

Our whole school value for next half term is **Independence**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a term we have had! It is hard to believe that we now only have 7 weeks of school left for this academic year. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children completed their SATs last week and we are so immensely proud of how positive, determined and hardworking they were. Congratulations to our delightful Year 1 children who also had their phonic screening assessments.

We have celebrated the Royal Wedding in true British style by having a whole school picnic lunch, complete with bunting and balloons. The children and staff had a lovely afternoon learning all about our Royal Family. We even held a handwriting competition in collaboration with Her Majesty the Queen herself in order to celebrate the event. I am delighted to announce that the winners from each year group were: Roan Garrett, Ella , Ella Barrett, Robyn Taylor, Jenson Bishop, Matthew Garner, Harry Smith

Our overnight camp was a roaring success; wonderful memories were made! We will most definitely be doing this again – thank you to all of the staff who gave up their Friday night to attend and make this such a fantastic event for our children.

This term we have introduced a “Star Staff Award”. Every member of staff has nominated a person that they feel deserves this award. This term, the winner was Miss Noble due to her constant team ethos; willingness to participate in all after school activities; thoughtfulness for others and generally being a selfless person who is always going the extra mile! Well done Miss Noble – we are extremely lucky to have you at Cogenhoe.

### **Sun Protection**

As we approach the final summer term, we are of course hoping for lots of sunshine so that we can enjoy picnics on the school field and lots of outdoor learning. Can we please remind all parents to ensure that children have a hat/cap in school with them every day and a re-fillable water bottle. We would suggest and recommend that all day sun-cream is applied in the morning before school, to ensure that children are adequately protected throughout the school day. Staff are unable to apply sun-cream on children but we will of course remind children about applying sun-cream regularly, wearing the correct clothing and keeping hydrated through our whole school assemblies and class sessions.

### **Great British Plastic Pick Up**

We were delighted to have been the only school in the whole County to have been taking part in this initiative in collaboration with the Daily Mail. Our children loved getting involved for the afternoon and were amazed at all of the plastic which was collected – thank you to the parents and Governors who came to join in. Also, a huge thank you to Tom from Radio Northampton who covered the story – the children were very excited about being interviewed (and so was I!!!)

Many thanks again to both Mrs Reeve and Mrs Phillips for organising such a fantastic event!

### **Staffing Updates**

Miss Horrocks, our lovely Year 3 teacher and SENCO will be leaving us at the end of July to embark on a new adventure at a local school. We wish her all the best and am sure you will join us in congratulating her. We are delighted to announce that Miss Noble will be taking on this new role from September. She is already very excited and we are confident that she is going to do a superb job.

Myself and the Cogenhoe team are absolutely delighted that our amazing Mrs Reeve will be becoming a permanent, full-time fixture to our school from September. She will be taking on a class responsibility.

In other news, we are very proud of Mr Evans – he will be our new Maths lead from September and we are confident that he is going to do a superb job!

After half term, I will update you all on which class teachers and support staff are going to be in for the next academic year.

### **Sport at Cogenhoe**

We are now official Goalball County Champions! A huge well done to our team and an even bigger thank you to Mr Evans for organising the event.

In other news, thanks again to Mr Esherwood for organising an amazing Year 5 and 6 football tournament at Goals. In total, 7 other local schools took part and we were delighted to have just missed out on first place. The boys all looked so smart in their new kit and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

Year 6 will be starting their swimming sessions after half term and are very excited.

Keep your eyes out for some new, sporty additions to our playground which will hopefully be in place before the end of the academic year. We will be using some of the sports funding money that we have left over to make sure that our children are able to keep very active at lunchtimes and breaktimes.

Our new Muga will have its official opening after half term – please see other correspondence for how you can get involved! We hope to see lots of our mums, dads, aunties, uncles and grandmas on the dodgeball pitch!

Lastly, the dancing rehearsals are well under way for the Strictly team in Year 1 and Year 2. Mrs Walters and Mrs Bailey are doing the cha,cha,cha in their sleep! We cannot wait to see you on stage!

### Club Thursday's

We are continually trying to give our children lots of opportunity to take part in after school clubs which encourage them to try and learn new things and to be able to spend time with their friends outside of school lessons.

After half term, on every Thursday, your child will be able to choose from a selection of clubs including: Sports, Film clubs, Arts and Crafts and Board Games to name a few. The children will be able to sign up for their choice of club every Monday so that they can take part in different ones throughout the whole term.

The cost for the entire term will be £15 per child and will be payable on-line via school money.

Documentation will be sent out regarding Club Thursdays separately to this newsletter.

Obviously, places are limited so please to return the slip as quickly as possible in order to secure a place for your child.

### Diary Dates

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Dolci taster for all parents in the hall from 2.30pm**  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June- Women's Cycling Tour**  
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>- Year 6 Residential Trip**  
**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June- Hope concert @ The Derngate for choir @7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June- School Disco for all year groups**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June- Whole School Sports Day**  
**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June- Church Fete @ 1.00pm**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July- Whole school transition morning**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July- Rocksteady Assembly @ 2.30pm**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July- End of year reports out to parents**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July- School Summer Fete @ 12.00pm-3.00pm**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 performance @ 1.30pm**  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 performance @ 6.30pm**  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July- KS2 performance @ 6.30pm**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July- coffee morning for residents @ 10am**  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 prom @ 6.00pm-8.00pm**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly @ 9.30am**

Lastly, please can we kindly remind parents to follow our uniform policy at all times. Suitable, black footwear must be worn at all times. We understand that there may be circumstances where an exception needs to be given but this should be discussed with the class teacher and or Headteacher. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding with this matter.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support, co-operation and positive comments. We have really enjoyed working in partnership with you all in order to continually improve our school.

I hope that you all have a wonderful half-term and hopefully get to enjoy lots of sunshine.

See you all in the new term,

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Oldham

