



Inkpen Primary

Weekly Newsletter





Letter from the Acting Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

While I am aware that all of you know me fairly well by now, I felt it would be important to contact you as a community to convey my gratitude and excitement at the opportunity to lead our wonderful village school while Miss Buck is on maternity leave.

Having been part of the Inkpen community for nearly three years as a class teacher, SENCO and then senior teacher, it is a privilege to step into the role of acting headteacher and continue supporting the school, staff, children and families that make our community so special.

During my time at Inkpen, I have come to know our children and families well and have always been incredibly proud of the warm, nurturing and ambitious environment that exists throughout the school. I am committed to ensuring that this continues over the coming months and that the children remain at the heart of every decision we make.

As Acting Headteacher, my priorities will be to:

- continue the high standards of teaching, care and support across the school;
- continue to develop our culture and ethos, especially our three Cs
- continue to ensure that every child feels safe, valued and successful;
- continue to strengthen communication and partnership with families;
- continue to support the wellbeing and development of both pupils and staff;
- continue to uphold our inclusive ethos

I know that Inkpen has thrived because staff, families and governors work closely together and I am very grateful for the continued support of our whole community.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and caring staff team who work tirelessly for the children every day, and I look forward to leading and supporting them during this period.

While there will, of course, be challenges along the way, I am excited for the opportunities ahead and confident that, together, we will continue to provide a positive, enriching and successful experience for all of our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the school. I look forward to working closely with you in this new role and continuing to build on the strong sense of community that makes Inkpen such a special place to learn and grow.

Kind regards,

Scott Higgins
Acting Headteacher
Inkpen Primary School





THE BUNKER - GREENHAM COMMON

Key Stage Two enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at The Base, exploring the work of local artists. The children spent time looking carefully around the exhibition and learning about the different styles, techniques and forms of art on display. They then visited two artists' studios, where they found out more about the creative process, the artists' inspirations and how their work is developed. The children listened attentively throughout and asked thoughtful, mature questions. A fantastic afternoon of creativity, curiosity and inspiration.



NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL

The whole school was also treated to a wonderful visit from musicians from the Newbury Spring Festival. The children had the opportunity to listen to three talented performers: a cellist, a lutenist and a recorder player. It was a fantastic experience, giving pupils the chance to hear a range of instruments, including some they may not have seen or heard before. The musicians shared their expertise, performed beautifully and helped bring the music to life for the children. It was a rich and memorable opportunity for the whole school to enjoy live music together.



A huge thank you to Miss Lambert for making these trips and experiences possible as well as to our incredible staff who attend outside of their usual working hours.



THE BALLET—Newbury Spring Festival

The Muntjacs had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Corn Exchange to watch an open dress rehearsal by Ballet Central, as part of the Newbury Spring Festival. The children received a warm welcome from the Director before seeing the dancers come on stage, complete their warm-ups and rehearse a scene from their evening programme. It was a brilliant chance for the children to see behind the scenes of a professional performance and learn more about the preparation, discipline and teamwork involved in ballet. They also had the opportunity to ask questions, making it a memorable and inspiring experience.

SATS!

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for the way they approached their SATs last week. They showed real courage, resilience and determination, taking each paper in their stride and giving their absolute best.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity and focus they demonstrated throughout the week. SATs are only one small part of who they are, but the effort, attitude and perseverance they showed were something very special. Well done, Year 6 — you should be very proud of yourselves.



Stars of the Week

Red Kite

Erin

Pheasant

Matilda

Muntjac

Scarlett

Reading Champions

Red Kite

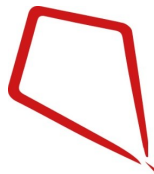
Edmund

Pheasant

Jack

Muntjac

Alexander



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KEY DATES

Monday 1st June—Start of Summer 2

Monday 1st June—Beginning of Year 4 MTC check period

Monday 8th June—Phonics Screening Check period begins

Thursday 11th June—Englefield Estate Trip—KS2

Thursday 11th June—SEND Parents evening

Friday 12th June— Art Gallery and Poetry—Showcase

Tuesday 16th June—First Maths Challenge—Pheasants

Friday 19th June—Sports Day—Inkpen Recreational Ground

Thursday 25th June—Transition Day 1

Friday 26th June—Winchester Science Museum Trip—KS2

Tuesday 30th June—Dynamos Cricket—Red Kites—Falkland CC

DATE CHANGE BY ORGANISERS—CANCELLED

Wednesday 1st July—Transition Day 2

Tuesday 7th July—Poetry Day—St. Gabriel's— Pheasants

Wednesday 15th July—Shakespeare Rocks—Matinee Performance

Thursday 16th July— Shakespeare Rocks—Evening Performance