



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for all your help and support last term. We have appreciated it so much over the past year. The children enjoyed returning to school after the holiday to see their friends and teachers. The children are all working hard and we have some lovely activities for them planned for summer term.

Best wishes

Liz Hayward

Headteacher

Learning about Hinduism

Last term Year 3 studied Hinduism. They had a virtual workshop where they learnt about the festival of Holi. They learnt about the story of Prahalad and what it means to Hindus. They also learnt that, during Holi, people celebrate by having a bonfire and throwing coloured powders which represent the arrival of spring.



Year 1 have been learning about the local area in geography this term.

Before the holiday, they went to Maygrove Peace park for a fieldwork activity.

The children used a simple map and drew on the route as they walked around the park. They also described what they could see in different areas of the park.

Important dates for your diary...

Monday 3rd May Bank Holiday—school closed

Half Term Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June

Friday 9th July: Parent Teacher meetings - school closed

Friday 23rd July: last day of Summer Term

Parent Governor election

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in finding out more, please email the school to make an appointment to speak to the headteacher.

In the event of more than one application, we will hold an election.

The deadline for emailing the school to express an interest is 9am on Thursday 29th April.

Kingsgate will be taking part in **Sustrans Big Pedal 2021**. This is the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from **19th April - 30th April 2021**.

It's free and we would love everyone to be involved. Big Pedal is a great way to get children active, which is important for physical health and mental wellbeing. Covid-19 has made active travel to school even more important. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. Plus there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part.

Encourage your child to take active journeys by cycling, scooting, walking or wheeling to school on as many days as possible during the event. Parent/carer journeys are also counted in our school total. We know there may be things which make it more difficult for some children to take part. For example, some children may live further away and need to come by car or public transport. As long as at least half of their journey (by time) has been made by bike, foot, wheelchair or scooter, then the journey will still count.

You and your family can also win prizes during Sustrans Big Pedal. Simply post a photo of you and your child/children cycling, walking, wheeling or scooting to school on social media during the challenge using **#BigPedalWin**

To be in with a chance of winning, you'll need to follow Sustrans on Instagram [instagram.com/sustrans](https://www.instagram.com/sustrans), Twitter twitter.com/sustrans or Facebook [facebook.com/Sustrans](https://www.facebook.com/Sustrans).

Exciting Science!

We have lots of great learning happening in science already this term. The children have been planting different vegetables, fruits and flowers. There has also been a lot of excitement in Year 5 with the arrival of the chicks and caterpillars – they will observe them closely to learn about their lifecycles. The children are also very excited about the lots of lovely new science books in school.

