



INTRODUCTION



It is the end of another school year and it is a time to reflect on the year that has past and look forward to a new term in the autumn. It has been a wonderful summer term full of exciting events and trips and the children have grown in confidence and are ready for their next step in September, whether this is moving on to the next class, moving to a new site or moving to a new school.

I was delighted to read such wonderful reports. Assessment results have been the best so far and show that the hard work put in by children and staff over the last couple of years is really paying dividends. The teachers know the children so well and recognise both their academic achievements but also all the little successes along the way - of which there have been many! Watching the children in Year 5 and Year 6 perform on stage this term is testament to the personal growth that so many have made. Everyone shone!

We had fun-filled sports days for all the children from nursery to Year 6, which were a mixture of fun, sportsmanship and a little competitive spirit particularly for the older children.

This time of year is always a little

bitter sweet. We will miss our Year 6 children as they move on and we will also miss the staff that are leaving us, but there is a deep sense of satisfaction with what has been accomplished and we look forward to an 'even better' year next year!

I would like to thank the PTA for arranging the wonderful ice-cream van visit at the end of term. It was a delightful surprise for the children (and staff!).

I wish you all a happy and safe summer and can't wait to welcome you all back in September for another productive year.

Ms Sian Bradshaw
Head of Preparatory School

YEAR 6 LEAVERS



BIKEABILITY

In May, Year 4 pupils took their 1 day, Level 1 Bikeability Course and Year 6 took a 4 day, Level 2 Bikeability Course. All pupils who took part did really well and gained their certificates. Year 6 got to take their bikes on the surrounding quiet roads and learnt from our wonderful qualified instructors about handling their bikes on the road but also about all aspects of road safety.



YEAR 5 ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP

After an early start on Tuesday 7th May, we all set off for what promised to be an exciting three days on the Isle of Wight.

It was a smooth journey down to Portsmouth and the children were excited to go onto the top deck to take photos once we had boarded the ferry. It was only a short 45 minute crossing to Fishbourne and spirits were high as we headed onto the IOW Zoo.

At the Zoo, the children were given the chance to ask all sorts of questions to the Education Officer and they all certainly learnt a great deal about the role that the zoo plays in conservation. They



were then given the opportunity to view the animals up close and all were certainly intrigued by the big cats! After a wonderful experience, the children headed to the shop to purchase some memorable souvenirs from the trip.

After the visit to the zoo, it was time to head onto the Kingswood Centre and after great excitement the children learnt who they would be sharing a room with. The children made their beds and unpacked their bags and were shown round the centre. After a short while the first activities began and the children began to experience all that the Kingswood Centre had to offer.

After an action packed first day, the children headed off to their rooms and the first day was over. Not all were as exhausted as the teachers!

Over the three days at the centre the children experienced a multitude of activities ranging from the zip wire to side by side buggies. They abseiled, fenced, problem solved and rocket launched amongst others and had opportunities to further their teamwork and leadership skills. The children kept diaries of their experiences throughout the trip and many wrote about their memorable experience on the 3G swing – a timeless favourite!

When it was time to leave, the children were sad to go and I know that a good time was had by all. Many had been away from home for the first time and the trip was such a valuable learning experience. The children will take away many memories from their time on the Isle of Wight that I hope that they will treasure for many years to come.

Thank you to the children for being so well behaved on the trip, you were all a pleasure to take away. I must also thank Mrs Pettifer, Miss Garrod and Miss Hewitt for giving up your time to accompany us on the trip – your good humoured and patient approach throughout was greatly appreciated.

Mr N Andrade



YEAR 6 SPANISH TRIP

In May forty-two Year 6 pupils and six members of staff met at St Mary's Church at a remarkably early hour to venture forth and spend a few days in Spain. The purpose of the trip was to soak up Spanish culture and practise our Spanish. Our destination was to be the beautiful mountains of the Sierra de Gredos, which are a couple of hours or so west of Madrid.

Our first stop once in Spain was the World Heritage Site of the walled city of Avila where we sampled the *churros con chocolate* which we had been very much looking forward to. The children also enjoyed buying souvenirs and postcards which they were able to ask for and pay for themselves, in Spanish of course! We then set off to climb the steep stone steps and walk along a section of the famous walls. The views of the countryside on one side and the clay tiled roofs of the buildings of the town on the other were spectacular.

On arrival at the Gredos Centre the children settled into their rooms and met their leaders who spoke only in Spanish to the children throughout our stay, so they were constantly practising their Spanish even when out walking in the countryside investigating the local eco-systems.

Three action packed days followed featuring activities such as cooking Spanish omelette, negotiating high

ropes through the forest, a treasure hunt through the village, aerobics, T shirt painting and filming our own short videos using the language we have learned.

On the way back to the airport our journey took us across the spectacular mountains of the Sierra de Gredos. We stopped off for lunch and a breather and a visit to the caves at Aguila which proved to be absolutely breath-taking.

By the time we arrived exhausted, back at Glyn House on Friday evening, everyone's Spanish had improved and we had all had a fabulous trip to remember for many years to come.

These words from the children's journals sum up their experience rather well:

"I couldn't believe we were going to Spain! I had butterflies and a warm tingle in my tummy." *Mia*

"I was fizzing with joy for my first flight in an aeroplane!" *Louis*

"Today I used these Spanish words: *un poco mas, aqui tiene, que tal* and *yo tu*" *Evie*

"After lunch we set off to the nearby village, following a list of directions and clues in Spanish. They told us where to go and where we would end up. All in Spanish! Yeah! Tough isn't it!" *Cameron*



"During dinner I got a view of the beautiful countryside. It was before sunset, and you could see the dying light of the sun plastered across the gorse-covered mountains." *Rowan*

"Our first activity was cooking Spanish omelette. It was really fun! We peeled potatoes and cracked eggs but the best bit was eating them. They were divine!" *Finlay*

"After clipping ourselves on to the safety line we nervously trekked on until we reached the longest zip line of the course. Slowly and calmly, I breathed in. My heart skipped a beat as I peered along the wire. Then...I jumped!" *Alex N*

"We had a delicious lunch and then headed out to the mountains to look at two eco-systems: a scrubland and a forest. In Spanish, we studied the animals and plants that lived in these habitats and their food chains. It was beautiful looking over the mountains and a sight I will never forget." *George*

"After a long journey we arrived home at last. I was very tired and confused as I kept saying *gracias* instead of thank you and *adios* instead of goodbye!" *Emily*

Mrs B Grierson



YEAR 4'S TRIP TO THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY

On Wednesday 15th May, Year 4 travelled to the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. The pupils not only had an excellent day out but came away full of facts and wonder about our amazing solar system. For more specific details about our trip, I shall let Year 4 tell you themselves:

"The first place we went to was the Meridian Line. It represented eastern and western time zones. We did this photo where we went left, right, left, right and so on." Georgia.

Next, Year 4 took part in a Workshop on the Sun, Moon and Stars where we couldn't believe just how tiny, relatively speaking, our planet is:

"Our teacher's name was Anna. First, we talked about the phases of the moon and eclipses. We looked at the sizes of the planets compared to the sun. The ball that was the size of the Earth – nobody thought it was that ball!" Michelle.

After a hearty but speedy lunch, the pupils were back on task, independently exploring the interactive Weller Galleries:

"There were lots of fun things to do there. My favourite thing there was

the dirt scanner that told me I need to wash my hands more. But I still don't, much." Daniel

Finally, our favourite moment was the Planetarium Show: Meet the Neighbours, taking us through a breath-taking, mind-blowing tour of our universe:

"I really liked this bit. It was the Planetarium show! Your seats went back and the roof had planets on it and we discovered the whole of the universe and outside our solar system. It talked about radio waves searching for aliens or any life on any other planet." Jack

As we all climbed back on to the coach at the end of the day, all the children were in agreement that they would love to go again.

Mrs P Hacker



SUPERHERO DAY

As part of our Topic of Superheroes, Year 1 all came dressed as Superheroes on Friday 24th May. We had to create our own Superhero and make our own costume from items we had at home. The children loved being Superheroes for the day. We showed our costumes in Assembly. We discussed and

wrote about our Superheroes in class including our Superhero powers and our hideouts. We all made pictures of ourselves as Superheroes during our ICT lessons. We all really enjoyed being Superheroes.

Miss C Leadbeter



YEAR 5 WORDS & MUSIC 2019 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

All things were certainly not 'Dull and Ugly' for the evening of Year 5's Words & Music!

The children stepped up to the challenge on so many personal levels and took the parents by storm. Their individual performances shone and all were able to enchant their audience whether a beast or beauty!

The collective recitals had a special 'je ne sais quoi' carrying the audience along a fabulous journey from the story of 'Beauty and the Beast'. The monologues performed showed individual strength and courage, from many pupils who took their moment on stage. The musical performances highlighted individual talents for us all to see. A wonderful evening's entertainment.

'She was never afraid of his darkness or the demons who danced in his eyes.

He thought no one could ever love him if he revealed what lurks inside.

He always knew he was different, how could anyone understand?

But she was never afraid of his darkness of the beast within the man!

Mrs D Pettifer Year 5 Form Teacher

KEY STAGE ONE TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT PALACE

On Friday 7th June the children in Years One and Two went to Hampton Court Palace, although it was a very wet and grey day we didn't let that stop us! As soon as we arrived we went to visit the magnificent grounds



of the Palace. We walked round the kitchen garden and the flower garden. The teachers and I were impressed at how many plants the children recognised! After lunch we split off into year groups to explore the many parts of the Palace. We visited the kitchens and saw how they roasted meat on a spit for real! We got to chat to the chef who told us interesting facts about what they used to eat in Tudor times. We also went to Henry VIII's apartments and got to have a question and answer session with Henry himself! He was impressed at the questioning of our Year Two's and even stopped for a photo session with us too! We explored the wine cellar, the Young Henry VIII exhibition, William III's apartments, the chocolate

kitchen and much, much more! Lots of the children want to go back to visit it again! I was once again extremely pleased with the behaviour of each and every pupil!

Here are a few quotes from the children!

"It was an amazing sight to see the food they cooked back then!" *Charlie*

"The gardens are absolutely wonderful!" *Sam D*

"We met Henry VIII – it was amazing!" *Flora*

"The kitchens were really fun because some people got to twist real food around the fire." *Finnian*

Mrs J Thomas

SHAKESPEARE WEEK

All the world – or at least all the Prep and Pre-prep – was a stage, from the 10th – 14th June as we celebrated England's most famous playwright. Shakespeare Week was held across both sites in a thoroughly engaging cross-curricular approach.

Both Prep and Pre-Prep kicked off the week with a costumed day and we had some amazing outfits on show – from hunchbacks, to fairies, to donkeys and even skulls! A Shakespeare Trail ran across the week, challenging our pupils to put their Shakespeare quotes, characters and plots to the test! I am pleased to report that we mostly prevailed in this task – with a little help from Google.

Throughout the week, the children were immersed in all things Shakespearean and, indeed, in things related to Shakespeare's plays. They performed speeches from his plays, created fabulous art work around Shakespeare himself, as well as his works. They made dream-catchers, learnt courtly dances, researched life in Elizabethan times and learnt about

the rise of the 16th century witch and the Salem witch trials.

Our highlight of the week however was a workshop, led by the West End in Schools Theatre Company. Each class, from Nursery to Year 6, worked with experts to produce a scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, culminating in a brilliant final performance at the end of the day.

By the end of the week, I am sure we were all a lot more familiar with William Shakespeare's life and his plays and perhaps, dare we hope, even a bit of an admirer?

Mrs P Hacker



NURSERY & RECEPTION SPORTS MORNING



YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 SPORTS DAY 2019



On Friday 21st June Years 1 and 2 participated in their annual Sports Day on Glyn House field. After Wednesday's washout, the weather was sunny and the setting idyllic for what was an action packed morning.

In round 1, children participated in a carousel of sporting activities gaining points for their houses based on what they had learnt in Physical Education lessons this year. Children spent two minutes on each station and enjoyed the challenges that they had to overcome.



In round 2, children participated in individual sprint races, an obstacle event and the house relay. The races were particularly exciting most notably the relay races and I was greatly impressed by the children's endeavour and sportsmanship.



Well done to all the children who took part and congratulations to Raleigh House who were the overall winners.

Mr N Andrade

YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6 SPORTS DAY 2019

On a warm and sunny day, Year 3 to Year 6 children took part in their annual Sports Day on the Castle field. A major focus of the event was to have each child regularly involved. This year, all children represented their House in at least three events. Children took part in sprint and longer distance races and then had the opportunity to participate in the long jump, ball throw or high jump.

The event commenced with the culmination of the Victor and Victrix Ludorum event – the 600m. The races were won by the Clinton siblings, Josh and Zara - congratulations to both of them.

The individual sprint races then took place and I was very impressed with the efforts of the children. Following the sprint races the children took part in their field events and then returned to the track for the individual 200m and 400m. A particular highlight was the U9 400m race with Harvey Yates and Callum Quinn neck and neck right up until the line. It was a tremendous race and well done to Harvey on this occasion.

The 2019 event concluded with the closely fought relay races. The U10 relay caused great excitement with Essex House narrowly pipping Raleigh on the line.

Congratulations to Essex House this year who were overall winners of the event. Well done to all the children that participated this year.

Mr N Andrade



YEAR 5 'ENTERPRISE REVOLUTION' EVENT



A week long sequence of enterprise and vocational activity for Year 5 was held 10th-14th June.

Enterprise and design was used as a way to introduce risk taking, leadership and teamwork, based on business principles taught in Senior School. A 2 day '7 Billion Ideas' workshop, aimed at connecting the Year 5's with their own ideas in building a start-up business and introducing the concept of risk-taking, was a key part of this event.

The children embraced Ewell Castle School's values, using them to re-brand and re-package the School to a panel of senior judges, based on a 'client/agency' business model. This involved each Year 5 team delivering a final presentation to market the School

to the Principal and the Head of the Prep School using original and creative ideas. This involved the manufacture of a unique product which 'sold' the message to the judges. All teams were given a Year 10 Mentor who worked with their team and steered them, to demonstrate good leadership qualities. A key objective was the building of pupil collaboration and teamwork between the Prep School and Senior School. Congratulations to the Year 5 team who won the competition: Yazy Fowler, Matthew Taylor, Yoni Hagos and Kiran Gopikumar. Congratulations also to the Year 10 Mentors, Roderic Thambithurai and Philip Scholes.

Mrs R Rudd
Head of Economics and Business

GETTING TO KNOW MATHS KS1 AND KS2 PARENTS WORKSHOPS AT EWELL CASTLE

'Parents are a child's first and most enduring educators, and their influence cannot be overestimated. Parents should be at the centre of any plan to improve children's outcomes, starting with the early years and continuing right through schooling.'

This valuable quote is taken from an Independent Review of Mathematics Teaching from the DfE and inspired us to want to work more closely with our parents

at Ewell Castle School. During the later stages of the Summer Term, KS1 and KS2 parents enjoyed some workshops which aimed to share an overview of what is taught in each Key Stage, specific teaching strategies as well as informing parents of ways to support at home. Thank you to so many of the parents who attended and we hope to see even more of you attending next year.

Miss K Garrod

NURSERY VISIT TO GARSON'S FRUIT FARM

As part of their topic on growing, Nursery children went to Garson's Fruit Farm on Monday 24th June, to discover how different fruit and vegetables grow. They picked strawberries and broccoli and dug for carrots. It was a brilliant day out for all of us and a memorable experience for the children. Here's what some of them had to say about it:

Izabella: "We picked some carrots. I gave it to Mummy. I pulled it all by myself!"

William: "I got stuck in the mud when I was picking broccoli!"

Mahela: "I was scared of the (broccoli) leaves!"

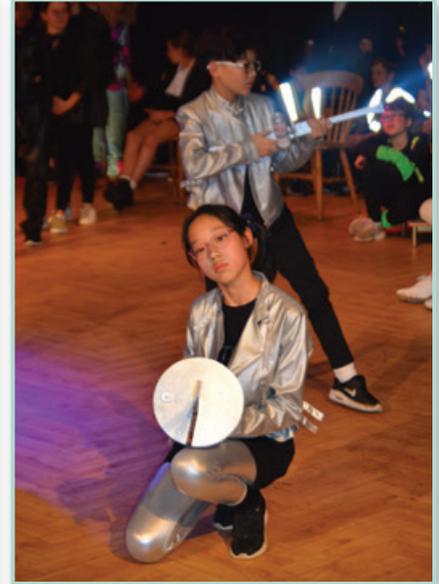
Lalee: "I liked the carrots. My carrot not break."

Esme: "I picked lots of strawberries. I ate them!"

Mrs M Puri



YEAR 6 PRODUCTION - THE SEVEN SIDED DICE



We all waited nervously on a very exciting Thursday morning as the teachers explained how they would give us the parts. This was dependent on how well we did in our auditions. They read the parts in no particular order and everyone was beaming about their roles and flicking through the scripts to read the storyline of the play. We started rehearsing the next day, just reading through the script and at the end of the week we were already memorising the songs. We got better and better at the choreography and singing and were beginning to learn the lines off by heart. We were rehearsing until the moment we had all been waiting for...the play itself!



We changed into our costumes for the dress rehearsal, which was extremely exciting, as it was our first time being in costume. We even had some head mics, which made the play very professional. A feeling of confidence swept through us, as our enthusiasm grew with each performance. When we came to the finale of the final show, a wave of sadness washed over us as we took our final bow. The show was a fantastic experience and a great way to end Year 6. We left with a standing ovation in our hearts and a fun and unforgettable memory.



Emily Chater Robinson 6G

GIRLS' CRICKET REVIEW

It has been a great season with many firsts. The first summer season since I started teaching many moons ago without Rounders fixtures, which makes me a little sad. All the local Preparatory schools have moved over to Girls' Cricket. The reason being that Girls' Cricket on an international level is taking off and that Rounders is no longer on the GCSE PE curriculum. Nevertheless, on the positive it has been a very fun summer with us all learning new skills and a superb new game.

The girls have been focusing on a version of Cricket called 'Smash It'. It is similar to Kwik Cricket where the scoring and bowling rules are slightly different. It gives the girls the chance to score more runs and therefore makes the game more inclusive for beginners.

All the girls have started at the same level this term. However, with the crossover of skills used in Rounders as well as Cricket, Rounders stars have shone through on the Cricket field.

The girls have played in all weathers this term with many wet afternoons of play. Each girl showing great resilience, playing through without a mention or moan of the miserable rain.

The Under 8 team took to the game quickly and have improved their skills of passing, receiving, batting and bowling well. They understood

the basic game and their tactical awareness grew fast.

The girls' first match was with Aberdour. The two schools were mixed up and played one of two friendly coached matches. With all girls trying hard, some excellent skills shone through. The girls then faced Aberdour, school against school in their second friendly game; with us winning the match and it really upped their confidence. Their third match they lost against Rowan's U9C team. Several very good and accurate overarm bowls were demonstrated. A special mention to Chloe Fyfe for her excellent batting and bowling skills.

The U9 team have shown to have a number of very good batters and bowlers and the fielding skills from last summer were remembered. The team had a lovely first game with Aberdour. Like the U8's, the girls in the two schools were mixed up and played in one of two friendly coached matches. Lots of game skills and tactics were learnt from each other ready for their next match. They then played Chinthurst, losing by 45 runs. They played Aberdour again losing by only 11 runs. Lastly, they played Rowan again, losing but learning lots by 37 runs. Well done to Eirin Brunning for her excellent fielding skills and to Isabella Brown for her very good overarm bowl.

The U10 team played with Aberdour in their first ever match. The girls were coached through it and really enjoyed



the new game. Some star cricket skills were already being displayed by a few girls that had played a little outside of school. Their first more competitive match was against Rowan, with us losing by 20 runs. Special mention to Yazyzy Fowler for scoring a number of 6's with her excellent batting skills.

The U11 team unfortunately missed a few games due to the rain and it being such a short and busy term. Last week, they played away at Chinthurst on a gloriously sunny day and successfully won their match by 45 runs. It was great to see the training being put into practice with some excellent overarm bowls and 6's being bat. It was great to both Estella Vaughan and Maiya Poole-Smith excelling at batting and overarm bowling.

Well done to all the girls for their superb efforts, they have all progressed well. Many have displayed excellent skills. We have also seen some lovely examples of great sportsmanship and teamwork. Thank you to Mrs Grierson and Mrs Pettifer for their exceptional coaching.

I look forward to the pending Netball season, get practising girls!

Mrs C Cope
Head of Girls' Games



BOYS' CRICKET REVIEW

U8/9

We have some keen young cricketers among this age group. As always, the boys displayed a high level of enthusiasm and endeavour in their games lessons, whilst developing their knowledge of the game through playing pairs cricket. In this format, the children bat in pairs and they all get the opportunity to bowl and keep wicket. As general areas for development, the boys must remember to bowl with a straight arm and to get to the pitch of the ball when batting.

In the matches that were played, the U9 teams were involved in some tight contests against Micklefield, Homefield and Aberdour. Impressive throughout were the all-round skills of Dhylan Patel and the bowling of Alexander Phipps. The U8 teams scored some impressive victories against both Micklefield and Aberdour and showed some real signs of promise for the future. Azaan Ali Khan displayed some effective all-round contributions throughout the season. Of great pleasure, were the mixed U8 cricket games with Chinthurst School. These gave both boys and girls the opportunity to play together and Ewell Castle ended up securing two close victories.

U10/11

This season, the boys worked hard on their bowling, batting and fielding skills and further developed their knowledge of the game. In the matches against other schools, the boys fielded and bowled well and scored some impressive results beating Homefield in their first game and followed this up with a resounding victory against Aberdour. In the third game with Chinthurst School, the fielding and batting was unfortunately not up to the high standards that had been set before and Chinthurst secured a comfortable victory. In the final game, the team was narrowly defeated by a strong Surbiton side who set a challenging target of 112 runs in 16 overs. After a flurry of early wickets, Ewell Castle were



always behind the rate and ended up falling 20 runs short.

In the main, the fielding and bowling was impressive throughout, but generally the batting lacked some application. Too many boys lost their wicket by swinging across the line. Congratulations to Christopher Odendaal, Aryan Vaidya and Kiran Gopikumar for their strong performances throughout the season.

Mr N Andrade



RECEPTION TRIP TO GARSON'S FRUIT FARM

On the last Friday of June, Reception went to Garson's Farm to pick fruit and vegetables as part of their 'Growing' topic. Some of the children courageously marched through the

broccoli (which was as tall as them) to pick a head of broccoli. We had professional pickers of strawberries, as many punnets were brought back to school. Carrots were also on the

agenda, to see how vegetables grow underground too. A lovely morning was had by all.

Reception Staff

PTA REVIEW

As another academic year draws to an end – what an amazing year it has been for the PTA. It started once again with our annual Fireworks night before half term – which again was sold out – closely followed by our Christmas Shopping Event and our Christmas Fair which has grown year after year. It was amazing to have over 70 Year 7 volunteers to help out during the afternoon – their support was greatly appreciated along with the 15 plus parent volunteers. Yet again we were entertained by the Festival Choir and a special guest resided in his grotto supported by our Elf! The Spring Term brought a very fun filled (adult focused) Comedy and Curry Night, an Easter Egg Chick Hunt and Treasure Hunt for Pre-Prep and Prep Schools.

The Summer Term was packed with Sports Day refreshments and at the time of writing it is just a couple of days before our Summer Ball at the amazing venue Ravens Ait – an island on the Thames. We very much appreciate the support of our corporate sponsors 'Burge & Gunson' and 'Greenfields Estate Agents' that helped make the event happen. Peppered throughout the year we have run numerous New2U pop up shops and the PTA 100 Club draws. It has again been an amazing year.

Whilst we have been busy organising events we have also been busy spending the monies raised – from acquiring a new minibus, to purchasing DT equipment, sports equipment to promote girls and boys cricket, DofE equipment, sound equipment

that has been used in this year's productions, picnic tables and benches – all to benefit and further enrich the whole School community. Further plans are afoot to look at ways we can further build the School family community.

All would not be possible without the amazing PTA Committee, staff (teaching, admin and site) and the numerous parent volunteers that have given up their time to help out at all events. Your support is greatly appreciated. A huge call out goes out to our PTA Committee members during the year - Aisha Ahmed, Clare Alford, Clodagh Brown, Angela Clift, Natasha Droutis, Jessica Gunson, Katrina Hartman and Mike Michaelides – a great balance of experience, strengths and views. Not forgetting Catherine Roa and Charlotte Crockford (with support from Anna Rubens) on the New2U service. Everyone's dedication is amazing.

So as we approach the next academic year we continue to aim the bar that bit higher with some added twists. Dates for your diary:

- Friday 18th October – all school mufti day in aid of the Christmas Fair
- Friday 18th October – BBQ & Fireworks night
- Thursday 14th November – Bingo and Bubbles evening
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Fair

From all of us on the Committee we thank you for your continued support – wishing you a very relaxing summer holiday and looking forward to seeing you at our first New2U sale of the year on Tuesday 3rd September and Fireworks Night on Friday 18th October!

Emma Mitchell
Chair PTA



