Dormansland Primary School

An ‘At-a-Glance’ guide to school and PTA events this term

Summer Term 2019
This term’s main events

PTA Circus: Sunday 5th May 2019

- Roll up! Roll up! The circus is coming to town!
- Performances at 1pm, 2.30pm and 4pm
- Tent will be on the recreation ground at the bottom of Clinton Hill in the village.
- Tickets are selling fast – please speak to a member of the PTA if you would still like to come along.
- All profits will be put into our fundraising pot for the new school kitchen.

Key Stage 1 SATs: May 2019

- The children in our Year 2 class will complete a series of activities in reading, writing and maths, as part of their teacher's overall assessments.
- These will take place during the normal course of the school day and you need not prepare your child in any way.
- The results of the children’s end of year assessments will be included in your child’s summary report in July (see below).

‘Pedals’: Wednesday 8th May 2019

- An opportunity for the children in Years 1 and 2 to receive some training in road safety on their bikes or scooters.
- Trainers are fully qualified and work with the children in small groups throughout the morning.
- Children bring their mode of transport into the school playground at the start of the school day (usual time) and wheel it to the school field, where a member of staff will show them where they can park.
- All children taking part in this session MUST have a properly fitting hard helmet

Oxted Roadshow: Wednesday 8th May @ 3:15pm

- An information session for the parents of the children in our Year 5 class.
- Senior staff from Oxted School will be available to discuss the benefits of choosing Oxted in the Autumn, when secondary applications are made for this cohort.
- The session will take place for parents immediately following the end of the school day in the Year 5 classroom.
- Year 5 children may also attend.

Swimming: 9th May – 18th July 2019

- Weekly swimming sessions for the children in our Year 3 class.
- These sessions will now take place at Edenbridge Leisure Centre.
- Parents should already have received a letter with details of what the children need to bring with them for each of these sessions.
- There is a small voluntary cost to parents to cover the overheads for this provision (mainly the cost of the coach). Thank you to those parents who have already paid this contribution. If you have difficulties in meeting this cost, please speak to Mr Cook in confidence.
Individual children continue to spend time with Dora, our Pets as Therapy dog, reading aloud and chatting about the books they enjoy.

A separate letter will be sent to parents of any child before this begins, to gain your consent.

A performance not to be missed!
All three of our infant classes – Ruby, Opal and Topaz – will entertain their family and friends with the dances that they have been learning this term around the maypole.

This is a lovely Dormansland tradition and we look forward to welcoming you all to this event in the playground.
Should the weather be inclement on the morning of the 10th, we will send a Scopay message to parents, advising of the event being moved to the school hall.
Younger siblings are very welcome to come and watch, but please do keep them away from the maypole during the dances, as they are complicated enough already for the children to do, without toddlers becoming caught up in the ribbons!
The PTA will be providing tea and cakes for this event.

Year 6 children will be sitting compulsory tests throughout the week in English and Maths.
No absence, please, for these four days in school.
We would like to invite the children to join us for breakfast on each of the four mornings. We will prepare bacon sandwiches, and there will be fresh fruit and juice available. We have provided this session for the past two years, and the children (and staff!) find it a really positive, calming way to start the day.
Our breakfast offer is, of course, entirely voluntary! If your child would prefer to have a quiet start to the day with you at home, then that's absolutely their choice.
Should they wish to attend, the children can make their way to the Year 6 classroom for 8:30, where a member of staff will be there to welcome them.

Our tired old playboat in the playground is finally being replaced with a brand new vessel in which to sail the Seven Seas, thanks to the generosity of our parents and the hard work of our PTA.
Groundworks will begin over the weekend of the 18th of May and the boat and safety surface for the surrounding playground will be installed at the start of the following week.
Please remind your children that this area will be cordoned off for safety reasons. It won't be long before they can climb all over it, once the works are completed!
### Music Week: Monday 20th – Friday 24th May 2019

- A week of songs, sounds and symphonies!
- The children will experience a wonderful range of musically-inspired activities during the course of the week.
- Individual class teachers will fill you in on the specific curriculum that your child’s class will be enjoying via the class webpages.

### PTA Movie Night: Thursday 23rd May @ 4pm

- In a change to the usual organisation for this popular event, the PTA are going to run both films – KS1 and KS2 – concurrently, starting at 4pm.
- Further details will be sent out to all parents, including the safeguarding procedures around dropping off and collecting your child from this event, once the film titles have been confirmed for each Key Stage.

### KS1 Choir Performance: Friday 24th May @ 2pm

- Our KS1 Choir has been working really hard this year, and I felt we couldn’t let the year go by without a special performance, to show off their skills and talents.
- We will be performing ‘The Bee Musical’ for family and friends in the school hall at 2pm.
- Further details will be sent out separately in a letter to the parents of those children involved.

### Premier Sports @ Half term: 28th - 31st May 2019

- Half term club, run by Premier Sports in the school hall
- 9am to 3.30pm, ages 5 to 12
- £18.95 per day
- To book please visit: https://sport.premier-education.com

### Code Club: Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st May 2019

- Half term club, run by Code Club at Lingfield Prep School
- 8.30am-4pm, ages 7 to 12
- To book please visit: www.codecamp.co.uk/lingfield

### Year 3 class trip to Herstmonceux: Monday 3rd June 2019

- Class trip to this sensational castle in Sussex.
- A separate letter will be sent out to parents in Year 3, with full details.
Class Photos: Wednesday 5th June 2019

- Each class will have their annual photo taken during the school day.
- Sports teams photos and choir photos will also be taken.
- Parents will be sent out details of how to order their photos shortly afterwards.

Reception Heights and Weights: Wednesday 5th June @ 9.30am

- Every child in schools nationally is measured and weighed during their time in Reception, and again when they reach Year 6, unless parents specifically request for this not to happen.
- Our colleagues from the NHS come into school regularly to undertake this piece of work.
- A separate letter, detailing this event, will be sent to all Reception parents in due course, directly from the NHS.
- Should you have any specific questions about this, once you have received your letter, please speak to Mrs Lowe in the school office.

Reception Maths Afternoon: Wednesday 5th June @ 2.30pm

- A practical workshop session for parents to learn all about how the children’s learning in Maths will continue when they move on to Year 1 in September.
- Parents will be given a range of practical suggestions for how to enjoy supporting their children’s Maths development at home.
- This session will be run in the school hall.
- We do ask, on this occasion, that parents with younger children try to make alternative arrangements for their care during this session.

Year 2 class trip to Brighton Sealife Centre: Friday 7th June 2019

- Class trip to the sealife centre as part of their topic learning.
- A separate letter will be sent out to parents in Year 2, with full details.

KS1 Phonics Screening: Monday 10th – Friday 21st June 2019

- The children in Year 1 will be undertaking the statutory KS1 phonics screening check at some point during this two week period.
- This check will not affect the children’s day to day learning and parents need not worry about preparing the children in any way.
- Those children in Year 2 who did not quite reach the recommended standard last year will also take the screening check with a familiar adult.
- Please speak to Mrs Cooke if you have any further questions about this check.
Sports Day: Tuesday 11th June 2019

- KS1 will start at 10.30. Parents please join your children for lunch outside.
- KS2 will start at 1.30pm. Parents please join your children for lunch outside from 12.15.
- Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day.
- This is a lovely family event and we hope that as many of you will be able to join us as possible. Please bring your younger children along – there’s usually time for a toddlers’ race (and a parents’ race …!) and we love seeing them joining in with their older brothers and sisters on the day.
- Our back up day for rainy weather is Thursday 13th June, with the same arrangements for the running order of the day.
- There will also be a second hand uniform sale in the playground.

Swimming Gala: Tuesday 11th June @ 4pm

- This event is for Years 5 and 6 swimmers.
- It will take place at the pool at St. Stephen’s School, South Godstone.
- Further details will be sent out to the children who wish to participate nearer the time.

Year 1 class trip to Hever Castle: Wednesday 12th June 2019

- Class trip to this local castle as part of their topic learning.
- A separate letter will be sent out to parents in Year 1, with full details.

Amethyst Class assembly: Friday 14th June @ 9.15am

- Every class has an opportunity to share some of the learning they have been doing with their family and friends throughout the school year.
- Assemblies are always held at 9:15am in the main school hall and should last no more than 20 minutes.
- The dates for each class assembly will be advertised on the school website calendar and a reminder will be sent out to you via the class webpage and through a MarvellousMe message one week before.
- Younger siblings are welcome to attend.

Bikeability 2: Monday 17th – Friday 21st June 2019

- An opportunity for the children in Year 6 to receive the second part of their road safety training on their bikes.
- Children do not necessarily have to have completed the first Bikeability programme (Year 5) in order to take part in this week’s sessions.
- Trainers are fully qualified and work with the children in small groups throughout the morning.
- Children bring their bike into the school playground at the start of the school day (usual time) and wheel it to the school field, where a member of staff will show them where they can park.
- An assessment will take place on the Friday morning to see whether or not the children are considered safe enough to use their bikes on the road.
- Those who pass will receive a certificate from the course providers.
- All children taking part in these sessions MUST have a properly fitting hard helmet.
New Reception Parents' Welcome Evening: Tuesday 18th June @ 7pm

- An opportunity for parents of our new children joining us in September to meet the staff and learn about what to expect when their child starts at Dormansland.
- A range of practical advice and ideas are given, along with a sense of what the children will be learning during their first year and how to prepare them for September.
- It is important that parents aim to attend this meeting, as so much information will be given out on the night, including a ‘welcome’ pack and the chance to sign up for taster sessions and a home visit.
- If parents cannot make it, we will forward them this information in the days following the meeting.
- We ask that, on this occasion, children do not attend the meeting.

Reception Class trip to Tilgate Park: Wednesday 19th June 2019

- Class trip to this local park as part of their topic learning.
- A separate letter will be sent out to parents in Year R, with full details.

Opal Class assembly: Thursday 20th June @ 9.15am

- Every class has an opportunity to share some of the learning they have been doing with their family and friends throughout the school year.
- Assemblies are always held at 9:15am in the main school hall and should last no more than 20 minutes.
- The dates for each class assembly will be advertised on the school website calendar and a reminder will be sent out to you via the class webpage and through a MarvellousMe message one week before.
- Younger siblings are welcome to attend.

Year 5 Taster Day @ Sackville School: Thursday 20th June 2019

- The class has an opportunity to visit Sackville School for the day, with their own teacher and TA, and experience life in a local secondary school.
- Sackville collect and bring back the children on their fleet of minibuses.
- There is no cost to parents for this event.
- Whether or not the children consider Sackville to be an option for them in Year 7, this is a fantastic experience for them to sample life as a burgeoning teenager-in-training!
KS2 Production @ Chequer Mead: Wednesday 26th June 2019

- The children involved in the KS2 production (main speaking parts) will spend Monday and Tuesday mornings rehearsing at Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead.
- This will also detail costume requirements and arrangements for the day of the performance.
- The performance for family and friends will be on the evening of Wednesday 26th June.
- Tickets are purchased directly from the theatre, rather than via the school office, although we will be happy to help any parents who are finding this difficult.
- Full details will be sent out to parents in a separate letter.

Reception taster sessions: June/July 2019

- The children who are due to start with us in Reception in September have the opportunity to visit the class twice before the end of the summer term.
- During these sessions in school parents are encouraged to stay with us in the school hall, to have a cup of tea with other parents in the class and meet the teachers.
- The dates and times of these sessions are as follows:
  - Thursday 27th June: 1.45-3pm
  - Tuesday 2nd July: 1.45-3pm
  - Thursday 4th July: 9.15-10.30am
  - Tuesday 9th July: 9.15-10.30am
- Parents will be able to sign their child up to attend two of these sessions at the New Parents’ Welcome Evening on June 18th.

INSET days: Friday 28th June & Monday 1st July 2019

- The school will be closed to children on these two days, in order for the teachers to plan for the year ahead.

Bikeability: Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd July 2019

- An opportunity for the children in Year 4 to begin the first part of their road safety training on their bikes.
- Trainers are fully qualified and work with the children in small groups throughout the morning.
- Children bring their bike into the school playground at the start of the school day (usual time) and wheel it to the school field, where a member of staff will show them where they can park.
- An assessment will take place on the Wednesday morning to see how well the children have taken on key aspects of road safety.
- Those who pass will receive a certificate from the course providers.
- All children taking part in these sessions MUST have a properly fitting hard helmet.
**District Sports: Thursday 4th July @ 4-6pm**

- This annual sporting event will take place at Lingfield Primary School.
- Further details will be sent out by separate letter to the parents of those children involved nearer the time.

**Dormansland Carnival: Saturday 6th July 2019**

- The annual village carnival’s theme this year is: Save Our Planet
- One of our parents has kindly agreed to co-ordinate this for us, and the Year 6 children will work with her to create and organise our school’s float for the carnival procession this year.
- Further details about how your child can be involved on the day of the carnival will be sent to you nearer the time.

**Reception Class Assembly: Thursday 11th July @ 9.15am**

- Every class has an opportunity to share some of the learning they have been doing with their family and friends throughout the school year.
- Assemblies are always held at 9:15am in the main school hall and should last no more than 20 minutes.
- The dates for each class assembly will be advertised on the school website calendar and a reminder will be sent out to you via the class webpage and through a MarvellousMe message one week before.
- Younger siblings are welcome to attend.
- The children will be available for plenty of cuddles and kisses at the end of the assembly!

**Year 6 French Market: Thursday 11th July @ 12pm**

- As part of their French curriculum, the children in Year 6 hold a French market for lunch, led by Mrs Wood.
- This event takes place during the course of a normal school day.
- Further details will be sent home separately nearer the time.

**Annual summary reports to parents: Friday 12th July 2019**

- Following the children’s main annual report in March, this is a summary document, outlining any statutory end of key stage data, progress against March’s targets and a progress summary, matched to your child’s attendance.

**Optional Parents’ Consultations: Tuesday 16th July @ 3.30pm**

- Should any parents wish to discuss their child’s report with the class teacher, appointments will be available from 3.30-5pm on this Tuesday.
Year 4 Class assembly: Friday 19th July @ 2.30pm

- Every class has an opportunity to share some of the learning they have been doing with their family and friends throughout the school year.
- Assemblies should last no more than 20 minutes.
- The dates for each class assembly will be advertised on the school website calendar and a reminder will be sent out to you via the class webpage and through a MarvellousMe message one week before.
- Younger siblings are welcome to attend.

Year 6 Kidzania trip and sleepover: Friday 19th July

- As part of their end of primary school celebrations (sniff!), the class will visit Kidzania in London during the school day.
- For those who have not been before, this is a wonderful role play universe, run entirely by the children themselves. They have the opportunity to learn a range of life skills and try out different practical careers, even earning Kidzos, the currency of Kidzania, in the process!
- The children will travel to and from this event with school staff by train.
- A separate letter, detailing this event, will be sent to the parents of all children in Year 6.
- Following their adventures in Kidzania, the children will return to school and spend the night having a giant sleepover in the school building. Again, further details will follow separately.

Year 6 Leavers' barbecue: Monday 22nd July @ 5.15pm

- Another part of our goodbye celebrations, the staff put on a barbecue for the children in Year 6 in the school playground.
- The children are welcome to bring in their bikes, scooters, skateboards and/or rollerblades for this event, should they wish.
- We would be delighted if parents would join us for a drink to round off the event from 6pm until 6.30pm.

Year 6 Leavers’ assembly: Wednesday 24th July @ 9.15am

- The children and staff would like to invite their parents to watch them in their final assembly as a class at Dormansland.
- There will be a performance from the class, followed by presentations, certificates and a few other surprises.
- Bring hankies – it’s always the parents who cry first!

End of term: Wednesday 24th July @ 3.15pm

- Amigos after-school club will finish at 5.00pm.