**Weekly Newsletter - Thursday 11th May 2017**

Dear Parents,

**Chiltern Edge**

The future of Chiltern Edge School has unsurprisingly been a feature in local news recently.  Our pupils are fortunate to benefit from a wide choice of secondary schools to consider.  It is therefore with concern that we note Ofsted’s findings regarding Chiltern Edge and the subsequent consultation into its future that this has triggered.

Staying true to the school’s values is an important aspect of school life, and it is through these that we will support the children (particularly those in Years 5 & 6) with any concerns or questions that they may have regarding Chiltern Edge and moving on to secondary education in general.  Year 6 has already had a chance to discuss their concerns and this will continue.

As with all matters relating to the school and your child’s education, the Governors and Senior Leadership Team are always available for you to contact.  We remain focused on delivering an excellent education to your children.

The Consultation into the future of Chiltern Edge School runs until Friday, 16th June 2017.  If you have a view, we encourage you to take part.  Details on how to participate as well as notes of meetings held with Chiltern Edge parents on 3rd May 2017 by Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) and Reading Borough Council (RBC) along with other information are available at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chilternedge](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/chilternedge)

 Many parents of Chiltern Edge pupils and members of the wider community are campaigning to save Chiltern Edge from closure.  Further information on the campaign can be found at [www.saveouredge.co.uk](http://www.saveouredge.co.uk/)

**SATS Week**

Well done to Year 6 who have worked hard this year in preparation for their SATS. We are really proud of you and hope that when the results come back, you will feel proud of yourselves too!

**Scooters and Bikes**

Please can we remind parents and children to get off their bikes and scooters at the school gates rather than trying to manoeuvre their way through the other parents and children on the footpath. Thank you.

**Kites Kitchen - School Meals on Census Day**

As you know all pupils up to and including year 2 are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. School is funded according to the number of pupils that eat a school meal on census day. The school meals census day is on **Thursday May 18th**so please may I ask that as many of you book a meal for your child on that day as possible. Thank you!

The menu for Thursday 18th May has changed to

Selection of pizza with herby diced potatoes or pasta

 With choice of toppings including macaroni cheese and ham
Sweet corn or broccoli
Apple crumble and custard

**Your Head teacher**

Mr Chris Hirst

**Dates for your Diary**(*new items and amendments in italics*)

**MAY 2017**

Friday 12th                           Clover the Goat visiting Kites, Yr1, 2 and 4

Tuesday 16th                         Kites visiting Bucklebury Farm

                                                Year 5 Puberty talk

Wed 17th to Fri 19th         3:15pm Book Fair in ICT suite or playground if weather permits

Wednesday 17th               Year 6 Puberty talk

                                                *Dental survey for 5 year olds*

*Book Fair outside if weather permits or in ICT suite*

Thursday 18th                     Outdoor Classroom Day

                                                *Book Fair outside if weather permits or in ICT suite*

Friday 19th                            G & T & School Council others visiting Winchester Science Centre

                                                *Book Fair outside if weather permits or in ICT suite*

Monday 22nd                      1:30pm Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at Gillotts

                                                No Year 4 swimming

Tuesday 23rd                        3:15pm Year 2 Cake Sale

Wednesday 24th               Year 6 visiting Ewelme Park

Thursday 25th                      School Disco

                                                Year 6 visiting Chiltern Edge

Friday 26th                           3:15pm End of Term 5

**JUNE 2017**

Monday 5th                         Term 6 starts

*Tuesday 6th                          First Aid Day for Year 6*

*No recorders club*

*Thursday 8th                       KS2 Quad Kids*

*Synagogue Workshop for Year 3*

*Friday 9th                             School Eye Tests for Kites*

*Monday 12th                      Jazz Club playing to FISH*

*Tuesday 13th                       Gillotts Year 6 Transition Day*

*Wednesday 14th                Gillotts Year 6 Transition Day*

*Thursday 15th                     Gillotts Year 6 Transition Day*

*Year 5 visiting Greys Court*

*Friday 16th                           Non Uniform Day*

*Saturday 17th                     12 – 3pm Summer Fair*

*W/C Mon 19th                     STEM WEEK*

*Thursday 22nd                    Class Photos*

*Monday 26th                      Year 6 Bell Boating*

*Tuesday 27th                       Sports Day am KS2 pm KS1*

*Kites Lolly Sale*

***JULY 2017***

*Tuesday 4th                         3:15pm Half Price Book Fair*

*Wednesday 5th                   Chiltern Edge Year 6 Transition Day*

*Kites Sept 2017 intake - Open Afternoon 2-3pm*

*3:15pm Half Price Book Fair*

*Thursday 6th                        Year 4 Visiting Reading University – Roman Day*

*Chiltern Edge Year 6 Transition Day*

*Kites Sept 2017 intake - Open Afternoon 2-3pm*

*Friday 7th                             INSET DAY – Staff only in school*

*Thursday 13th                     The Story Museum for Years 3 & 4*

*Year 1 visiting Greys Court*

*Friday 14th                            3:15pm Year 1 Cake Sale*

*Wednesday 19th                 Children meet their new teacher and class*

*Friday 21st                           Term 6 ends 1:15pm*