



In our thoughts

In our assembly today, all staff and children have held a minute's silence to reflect on the events which happened in Manchester this week. We remembered those families who are grieving at this sad time but also the care, support and generosity that was shown by so very many people in Manchester.

Many of the children have talked about these tragic events in their classes and have asked questions which are often difficult to answer. We would encourage you to chat with them if the need arises.

Here comes the sun!

Now that the warm weather has finally arrived, please can I remind everyone that all children need to have a water bottle in school every day. We would also encourage everyone to wear a sun hat and that sun protection cream is put on in the morning. If you would like your child to reapply sun cream before going outside at lunchtime, please provide it in a named container. Unfortunately, staff are not able to apply the cream to the children so they need to be able to do this themselves.



Year 6 enjoying the opportunity to write outside this morning!

DIARY DATES

Mon 5 th June	Summer 2 term starts
Mon 5 th June	Sports Leader Training for Year 5 children (invites have been sent to selected children)
Tues 6 th June	Year 5 & 6 NSPCC workshops
Wed 7 th June	Class photos
Fri 9 th June	PTA Bags2schools collection
Mon 12 th June	Whole School Science Week
Tues 13 th June	RE conference at Cove School (for selected Year 5 & 6 children)
Thur 15 th June	Athletics tournament at Cove Senior School (for selected Year 5 & 6 children)
Week beginning 19 th June	Scooter Challenge Week Further details to follow
20 th & 21 st June	Salesian College Induction Days – Year 6
Thur 22 nd June	Year 2 children visiting for KS1 to KS2 transition
22 nd , 28 th & 29 th June	The Wavell School Induction Visits – Year 6
Mon 26 th - Fri 30 th June	Year 6 French Residential Visit
Thur 29 th June	Year 6 Think Safe Day
Mon 3 rd July	All Hollows School Induction visit - Year 6
Tues 4 th July 6pm	Meeting for Year 2 parents joining in Sept 2017
5 th & 6 th July	Fernhill Secondary Induction Days – Year 6
Thur 6 th July	Cove Secondary Induction Day – Year 6
Thur 6 th July	Year 2 children visiting & all children visiting their new classes
Fri 7 th July	Sports' Day
Fri 14 th July	Annual reports to parents

Goodbye Mrs Halfacre

After 17 years as a lunchtime supervisor at our school, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Halfacre today. The school council presented her with cards, presents and best wishes for the future.



PTA Bags2schools

The PTA have organised a charity bag collection, to raise funds for the school. Please save any unwanted clothing, shoes, hats, belts, bags and soft toys. The collection is Friday 9th June. Collection bags will be coming home

PTA Quiz Night

Unfortunately, the planned PTA quiz night is no longer taking place. They plan to organise a children's disco instead which will take place next half term.

INSET days for 2017-2018

The governors have now approved the dates for our INSET days for the next academic year as follows:

Monday 4th September 2017

Friday 20th October 2017

Friday 9th February 2018

Monday 4th June 2018

Monday 23rd July 2018

Judo

The children really enjoyed a Judo display in school today and we are pleased that the club will be offering a Judo club for our children from September. Autumn term club letters will be sent out later next half term.



Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we have introduced a challenge for the children which we are hoping you are joining in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word will be introduced in each class and the children will get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Elaborate'

Adjective - detailed and complicated in its design

Year 5

'Admirable'

Adjective - very good and deserving to be admired

Year 6

'Trepidation'

Noun - a feeling of fear or anxiety that something may happen

How often can you use these words at home?

Happy Shoes

Thank you to everyone who joined in for Happy Shoes Day. We were able to raise £74.08 to support the Living Streets Charity.



Mindfulness Workshops

Last week all of the children in lower school took part in mindfulness workshops and we were delighted to receive the following message from the lady running them.

"What a fabulous school. The students were polite and the teachers extremely good with maintaining order in a quiet way. I was very impressed and came away feeling that it was a happy school. The 5 mindfulness sessions went down very well. The children seemed to be fully engaged and enjoyed the sessions. Being asked afterwards if they would use mindfulness to help them, they said that they would.

Thank you for inviting me in it was a pleasure to teach the children and hopefully leave them with something that will help them for the rest of their lives."

Well done everyone!

Calshot

It is now two weeks since Year Five returned from their residential to Calshot and the corridors are still buzzing with the conversations of what they did and achieved. It was a pleasure to share the experiences with the children as they tried many new activities like shooting, kayaking, sailing and skiing. Miss Freeman and Mrs Gujer were impressed by the resilience and commitment of the whole group - as they challenged themselves to reach new personal goals.

