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Newsletter 12 – Summer Term

9th July 2021

A message from the head.....

As we come to the end of a busy and challenging term, I thank you all for your continued support particularly with home learning. I understand how frustrating and inconvenient bubble closures are and I welcome the government announcements this week that from September there will be no need to close whole classes in the event of a positive case - I really hope it will mean that we can get our children back to a more normal routine.

In light of the government's roadmap to move to stage 4 on the 19th July, we have decided as a school, and based on advice from the local authority, to keep all our protective measures in place until the end of the school year. This includes the request to wear a mask on the school site, staggered start and finish times and the children remaining in their class bubbles.

A huge well done to Serpens, Lyra, Cygnus and Circinus who have been learning at home this week and have done a fantastic job!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Football – Sunday Night

I am sure you are all aware there is a big match on Sunday night! If your child is a football fan and likely to be staying up until late to watch the game, then feel free to allow them to stay in bed a little longer on Monday morning. Our gates will be open at the normal time of 8:30am but will stay open until 9:30am and children can arrive at any time before 9:30am when they will close. We would rather have children rested in school ready to learn rather than absent all day or grumpy! Children can wear red / white on Monday if we win instead of school uniform!

School will still start at 9.00am as normal but children arriving up to 9:30am will not be marked as late and they won't miss any important lessons.

Its 55 years since England reached a major football final so let's hope it's coming home! (and for our Italian families - good luck!)



Leavers Hoodies have arrived and distributed in class today (Circinus will be given theirs on Monday).



This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under

parents/letters home/2020-21

Year 6 – Celebration Breakfast

Year 6 – Leavers Party

Cygnus – teaching arrangements

REMINDERS

SIMS-PAY

SIMS-PAY will be offline on Saturday 10th July.

Transition Picnic Lunch - 13th July

Book on [SIMS-PAY](#) by Friday 9th July.

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 12th July** – Reports sent to parents
- **Tue 13th July** – Transition picnic lunch
- **RESCHEDULED Thu 15th July** – Year 1 Sports Day (Year 2 date to be confirmed)
- **Tue 20th Jul** – 8.00am – Y6 – Celebration Breakfast
- **Wed 21st Jul** – Y6 – Leavers Party
Lacerta - 4.40-7.30pm
Circinus - 5.00-7.45pm
Phoenix - 5.20-8.00pm
- **Thu 22nd Jul** – 9.00am – Y6 – Leavers Assembly

Reports

On Monday you will receive your child's school report which includes who their new teacher will be next year. For Vela and Volans classes who are isolating the reports will be available to collect from the end of the school day on Monday from the main office.

Transition Picnic Lunch – Tue 13th July

Transition picnics will take place on Tuesday next week. For children in current Vela or children in year 4 who will be moving into Vela next year your picnic will now take place next Friday 16th July. Volans will meet their new teachers on Wednesday 21st July, a short video from their teachers will be put onto seesaw by the end of the day on Tuesday.

WORK ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

You may have noticed some work to our year 5/6 block. We are excited that we are having canopies added to all of our year 5/6 classrooms which will have artificial grass as well to give the children an all year round extension to their classroom. Work is due to be finished next week. As well as this the trim trail by year 2 has been removed and we are looking forward to the instillation of a play house and some wigwams for all the children in the school to enjoy at break and lunch in September when we are no longer playing in bubbles!

Uniform Orders

If you have ordered school uniform - next week is the last week that Affordable Schoolwear will be delivering to school. Otherwise they will deliver to school after the summer holidays.

• **Thu 22nd July** – Last day of term

**ALL CHILDREN
COLLECTED BY 1.30PM**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

• **Tue 7th Sept** – Year 1-6 return to school

• Nursery and Reception children have been given their start dates separately

Our attendance winner this week is Auriga with 100%.



After School Club Worker

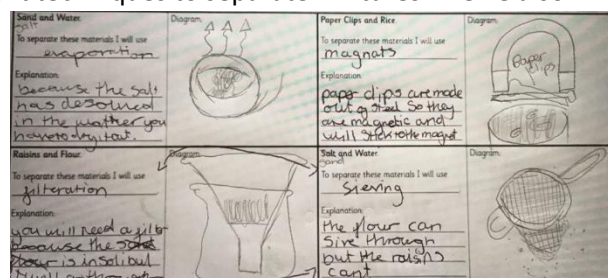
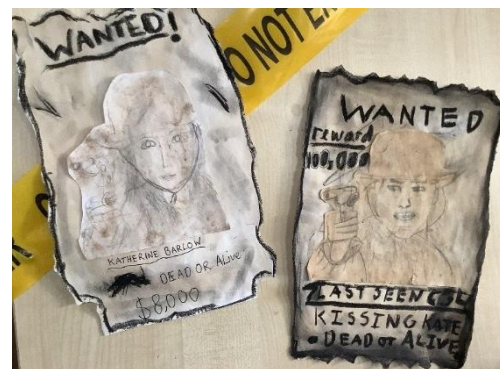
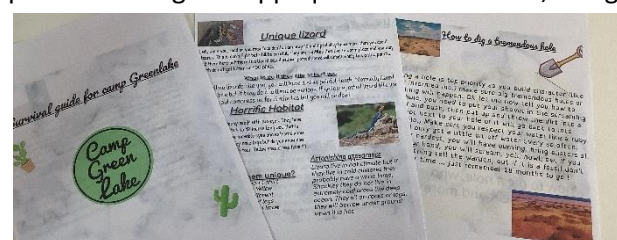
We are recruiting for a new member of staff for After School Club to start in September.

Monday - Thursday 3.00-5:30pm

Further details of the vacancy is on our [school website](#)

YEAR 5 UPDATE

Year 5 have enjoyed comparing and contrasting crime and punishment through the ages. Our key text has kept us hooked and we cannot wait to find out what whether Stanley's punishment of digging holes will really 'build character'! We used the 'grid method' in art to help us draw one of the key characters from the book, focusing on shape and proportion; before improving them and adding them to our wanted posters. If we find Kate Barlow, maybe the mystery of Camp Green Lake will be revealed!? In English, we have written survival guides for potential new arrivals to CGL; publishing these in our own way was good fun! Worried about what Stanley and his friends would do if their water supply became contaminated during their digging, we learnt about how to use different techniques to separate mixtures. We've also put our sewing and applique skills to the test, using 4 stitch types to design and make our own logo for our fabulous finish outfits!



Sports Update

Euro 2020

Football fever has definitely been enjoyed by all this week. What an exciting moment in history that we have all witnessed, England are through to the FINAL! COME ON ENGLAND!

The children have enjoyed supporting a class team throughout the tournament, good luck for the finals Phoenix (England) and Orion (Italy)!

Year 1 Sports Day

Thursday 15th July

We are very excited for Thursday's sports days! Please can children wear their coloured family polo shirt with their shorts and trainers for their day.

We look forward to sharing and celebrating an update next week.

Year 2 Sports Day

This will be held during the last week of term – More information to follow next week.

Stars of the week

Little Stars: Ariyan



Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Zaina, Tucana – Isla, Orion – Quinn, Aquila – Jai, Pavo – Layla, Cygnus – Layaan, Volans – Essie, Delphinus – Melody, Serpens – Grayson, Andromeda – Nodari, Pegasus – Mia, Perseus – Alesha, Auriga – Romaine, Vela – Anaya, Lyra – Zuwen, Lacerta – Evie, Circinus – Isabelle, Phoenix – Rosie.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Olivia, Tucana – Amber, Orion – Jaziel, Aquila – Victoria, Pavo – Hugo, Cygnus – Maxwell, Volans – Maxi, Delphinus – Logan, Serpens – Seyara, Andromeda – Holly, Pegasus – Kyle, Perseus – Ava, Auriga – Julia, Vela – Sophie, Lyra – Eliza, Lacerta – Nicola, Circinus – Elias, Phoenix – Isaac.

Sports Stars of the Week:

Nursery – Emilia

Reception – Erin, Teddy & Quinn

Year 1 – Aleya, Summer & Maxwell

Year 2 – Max & William

Year 3 – Florence & Alex

Year 4 – Leo

Year 5 – Madi

Year 6 – Sophia-Grace

Link to celebration assembly
<https://youtu.be/0c1g6HTmNFg>



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing Service for Children and Young People

Main Office: Wrest Park Enterprise Centre, Wrest Park, Silsoe, Bedfordshire, MK45 4HS. Tel: 01525 863924

WORKSHOPS

<p>Parent Sleep Workshop (Children aged 12 and under)</p> <p>The workshop will cover why sleep is important, what is 'good' sleep, and to help you to understand possible causes of settling to sleep & night waking issues and as well as learning strategies to overcome sleep difficulties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday 5th August at 5pm – 7pm	<p>0-5 Resiliency Workshop</p> <p>The workshop will look at the importance of relationships, healthy attachment and how children are constantly learning from those around them. It will cover emotional regulation and how as parents/ carers you are in a prime position to model healthy emotional regulation and behaviours. The workshop will also cover strategies and techniques to help build resiliency in children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday 11th August at 9:30am – 11:30am
<p>School Transition Workshops</p> <p>This workshop provides anxiety / low mood strategies based on guided self-help to help children with transition from Primary to Secondary School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday 18th August at 5pm – 7pmTuesday 31st August at 9.30am – 11.30am	<p>Primary Resiliency Workshop (Parent workshop for children aged 6-12)</p> <p>Explores the difference between mental health and mental illness, emotional regulation. Psychoeducation around anxiety and low mood, in addition to covering basic relaxation techniques</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday 9th September at 9:30am – 11:30am



Whatever the outcome this week, football really is coming home. Bedfordshire Police are organising a community football match in Great Denham on Wednesday 21st July 2021 between the Community Policing Team and an up and coming Great Denham football club. Kick off will be at 6pm at the Park on Queen Eleanor Drive. Come along to support your local community and meet your local police officers who will also be available on the side lines to offer advice and answer questions

How Can I Help My Child?

Access to phones, social media and the internet means that young people can communicate with others without those caring for them knowing and this can make it difficult when we want to keep them safe.

A free online workshop for parents and carers

Facilitated through Zoom by Lawrence, Penny and Rhiannon from the Marie Collins Foundation



The
Marie Collins
Foundation

The Marie Collins Foundation (MCF) is dedicated to supporting victims of online child sexual abuse and exploitation. The foundation advocates for children who have suffered from online abuse so that they are able to recover and live safe and fulfilling lives. It has grown to become a dedicated team of specialists who support those harmed online through direct work with children and their families and advising professionals and governments at local, national and international level.

In this workshop you will have the opportunity to explore, in a safe environment:

- what online harm is
- ways you can effectively help and support your children
- understand why and how children can become victims, and
- how your response can be vital in enabling your child to recover.

To apply for a free place, please click on the dates below and complete the form

13th July 2021 at 10.00am - 11.30am

15th July 2021 at 7.00pm - 8.30pm

If you have any questions in respect of this course, or difficulties booking on to it, please contact

MCFevents@mariecollinsfoundation.org.uk

Click on this link to book a free place: [Workshop for Parents and Carers - July 2021 \(office.com\)](#)

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Parent Carer FORUM

An exciting range of summer holiday child care activities for children eligible for income related free school meals and dedicated sessions for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities.

Booking is essential and Free School Meal eligibility will be checked for specific opportunities.

Visit the Bedford Local Offer website for more information:
<https://localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/HAFSummer21>

Shooting Stars video academy

19 -22 July | WGC
2-5 Aug | St Albans

JOIN US THIS SUMMER TO KICK-START YOUR VIDEOGRAPHY SKILLS!

PRICES:

Single day: £38.95
Full week: £148.95 (mon-thurs)

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ST.A UTE249

**discounts valid until 9/7/21 (wgc) and 16/7/21 (st.albans)*

Football Fun Factory

Free summer Holiday Football Fun Camp

Bedford College or St Thomas More School

26th-30th July
2nd-6th August
16th-20th August
23rd-27th August

09:00 AM to 3:30 PM

HAF funded camp places available to all children eligible for the free school meal system

Secure a HAF Funded Place by emailing
sam@theFootballFunFactory.co.uk

follow us on twitter @GreatDenhamPS



SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CAMPS

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW BY VISITING OUR WEBSITE AT:
www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk

SESSIONS
 RUN FROM
 10AM – 3PM
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**FUN
 HOLIDAY CAMPS**
 TECHNICAL
 FOOTBALL TRAINING
 FOR BOYS & GIRLS
 OF ALL ABILITIES
 WHO ARE GOING
 INTO YEAR 1 AND
 LEAVING YEAR 6

Starting from the 26th July until the 3rd September 2021, we will be running holiday soccer camps at a range of locations across Luton, Bedfordshire and North Hertfordshire (Camp details below).

Each day from 10 am to 3 pm will be dedicated to training a specific technique, where the main objective is still to have fun – but, to improve individual technique performance.

We'll be offering professional and fun technical training combined with speed, agility and quickness (SAQ) training for a full action-packed day.



	WEEK 1 26 th – 30 th July	WEEK 2 2 nd – 6 th August	WEEK 3 9 th – 13 th August	WEEK 4 16 th – 20 th August	WEEK 5 23 rd – 27 th August	WEEK 6 31 st August – 3 rd September
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HARPENDEN & WHEATHAMPSTEAD	Harpenden Sir John Lawes School, AL5 4QP	Harpenden Manland Primary School, AL5 4QW	Wheathampstead Marford Road AstroTurf, AL4 8AY	Harpenden Manland Primary School, AL5 4QW	Wheathampstead Marford Road AstroTurf, AL4 8AY	Harpenden Manland Primary School, AL5 4QW
DUNSTABLE & WOBURN	Dunstable Creasey Park Community Football Centre, LU6 1AJ	Dunstable Creasey Park Community Football Centre, LU6 1AJ	Woburn Fulbrook Middle School, MK17 8NY	Dunstable Creasey Park Community Football Centre, LU6 1AJ	Woburn Fulbrook Middle School, MK17 8NY	Dunstable Creasey Park Community Football Centre, LU6 1AJ
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		CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE	Silsoe Silsoe Parish Council, MK45 4GP	Biggleswade Edward Pecke Middle School, SG18 0EJ	Leighton Buzzard Astral Park, LU7 4AY	Arlesey Arlesey Town FC, SG15 6RS



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