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**Message from Miss Talbot**

Dear Parents,

I have very much missed everyone at Godinton over the past 6 weeks. It has been very frustrating to be away from school and I am very sorry not to have been a part of all the exciting things that have happened this term. It was therefore a really lovely surprise to receive a fantastic, and very large, get well card from all the children this morning, containing so many lovely messages – it really cheered me up. Thank you so much.



One of the other things that I have missed this term is how lovely our school site always looks at this time of year. When I was last in school, the trees were without leaves and the daffodils were still out – I know that now the site will have really blossomed. I hope that the children have enjoyed being able to get out on the field and the new playground markings that the MMT created. The staff love using our fantastic grounds for outdoor learning at this time of year and I am sure that in the coming weeks we will see lots of use of our school garden and the woodland.

I am sure that Year 5 would have welcomed a little more of the sunshine we have had recently when they were away on their residential trip to Kingswood before Easter. Despite the rain, I know that the children had a fantastic time and their behaviour was praised by all the staff who attended. Supervising children on a trip like this is always hard work and I am extremely grateful to all the staff who took part for making the trip such a success for the children. We have another residential to look forward to before the end of the academic year as well as more school trips, our Summer Fair and lots of summer sports activities. It really is an exciting time of year!

Finally I just want to say well done to Year 2 and Year 6 for how hard they have worked in the run up to their SATs. I know that they will have all given everything their best shot, which is all we ever ask and whatever the outcome we are very proud of them all.

I hope that everyone has a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

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## Sats Testing

I am sure that you will all join us in congratulating the children on their hard work and perseverance with their recent sats tests. These have taken place in Year 2 and 6 during the month of May. All the children did their very best and worked incredibly hard on these. The teachers in both year groups felt proud of their work ethic and hope that they all achieve the results that they deserve.

## Geography Day

On Wednesday of this week we had our whole school Geography day where all the classes were involved with field work and learning more about the UK and cities around the world. Our Geography coordinator, Miss Coveney, organised an orienteering event that took place on the school field that involved classes practising their map reading skills to find the hidden name of a city. The children completed this in various times ranging from 6 to 19 minutes. All the children thoroughly enjoyed their activities and Miss Collins and I have seen lots of amazing maps with children receiving gold cards! Thanks go to Miss Coveney for organising the day and congratulations to Ethan, Raunak, Toby, Rylee, Bert, Jady, Archie and Quinlan in Year 4 for completing the course in an astonishing time of 6 minutes and 40 seconds!



## Staffing News



We are delighted to be able to tell you that Mrs Fagg is pregnant with her first child. We wish her and her husband congratulations on their happy news.

## Class Assemblies

We have enjoyed some wonderful class assemblies again this term and the children have very much enjoyed sharing their efforts with parents, carers and relatives. The Kingfishers have demonstrated their musical talents with an assembly that had them playing their ukuleles and showing the skills that they have been learning in their music lessons this year. We were then treated to an equally fabulous assembly by the Cuckoos class about space. This was quickly followed by our Year 1 children in the Foxes and Otters classes presenting their wonderful assemblies on keeping ourselves safe and how plants grow.

We look forward to welcoming parents into school for our Foundation stage class assemblies on Friday 8th June (Rabbits and Hedgehogs) and Friday 15th June (Moles and Badgers). All assemblies will start at 2.40 and will finish at 3.00 allowing enough time for the children to get back to their classrooms and change ready for the end of the school day. Please can I remind you that if you do take photographs during the assembly that we ask that these are not posted on social media and are only reserved for personal use.

## Residential Trip to Kingswood

Our Year 5 children took part in their first residential visit just before the Easter holidays. Despite having rain for the majority of their stay, the children had a fantastic time making the best of the activities and challenges available to them and thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Many children were able to overcome challenges and fears as a result of taking part in the trip, providing opportunities to boost their confidence and self-esteem as well as generally having a great time! Thank you to all the staff who looked after the children for the duration of the trip.



## PTFA News



We are all looking forward to our Summer Fun Saturday on the 30th June where we will have all our usual stalls to begin to raise additional funds for the children in the school. There has been lots of fun planned by the PTFA including a new attraction of a gunge tank! We have two brave volunteers in Mrs Ellis and Mr Lund who have agreed to be gunged but only if enough money is raised. The person who raises the most money will be gunged on Saturday so look out for fundraising buckets prior to the fayre and during the activities. Please be aware that Friday 22nd June will be a non-uniform day in return for bringing in items for the Summer fun Saturday. The PTFA will also be providing a school disco on Friday 6th July. Thank you to everyone for your continued support with these events.

## Appropriate use of language

Unfortunately we have had some incidents reported to us regarding the inappropriate use of language on the playground by parents. Can we respectfully ask that any inappropriate language is not used within the confines of the school grounds and that as parents and adults supporting the children we consider our choice of words carefully around them.



## School Trips

During Term 5 we have already taken part in the Maths competition at Ashford School and Year 4 have transformed their classrooms into brilliant Cafés to share their culinary skills with their parents. In Term 6, Year 1 and Year 3 have a trip to Godinton House to look forward to and Year 4 are expecting a visit from the Home Front Bus. Year 6 have a whole week of fun activities to enjoy culminating with a much anticipated trip to Chessington World of Adventures. Year 6 also have their French residential visit to Hardelet ahead of

them and Year 5 will be experiencing a Tudor day in school on Friday 12th July.

## Sports News

We are incredibly proud of both of our Hi5 teams, the Sharks and the Jets, for competing in the Hi5 tournament on Saturday 22nd April. It was a really tough



morning and the children played exceptionally well. The Jets came 6th in their pool and fantastically The Sharks not only won their pool but also the tournament for the 'middle sized school section'. We have checked our records and checked with Mr Daisey (due to the length of time he has been at Godinton) and it would seem it is the first time we have ever won this shield!! Well done to you all, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Crowfoot are extremely proud.



In other news, our football team have also had a successful term. The team came second in the North League and had to play the winners of the South League, Furley Park. Unfortunately, Furley Park beat our team so we then had a play off for third and fourth place and we won. This means that overall we came second in the North League and 3rd out of 12 teams in total. The team performed brilliantly! In addition to this, Harley Neviani was given an extra medal in recognition of being the Top Goal Scorer—well done. Thank you to all the adults for supporting the children with these events and clubs.

## A Wacky Mile Thank You

Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children to complete the wacky mile prior to the Easter holidays. We raised £676.38 for Sports Relief and £1392.53 for the school. The monies raised for the school will now be used to pay for multiple standalone iPads to be used within classes for a range of activities and the charity money has been sent to them.

**Other News...** Please can we take the opportunity to remind you that the school will have an INSET day in TERM 6 on **Monday 18th June** and school will therefore be closed to pupils.