

Dear Parents/Carers,

Good afternoon and welcome to our final parent bulletin of Summer 1. What a half-term it has been with academic and extracurricular highlights filling every week. We've had multiple residentials and off-site visits, epraise rewards and inter-school sports fixtures on top of the fantastic academic efforts of all the pupils including our Year 6s who took their KS2 SATs tests. Our mission statement of inspiring each other to do more than we think possible remains central to everything we do. As mentioned above, we also make sure the pupils have the opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labour. We also recognise everyone is in need of a well-earned break!

## INSET

On Tuesday evening our teaching team met to further develop our understanding of positive classroom culture to support our drive for disruption free and motivated learning for all. We know for everyone in school to flourish there needs to be aligned values and positive influences in all areas of the school. There needs to be a shared belief that working hard and fostering positive relationships will allow everyone to fulfil their potential. The children are used to me talking about the sign of culture is what people do when nobody's looking. I know we are successful with this and rightfully proud of everyone's contribution.

Our epraise rewards system gives children tangible rewards for their efforts and we will continue to develop this in conjunction with our house system - ensuring children also build the desire to work for collective success. Our high expectations are also held through our behaviour policy which empowers our teachers to use a combination of engaging teaching, built relationships and appropriate consequences to further support children to make positive decisions.

The half-term break allows for re-stocking of essential classroom supplies, in particular glue sticks and handwriting pens. Please also check for a ruler, pink/purple and green biros. We are working with the PTFA to make these items available through the school / PTFA knowing the coloured pens alone can be difficult to source.

It's amazing how much the children grow and this accelerates as the weather improves! This is also a good time to invest in new clothing that will remain in use through to the end of the calendar year. I know I will be replacing one set of school shoes in my household!

## Yr4 tennis

On Wednesday 24th May, Verwood, Trinity and Hillside first schools were invited to Emmanuel to take part in a tennis festival for the morning. The year 8 sports leaders were trained up to organise and help run the whole event. It was extremely successful and the feedback received was excellent. Well done to everyone involved.



## Year 5 Writing

Year 5 have been working hard this week to write complaint letters from 'Virgo Star', a character in our English text, 'Who Let the Gods Out'. They have focused on using subordinating and coordinating conjunctions to make their writing cohesive.

Dear Zodiac Council,

I am writing to complain about the inconvenience of our meeting last week. I left with the frustration of being able to at least do something other than watch equipment, what is even going to happen to them? Is Zeus going to decide that he doesn't like the equipment and snap it? Is so, what am I meant to do about that? Anyway, it's easy to deliver a small glass so why can I not be allowed to do it?

Firstly, I would like to point out my age, yes, I agree 2000 is a young age, but I think we can agree that that is more than enough experience to occasionally do something more advanced than look over stationary!

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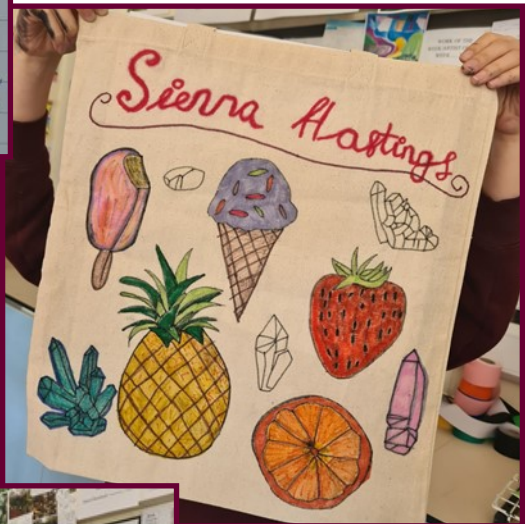
I am writing to complain about the fact our most recent Zodiac meeting. I left the meeting feeling discriminated <sup>against</sup> because of my age and extremely upset that I am never included.

Firstly, I have been a part of the Zodiac Council for nearly two thousand years and in my opinion I think that's plenty of experience. I do understand that I am the youngest, but may I point out no-one else ever volunteered, and even though my hand was I volunteered or you still picked Taurus.

AS I appreciate that you need an organised stationary cupboard, I do not appreciate that I am being unfairly treated. In this horrible event, I felt very upset, offended and irritated. Irritated

## Art

This week the Art TOTE BAG DESIGN e praise candle credit reward was held. Fantastic designs, summer bags created.



As mentioned at the top, it is now time for a well-earned rest. We hope you have a wonderful week and remind you that due to an INSET day the first day back for pupils is Tuesday 6th June.

Mr Rob Christopher and Mr Alister Barker