

**Friday** 24 June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Summer Fair**

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at our Summer Fair on Saturday, the first for several years. What a wonderful family event. It was also great to see families who have now left our school and those who are joining us in September. So many people were involved in making this event such a success. Special thanks to Kate and the site team, the band of volunteers who cleared up, our amazing PTA and the large number of parents and family who set up and ran the numerous stalls. The fair raised around an astonishing £10,000 which will be shared between both schools.

### **Aardman Animations artwork**

For three days this week we have been privileged to welcome Jim Parkyn, who works with Aardman Animations, to work alongside us and create a wonderful piece of art to mark our 50th anniversary. Jim worked with every child and members of staff to create the sculpture. He has made a short film of the process which we will share with you very soon. Please look on our website for more information and pictures, the finished artwork is shown below, it will be proudly displayed in the school.



**Country Dancing**

On Thursday morning a group of our Year 1 children took part in the Borough Country Dancing festival at Kingsmeadow stadium. They performed beautifully and we were very proud of them .

### **50th Anniversary school t-shirts**

To celebrate our anniversary we have created a special Coombe Hill t-shirt. These were for sale at the Summer Fair and we have a few left. If you would like to buy one please go to your Parentpay account where you will see them listed as an item. They are £5 each and there are two sizes - youth medium and youth small.

### **Respectful behaviour**

Please could we remind you to be considerate of our neighbours when parking in the local side streets, particularly Lord Chancellors' Avenue and Crown Road. This week a parent parked across the driveway of a property blocking the resident in who needed to leave urgently to attend a hospital appointment. This is clearly inconsiderate and unacceptable and damages the reputation of our school. Please park considerately and if there is no space, drive away and park elsewhere. As well as this please do not let your children play on residential driveways and in gardens. Thank you.

We regularly remind your children about being respectful and having good manners. It is so important that as well as teaching them we also need to model this behaviour. We are currently experiencing some unpleasant behaviour from a very small number of parents and we request that you are mindful of the impact this may have on staff who are trying very hard to be supportive.

### **Camp Evening**

On Tuesday 5th July from 6 -8pm our Year 2 children will be invited to their Leavers' celebration, an evening of fun and games at the School. Please look out for the letter with full details early next week.

### **Summer Concert**

On Thursday 7th July in the morning we will be celebrating the year with our annual Summer Concert. Everyone is invited. Please make your way to the Adventure playground after you have dropped your child off. We are hoping to have coffee and refreshments available at the front of the school. You may want to bring chairs /picnic blankets with you. Again, we will be requesting that any photographs or film are only for personal use and must not be posted online, thank you for your support. More details to follow.

### **Transitions**

At this stage in the school year we beginning to focus on transition. Your children are busy preparing for their next step. On Wednesday we met the families of our new Reception children. It was great to meet in person and we look forward to getting to know everyone and to meeting the children. Year 2 children met their new Junior school teachers today and on Wednesday 6th July they will visit their new school. We are currently making final changes to our staffing for September and will let you know which class your child will be moving to very soon.

**Visit from an Elite Athlete**

On Tuesday, Frederick Afrifa, a talented athlete will be visiting the school as part of the Sports for Schools scheme. He will be running fitness circuits with the children and leading an assembly where the children will have the opportunity to ask him questions. Your children will have received sponsorship forms in their blue bags today and all money raised will go towards sports equipment for the School. Thank you very much for your support.

**Diversity Meeting**

Our Celebrating Diversity committee will be holding a meeting on Wednesday 29 June from 9 - 10.30am in the Studio. Everyone is welcome to come along.

**Love the Ball - Summer Camp**

Bookings are now being taken for Love the Ball's Summer camp at the School. Please find details attached.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards

Janet Berry