Meetings will lead the way and an invite will be sent out in Term 1. (If you have any spare teapots we would love to have them and any spare cups and saucers too, thank you.)

It has been lovely for the children to share a lunch with you in school. Please remember you are always welcome to book via the office, a Birthday Lunch to have with your child. There will be special lunch invites throughout the year. The club list will be sent out at the start of term along with the school diary dates. Please can I remind you that our Pre-Loved clothes are in each school foyer. We would welcome any uniform donations. A reminder for Junior school children who wear their PE kit to school on their PE days, please wear the correct uniform. No branded items of PE clothing are allowed except for trainers. I would like to thank all the staff, governors, children and parents for their continued hard work this year and as we work together to provide exciting learning opportunities for next year. We are always very grateful to TePTA for fund raising for our schools and thank everyone for helping at the Summer Fair, school discos, movie nights and cake sales.

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 safe, HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAY.

Kind regards

Mrs McIntosh

Executive Head Teacher

Year FS

"We have had a BBQ outside with all my friends and I love it! I have enjoyed talking about sharks and my tricky words: true and sure." Eva

"I like playing in the playground under the trees with my lots of friends." Jude

"I like tidying up. I tidy the marble run." Bodie

"I like reading. My favourite book is a princess book." Olivia

"I like it my class because I write lots of words and sometimes they are funny." Aiya

"I love my writing my numbers." Elliot

"I love learning. Maths is fun. I can recognise my numbers to 10 without counting them." George

"I think Doh Disco is fun because it is tricky. I have a yellow pot." Nailey-Lee

"I love learning about dinosaurs! Some of them swim and some have big sharp teeth." Olivia S

"I like writing and I like all my lessons. I like maths and lunchtime because I can play with my friends and I always try my best." Summer

"I really like doing Maths because when I grow up I want to be a Scientist. I have learnt adding and sharing." Thea

"I like reading about cats. I draw pictures of animals and I use colour pencils to make them colourful." Ryan

"I like playing with the toys. I have built them a castle." Wrenn

"Dance lessons make me strong. I can skip, jump, side to side, hop and run." Nellie

"I enjoy words and saying my sounds." Kylo

"I like Maths when we are sharing counters." Finbar

"I love the Book corner because it has wonderful books and I can cuddle a teddy as I read. I like animal books." Vinnie

"I like joining numbers together to make even bigger numbers." Primrose

Year 1

"I have really loved playing with my friends and doing all my learning. I like maths using money, time and adding and taking away." Lola

"The hedgehog man told me about how to keep hedgehogs alive. It was surprising that they eat cat food! In my garden, I made a hedgehog home out of wood. A hedgehog moved in!" Ollie

"I enjoy PE with my friends. I have learnt to throw the javelin. You put one hand at the back and then throw it upwards!" Archie

"I love English. My writing is neat and small. I wrote about the Rainbow Fish. He was a blue fish and he just wanted a shiny scale! He got one at the end." Ruby

"I really liked our school trip to Hole Park. I learnt about the redwood trees. They have a really soft bark. I thought it felt like a cushion." Joseph

"Our Art is fantastic. We have looked some John Dyer paintings as he went to Cornwall. He paints beach scenes with people in the sea. There were wind breaks and umbrellas. My painting had lots of people and some were laying on sun loungers. I used oil pastels that were quite soft but it made my picture very bright. I liked it!" Hayden

"I enjoy maths because I like fractions. When you cut something in half you have 2 pieces. I can make 4 equal pieces too!" Ava

"I like writing stories in Year 1. I used the word unbelievably and I changed my character to a jelly fish. He shared a spare bed with the little blue fish." Ava W

"In Maths we were learning about the days of the week. My favourite day is Friday because we have tasty fish fingers and chips!" Neve

"We sing songs and we learnt a new song about Polar Bears! I liked it when we clapped the beat and I patted on my knees too!" Ethan

"For our Geography homework we had to draw a map. I drew a pirate map. I used symbols to show where the treasure chest was and where a monster was hiding in the palm trees!" Reece

"I like maths because we have been learning about money and time. I know all the coins in our country and I can work out how much money there is altogether. I counted in fives and twos so this made it easier to count." Cami

"I have enjoyed learning all about a Synagogue. It is a place where Jewish people pray and they sing a special song." Alannah

Year 2

"Art has been really good because we can create our own creations using colour and paint." Max

"I have really liked doing Maths because it is fun learning how to do division and times. I have learnt all about halves of objects and measuring." Clementine.

"Year 2 Science is great when you do fun experiments. When we mixed vinegar and oil to make our own lava lamps." Felix

"I really liked Year 2 maths because you can learn the right way to add and subtract." Giovanni

"Year 2 is always exciting and the teachers are kind." Erin

"My teachers always tell me something new and something that might happen in the future. My friends always help me." William

"At Kench Hill we fed chickens and stroked horses, this was fun." Dominic

"I think Geography is really fun because when we learnt about the oceans we learnt lots of facts which I like remembering." Aoife

"I have enjoyed learning about frogs, I didn't know that they use their eyes to swallow!" Ava-Sue

"I love English as I like writing about different types of stories. My favourite was about the Frog Princess." Alana

"I have enjoyed everything in Year 2. Mastery is great because we get to improve our skills." Ralph

"I liked Art as we mixed colours to make a beautiful sunset." Diana

"Computing is great. I have learnt to write coding using Scratch. Mathletics has been good. I can practise my maths skills." Ellaline

"Year 2 has been great because I have read lots of books. We have a great library and I like the animal books." Cody

"I like writing rhyming poems. In maths we can make lots of calculations in Flashback 4," Billy

"I like learning new facts each day. Ernest Shackleton got stuck in the ice and he had to do activities to keep his crew happy." Lucas

"I liked learning about The Great Fire of London. I thought it was nice and interesting." Jack

"I enjoyed our play CROAK because I was a frog. I had to talk, sing and jump." Archie

"Year 2 has been great as I have had the best teacher ever." Isabelle

Year 3

"I really like English because the story writing is my favourite. I like using my imagination. I wrote 2 pages and it was all about a girl who arrived in a wonderland and she had to escape from a castle." Martha

"I really like maths. I like the difficult questions because I like a challenge. I do this by thinking hard and reading the question carefully. I use my times tables and jottings to help me." Dominic

"PE has been great because we have taken part in lots of different sports. I don't play cricket much and PE has been a good way for me to learn the game. I think cricket is interesting and it is exciting to play." Finley

"I have learnt lots of French words in Year 3. My favourite word is 'lapine' which means rabbit." Cali

"Year 3 has been fantastic. I have really enjoyed Art. My Stone Age clay model of a home was like a tepee. I collected sticks from the field." Chloe

"I have enjoyed computing. On Wednesday I have practised my tables using TT Rockstars and Mathletics. I made a mini game using Scratch. I chose a girl who was playing hide and seek." Chayleigh

"One of my favourite subjects is history. On the Titanic Captain Edward Smith thought it would never sink so he did not have enough lifeboats. While the Titanic was travelling, he ignored all the iceberg warnings so it hit the iceberg really hard and made a hole."
Johnnie

"Year 3 has been amazing! The teachers are really nice. I have learnt a lot about the early 1900s. On the Titanic they had 4 funnels and one of them was just to let out the air from the kitchens." Joel

"In Year 3 we have been learning about David Bowie. Space Oddity was interesting. We clapped the rhythms and we drew our own pictures to show the story of the song." Oscar

"I really like English because we have learnt about lots of different genres. I feel confident about writing my own stories as I can include all my ideas and everything that I have always wanted to write about." Aneesah

"We made and performed a good play about early 1900s for our class assembly. I really liked it. I have learnt about millilitres and litres in our Maths capacity work." Oscar

"In PSHE we have been thinking about our future. I would like to be a marine biologist because you have to be brave when diving if there is a shark. I might discover a new fish species! In RE we have learnt about the Sikhi faith. In the temple you have to cover your hair to show respect." Esme

Year 4

"In Maths we have been able to work with the other Year 4 class and I have worked with lots of partners talking about maths and this has given me another perspective." Millie

"I have enjoyed everything in Year 4 as we have learnt so much with very understanding teachers. I have made lots of friends in Year 4." Eliza

"I like PSHE because we work in groups." Rhea

"I have enjoyed English. I have written lots of pages. My diary entry showed how the volcano erupted in Pompeii." George

"I like exploring History because I liked finding out what people did before they had electricity. The Ancient Egyptians mummified people when they died in order to preserve them!" Chelsea

"I have really enjoyed our maths as I am better at maths because we have had lots of hard challenges. I worked them all out. Fractions and looking at area were both very interesting units." Frank

"I have really enjoyed Science as I enjoy experiments. We made string telephones which showed me that sound is made through vibrations. This was fascinating." Charlotte

"I have so enjoyed Art because I like to see how my drawings will turn out and compare it to the original picture we have studied." Emily

"I enjoy RE because we learn about what is important in each religion." Eliza P

"I have really enjoyed being in Year 4. My teacher has always helped me and she is very kind." Emily Rose

"PE lessons have taught me lots of new sports which I like. I have really enjoyed football as I know new skills to use when tackling other players." Hiro

"I love it in Year 4 because every lesson is different and enjoyable. We have learnt our grammar and spelling in our diary writing." Arabella

"I enjoy the History topics as it is a bucketful of surprises and I have an interest for knowledge. We have learnt lots and lots and we already knew lots! Year 4 is great." Gabriel

"I liked all the new experiments in Science. I have found out about how long it takes for different types of chocolate to melt. Dark chocolate took the longest because it had less milk in it." Max

"In English I have learnt and experimented with new words in my writing. I enjoy writing my own ideas." Sapphira

"In Year 4 we have tried lots of new things. We wrote instructions how to make a Roman salad. Our double page spreads are really enjoyable." Bluebelle

Year 5

"I have really enjoyed Art because we made tipped-upside-down- ice creams. I love it that I can use paint and be really creative. My ice-cream was strawberry." Renesmee

"I love that when you are worried there are always adults who will help you. This has helped my maths improve; I can use the column method when adding." Ronnie

"PE has been great as we have had mini-tournaments and races that are really fun." Teddy

"I have enjoyed all the learning as the teachers work hard to make it fun. My maths has improved because I can answer challenging questions." Aaron

"I have enjoyed learning about The Sixties in History. I enjoyed studying Rosa Parks who stood up for equality." Isabella

"The teachers have helped us through great conversations and organising good partner work. Maths has just been amazing!" Luke

"Design and Technology is really fun because we have designed and made food for a Year 5 party. I have made soya sauce and cumin deviled eggs! We made bird boxes and sold them at the summer Fair – we made lots of money for our DT materials." Valentina

"We had an interesting day at Ashford School's Harry Potter Day. We had to find clues to see who would win the battle. We made hats and wands. In chemistry we looked at how chemicals make different coloured flames." Ollie

"I quite like maths in Year 5 because we have done lots of work and I am able to solve tricky problems." Danny

"Science has been great in Year 5 because we have done lots of experiments. We made a mixture that could be hard when you punched it but soft when you picked it up!" Jessica

"I have been doing really well in my Maths because I practise at home using my times tables. I like using Roman numerals and using decimal places." Kyle

"I love making sculptures and painting in Art. It is really fun. I have learnt how to use paint to make different colours and shades." Scarlett B.

"The way we learn in Year 5 has been great as it is well organised. The learning is continuous and we have time to study one idea in depth. English has been great as we can use our imagination in our stories." Elias

"Science experiments have been good. I enjoy Art. My sketchbook is filled with different ideas inspired by different artists. This gives me ideas in my Art." Scarlett W.

Year 6

"Year 6 has always been challenging me to be a better person. Year 6 has helped me to persevere and to keep going. I am ready and looking forward to secondary school." Zane

"The teachers are nice and I have loved every second of Year 6." Leo

"The fact that we got to do different school trips has been fun. Every time we have done things we have never done before it is amazing!" Eliza

"I like the sports in Year 6. I played striker/left wing in the football team, we only lost one game and I scored 6 goals! I played GD for the netball team for the school and we won lots of matches." Max

"I really enjoy SING OUT Club. I like, 'Where do all the Guitars go? I went to Young Voices. GREAT!" Fleurie

"I enjoyed RE because we share our own opinions. I really enjoyed the silent disco at the Isle of Wight trip." Matilda

"I have enjoyed everything in Year 6, it has been fun. Maths has been great because I have learnt lots of new skills." Hailey

"Art has been great because each term we have completed something different and it has been very creative. I was proud of my research and painting inspired by Freida Carlo." Evie

"Maths has been exciting because we learn lots of new skills. Fractions were fun!" Louie

"I love doing Maths because I can learn new concepts." Freddie

"In PE we have taken part in lots of tournaments. Music was fun and singing in Mary Poppins has really built up my confidence." Tallulah

"Year 6 was fun! I enjoyed the bowling trip." Charlie

"The PE has been great and I liked the school trips. I enjoyed Activity Week, the water maze at Hever Castle was amazing!" Will

"I like the fact that you are the oldest in the school and the younger children look up to us. I always help other years in my Sport Leader role." William

"I have enjoyed travelling to new place in Year 6. Evacuation Day we learnt about WW2 and how Britain defended itself." Yaan

"I really enjoyed being Mary Poppins in our school play. I was really proud and how my friends were so supportive. This helped me to push myself." Belle

"Mary Poppins Junior was so fun and because we have music teacher he helped us to become engrossed in the play. This helped me to realise I really enjoy acting and I may want to do this as a career." Caitlin

"I like PSHE. The different activities help us to make friends and give us life tips." Vivienne

"I like PSHE because it has been a great asset to my life to help me understand respect and people's feelings in life." Fraser