



Effort Cups for this week

<i>Dragonflies</i>	<i>Caterpillars</i>	<i>Wiggly Worms</i>	<i>Ants</i>	<i>Ladybirds</i>	<i>Butterflies</i>	<i>Busy Bees</i>	<i>Grass hoppers</i>	<i>Seals</i>	<i>Starfish</i>
Saffron G	Amelia F	Jessica H	Darcie L	Zach E	Jayden F	Sam W	Jack G	Jamie L	Isabelle M
<i>Octopuses</i>	<i>Seahorses</i>	<i>Dolphins</i>	<i>Lions</i>	<i>Leopards</i>	<i>Pumas</i>	<i>Jaguars</i>	<i>Tigers</i>		
Jessica H	Ellie H	Sofia S	Harry E	Skyla M	Ewan W	Lewis G	Lewis G		

Housepoints for this week

Augustine	Becket	Marlowe	Chaucer
IT	IS	A	ROLLOVER

This Week's Attendance Data

Caterpillars	Dragonflies	Wiggly Worms	Ants	Ladybirds	Busy Bees	Grasshoppers	Butterflies
94.3%	94.6%	99.5%	96.4%	94.6%	95.2%	97.6%	100%
96.4%	99.1%	93.1%	99.1%	95.6%	<i>Well done to BUTTERFLIES for 100% attendance.</i>		
97.5%	97.5%	97.4%	99.0%	95.3%			
					Whole school		

	Week to date	Year to date	Target
Whole school data	96.7%	96.1%	96.7% or more!

Attendance for this week is at our target at of 96.7%, however our Year to date is just below at 96.1%!

Well done BUTTERFLIES class who had 100% attendance this week.

Even though this has been a short week with the bank holiday weekend, it has not stopped the staff and the children from continuing to persevere with their learning and the challenges of each and every day. The Year 6 children are building up their momentum in preparation for SATS week next week. The school will be providing breakfast for them each morning which we find really helps them, firstly, to be with their friends and calm their nerves but also to give them a healthy and nutritious start to the day. The teachers and staff in the school will also pop into the hall to have a chat and give them some words of encouragement. We are all really proud of them and it is so important that we let them know this. Year 1 shared their worship with parents on Thursday afternoon and showed everyone how amazing they were. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend, we hope that you enjoyed sharing in this special time with your children. Early Years visited the Rare Breeds Centre on Thursday and had a terrific day out. They were really lucky to see so many baby animals and it was a wonderful hands on learning experience for them. On Thursday part of the school was used as a Polling Station and we would like to thank everyone for their patience and consideration regarding this. We hope that it did not inconvenience anyone too much.

Wrist Bands

Please could you check at home for the pink wrist bands that are issued to children who are having a school dinner. Our stocks have suddenly become depleted so if any have made their way home please could they be returned to the school office asap.

PTFA

The PTFA held their AGM this Thursday but it was disappointing that no other parents apart from the current committee were able to join us, although I know that some parents were in the Early Years trip on that day. It was lovely to look back at the events that were held over the last year and to talk about what the PTFA have helped to fund in the school. We talked about future fundraising opportunities including the Fathers Day shopping event and the summer funday, which will be taking place on 1st July Do keep an eye out for our updates on the PTFA Facebook page.

South East Air Show 2017

This year the school have been asked to support the South East Air Show. The main attraction will be the infamous Red Arrows who perform some incredible flying displays. We will be having a 'Wear RED' non-uniform day on Friday 23rd June and suggest a donation of £1 to support this.



In March, our Year 6 children entered the Radio 2 500 Words Competition. We are **extremely** proud to announce that one of our children has been selected from over 131,798 entries to go through to the next round. Ruby Mathias was one of only 5000 entries chosen from across the country.

We are incredibly proud of this achievement and wish her every success in the final round. Good luck Ruby!



Congratulations to Our Buster Book Club class trophy winners this week

KS1 Busy Bees KS2 Seahorse

KEEP READING!

Parent Council

The Parent Council met last Friday and once again it was a very small group of parents so they are looking for new members to join them. The Parent Council have a very special role to play within the school as they provide a very important voice for you all. Their role is to raise issues of concern on your behalf and also to share when things are working well. They help the school to evaluate and improve the way it is operating. Joining the Parent Council would be a small commitment of your time but could make a big difference to the school. We do hope that numbers will increase ready for the next meeting which will be held on Friday 19th May at 1.30 pm.

Parent Council

Who are the parent council? We are a group of parents who meet with the Headteacher and Deputy Head on a termly basis in order to bring questions, queries and suggestions directly from the parent body within Reculver school.

Why is this important? This group is really important because it means that the school's Senior Leadership Team get to hear the views of the parent community and can either explain the reason for decisions that have been made or make changes that also need to happen.

How can you help?

Can you give up an hour (usually on a Friday) once every term to be on the parent council? Our meetings are friendly and informal.

Parent council have given input into the format of school reports, have been in and monitored and sampled school dinners, have advised on communication and clubs and so much more. They even got a sneak preview and tour of the new SEN hub and building work during last week's visit.

If you would like to represent your child's year group, please pop into the office or catch Mrs Ashley-Jones or Mrs Collins on the gate.

Thank you

Diary Dates Term 5

Monday 8th May	KS2 SATS Week
Monday 8th—Wednesday 10th May	School Nurse Year R Health Screening
Monday 15th May	KS1 SATS Week
Tuesday 16th May	Class Photos
Wednesday 17th May	Early Years Sports Day 9.30 am
Monday 22nd May	Bikeability Week
Tuesday 23rd May	Year 6 Residential Trip meeting for parents 6.00 pm
Friday 26th May	End of Term 5

EARLY YEARS: Wow, what a busy and exciting week we have had in Early Years! On Thursday, we spent the day at the Rare Breeds Centre, in Ashford. We explored the different areas of the centre and saw lots of animals, some of which we had never seen before. The pig race was brilliant and we got to pet some very special baby animals. We all had our favourites, which will be going to create clay models. These will then become the focus of our learning next week. We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to the parent helpers who joined us for the day.

Sports Day: We have been out practising for our Sports Day, learning the different races that we will take part in. Please remember that Sports Day is the 17th May at 9:30am.

YEAR 2:

Year 2 have got well under way learning about Hinduism. They have learned about the 'Aum' symbol and made beautiful sun catchers depicting the symbol. They have also been creative, making rangoli patterns using seeds and lentils. The children have learned a new art technique called 'Sgraffito' where they have scratched away a surface to reveal a colourful pattern underneath as they designed their own carnival float. The children have written fantastic imaginative stories about finding a magic stick which turned them into a superhero. Their rescues have been a great read!

YEAR 3/4: This week, we have continued our learning about the rainforest and have enjoyed using inspiration from Rudyard Kipling's *The Jungle Book* in our reading and writing. The children have written some fantastic descriptions of settings and action scenes, using interesting sentences openers. They have also continued work on their miniature rainforests-in-a-box, which are really coming to life. In maths, we have been learning about time, so do encourage your children to notice the world of time around them over the coming weeks. As always, reading remains a top priority in middle school and we would love to see as many children as possible having their bookmark signed on Buster Book Club Reading Day (Wednesday). All their minutes of reading help our class totals and they love it when we do well! Have a lovely weekend from the Lower KS2 Team

We continued to look at our Bible verse for the term, by exploring what it means to be noble and right. We watched the amazing footage of the London Marathon runner, who stopped to pick up a man who collapsed about 200m from the finish line, helping him finish the race. We were truly inspired by his noble act and considered ways we could be noble, by putting the needs or desires of others before their own.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16

YEAR 1: In English Year 1 have been travelling on magic carpets all around the world. Improving their descriptions with the use of a variety of adjectives. We are noticing an improvement in the accurate use of capital letters and full stops across year 1 which is fabulous. We have enjoyed doubling and halving in Maths and will be dividing next week. We hope you enjoyed our Class Worship on Thursday, thank you so much for coming along and supporting the children.

YEAR 5:

This week has been as busy as always. The children have now finished writing their prequel to the story 'Clockwork'.

Once again we've been very impressed with their efforts and attention to detail. In RE we've continued with our work on the question, 'What would Jesus do?' This will be incorporated into our upcoming year 5 assembly on 11th May at 2.40pm, which you are invited to attend. We've dissected a daffodil to explore the parts of a flower and learn about their roles, alongside learning about insect and wind pollination. Next week we'll be moving on to our new Science topic of 'Materials' and revising our learning in preparation for testing in the week beginning 15th May.

YEAR 6:

Our visit from The Home Front Bus has been confirmed for Wednesday 17th May. Please remember there is a voluntary contribution of £2.00 per child to cover the cost of this event. It is a fantastic opportunity to once again immerse the children in life on the home front during World War 2. This can be paid via Parent Pay. We have been able to heavily subsidise the cost of this however if we do not receive sufficient funding, unfortunately the event will be cancelled.

To further enhance this experience, we would like the children to come in wearing World War 2 themed fancy dress. This could be: an evacuee, soldier, military personnel, nurse, shop owner or anything 1940s.

As you are well aware, next week is an important time for the children. We will be providing a free breakfast before school to help prepare the children for the days ahead/This is a great opportunity for the children to socialise with their peers before school and to remain calm and settled. The SATs breakfast will be starting at 8am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It will not be available on Friday as there will be no testing on this day.

To reward our children for all of their hard work and perseverance we would like to invite them all to a celebratory picnic which will take place on Thursday afternoon. We will provide some snacks and refreshments, however would be grateful if your child could bring a contribution to share with their peers. This could be in the form of a large bag of crisps, sausage rolls, fruit or cakes etc. Please do not send in any fizzy drinks or sweets.

Your children have done themselves proud this week in the final run up to the SATs. We are so happy with them and their continuous resilience to anything put in front of them. Make sure they have a lovely rest this weekend ready to hit the ground running on Monday.

Thank you all for your continued support. Year 6 team.