



Thursday 15 July.

Dear parents/carers,

We are very near to the end of the second academic year to be affected by the delight that has been Covid-19. With the lifting further of restrictions we are hopeful that next year will be more normal and that we can go about life in school as we would have done 18 months ago.

As a staff we have been impressed with the resilience of the children in school: they have tried so hard to not let anything phase them. However, it is evident that they do miss seeing each other and playing with friends outside of their own bubble. I also have to acknowledge all the wonderful adults that have worked tirelessly this year through some very difficult circumstances to make this thing called education happen. Well done everybody, give yourselves a pat on the back.

### **Monday**

The school is open for all children. Please send your child in non-school uniform with a packed lunch. They can bring in games from home to play – nothing electronic please. We aim to have a relaxed day playing games and quite possibly going over to the Rec. at some point in the afternoon. Collection for all children will be 3.15pm.

### **Reconnect Kent**

Kent County Council are offering a summer of fun after the pandemic. There are a range of different activities and resources available, including leisure centre passes for £25 (£10 for children in receipt of income linked Free School Meals), which cover the whole of the summer break and they have unlimited uses. Take a look at the website to find out more about this offer:

[Reconnect: Schools' page \(mailchi.mp\)](#) If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please look out for your holiday club / leisure centre vouchers.

### **September**

The start of the new year for all children is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September. We will be returning to children being dropped at school between 8.40 – 8.55am. We will be clamping down heavily on attendance and punctuality next year.

This year's punctuality has been terrific in some year groups but not all:

**Year 6 - 33m**, Year 4 – 78m, Year 2 – 89m, Year 3 – 245m, Year 5 – 347m, **Year 1 – 713m**

Attendance:

Potter Class	Dahl Class	Wells Class	Shakes
94.6%	92.6%	96.9%	94.3%

All children will be picked up at 3.15pm: Potter (once in full time), Wells and Shakespeare from the main playground and Dahl from the side door from the school hall. Will ensure a prompt dismissal from Dahl as we know that there are siblings in other classes.

### Celebrations

Our rather fabulous year 6 children are almost ready to leave! Today the Head Boy and Girl, along with the House Captains, led the final celebration service of the year. We held it outside: it was the first time since February last year that we have all been together: it was brilliant.



We celebrated birthdays; gave out stars of the week and Headteacher awards; we reinstated the Sports Cup and Creativity Cup as well as book awards for effort. At the end of our gathering we gave the year 6 children their hoodies and leavers books. We cheered for them and some of them were overcome with emotion! Next year we will do this with you.



Compassion, Hope, Trust, Wisdom, Thankfulness, Forgiveness

**Creativity Cup:** Freya A Year 4

**Sports Cup:** Bella C Year 6

**Book Awards:**

Potter Class – Maisie

Year 1 – George

Year 2 – Olivia

Year 3 – Phoebe

Year 4 – Grace

Year 5 – Freya H

Year 6 – Caitlin



We will be adding further pictures to the school website.

With best wishes and warm regards,

A handwritten signature in green ink, which appears to be 'Ms. Nichola Costello'. The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Ms. Nichola Costello and everyone at Frittenden CEP