



Platt Primary News

Issue 1 Term 5



'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Friday 21st April 2023

Dear Parents, carers and friends,

Welcome back to the summer school term. The children have all settled back in so well and have got straight on with their learning. Teachers have been involved in Pupil Progress meetings with Senior Leaders this week and you will be informed of any changes to provision if your child requires it in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to be taking up the role of Headteacher here at Platt. I aim to bring stability for the community and am excited about the continued improvements myself and the staff team are looking to make to the education and ethos we offer. Platt truly is a school with a family feeling and I only hope to encourage that further.

As we move forward, I do think it is worth saying that whilst we aim to do everything to the very best of our ability here, we may not always get it right. When you feel this is the case, I would urge you to come and talk to school staff—if we know about it, we will do our utmost to fix it. Any concerns about your children should be raised with the class teacher in the first instance; afternoons are better for this as the mornings they are busy settling children in to school. Should your concern remain, your next port of call is the Key Stage Leader (EYFS/KS1—Mrs Wright or KS2—Mrs Toombs). Following this, you may wish to speak to myself. You are welcome to chat to the member of staff on the gate in the mornings or afternoons and at any time, you can request a meeting with a teacher, Mrs Justine Smith (SENCo) or myself via the school office. Please note that we are all entitled to a safe working environment and aggressive behaviour either verbally or via email/Dojo will not be tolerated.

As always, we are in for another busy term and we look forward to telling you all about it each week!

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Emma Smith

Year 6

Our Ambassadors class have had a visit from the Youth Police Community Support Officer on Tuesday afternoon to discuss online and social media behaviours. The children found the session informative and asked many sensible questions.

On Thursday morning, the class performed their Residential Assembly to the school and parents/carers/family members of the class. We got to hear all about their adventures and fun activities and were also treated to a few songs—the penguin song was a big hit!

SEN Review Meetings

A parent mail has been sent to invite parents/carers of children on Special Educational Needs (SEN) register to a review meeting on the 3rd or 4th May. Please email

Justine.smith@platt.kent.sch.uk with your availability if you would like an appointment. Mrs Smith will send out confirmed appointments next week.



Attendance

A reminder that holiday requests cannot be authorised. Please also try to make medical appointments outside of the school day when you can. Our overall absence rate and the persistent absence rate is now beginning to exceed the national average. There is a direct correlation between attendance and academic attainment. 54% of children in Years 1-6 currently have an attendance percentage of below 96%. We will continue to track attendance as we go through this term and hope to see children's attendance continue to improve. As a school, we are held to account for attendance by our governing body and the local authority. If you experience any problems with attendance, please do get in touch to arrange a meeting.



House Points

Well done to Ash House for the first win of the term!

	Week 1			
	Hazel	Oak	Ash	Beech
Creators	16	32	40	17
Explorers	25	20	22	27
Astronauts	31	38	32	17
Inventors	39	27	32	39
Adventurers	38	48	46	39
Voyagers	19	22	31	26
Ambassadors	28	15	20	25
Weekly total	196	202	223	190



Achievement Award



Well done to this week's recipients for showing the value of forgiveness are:

Creators: Faith

Explorers: Billy

Astronauts: Jiarui

Inventors: Asia

Adventurers: Grace

Voyagers: Kaison

Ambassadors: Hannah

Next week's value is: friendship.

Our Collective Worship focus this week has been Hope and from this we will be creating a new display for our school hall sharing all our hopes for the future.

Diary Dates

Please note that all events and dates listed below are accurate at the time of printing this newsletter, but, could be subject to change in the future.

28.04.23 Science Boffins assembly and workshops

01.05.23 Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)

06.05.23 Coronation of King Charles III

08.05.23 Extra Bank Holiday (School Closed)

09.05.23 Key Stage 2 SATs Commence

15.05.23 Key Stage 1 SATs Week

26.05.23 Break The Rules Day (PTA)

26.05.23 Last Day of Term 5

05.06.23 Staff Training Day—school closed to pupils

06.06.23 First day of Term 6

16.06.23 Special Someone Gifts (PTA)

07.07.23 School Disco (PTA)

14.07.23 End of Year Reports Sent out

19.07.23 Last day of Term 6 (School Ends at 1.15 p.m.)

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Development Day 1 01.09.23

Term 1 04.09.23– 20.10.23

Term 2 30.10.23—15.12.23

Development Day 2 02.01.24

Term 3 03.01.24–09.02.24

Term 4 19.02.24—28.03.24

Term 5 15.04.24—24.05.24

Development Day 3 03.06.24

Term 6 04.06.24—23.07.24

CHOIR REHEARSAL DATES:

No choir in Term 5 due to SATS

Term 6 rehearsals 9th June - 14th July 8:15.

Upcoming statutory assessments

A reminder that the Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATs take place w/c 8th May. For Year 2, their End of Key Stage 1 SATs will also be taking place w/c 15th May over two weeks. Beyond this, we have the Year 4 Multiplication Check w/c 5th June and the Year 1 Phonics Check w/c 12th June.

Mrs Smith and the school team

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