



SPRING GROVE SCHOOL

WYE : KENT

SG Messenger



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From the Headmaster...

Royal Wedding

It came as a bit of a shock the other day when discussing the forthcoming Royal Wedding that a number of the staff were too young to remember previous occasions in 1981 and '86!

In anticipation that Kate and William's great day will capture a mood of optimism and goodwill, we want to play our part in celebrating the great occasion. On Thursday, 28th April (2nd day of term, day before K & W's nuptials) Spring Grove will enjoy a Royal History Day. It will involve a number of activities that will help the children explore their own heritage; it will contain a Royal feast for lunch (when are Mrs Groom's lunches not feasts?) and there will be a historical pageant when the children can wear their own Royal historical outfits. This warning comes to you now to enable your child to prepare a costume for the day. I will publish a timetable of events in next week's SG Messenger.

I shall speak to the children this week about the significance of the coming event and will send home a Family (Royal) History Quiz for the holiday in order to prepare everyone for what is to come.

A quiz taster: Whose marriage in 1840 influenced the concept of *white* weddings?

Answer on page 6



Reception Visit to RNLI, Dungeness

Reception had a wonderful trip to Dungeness Lifeboat Station on Tuesday. We saw a lifeboat called "Pride and Spirit" and spoke to the coxswain and mechanic. We tried on life jackets and helmets and asked lots of questions. The weather was sunny and warm. We ended our trip with a picnic on the beach. The ladies at the station said what well behaved, smart children we have and we agreed!



See p. 3 for Orchestra Day photographs...

Sport

This week we have enjoyed a series of exciting cross-country races at Ashford School in which we finished overall 2nd in a combined boys / girls event. Although we did not win, we still managed to win the Year 6, 5 and 3 girls' races and also the Year 3 boys' race. Furthermore, Harry Linch was so quick that he caught the startled Year 7 hare! An unexpected collection of medals also arrived in the post this week for more of our pupils. Analysis of the Kent Primary Schools' Cross-Country Championships proved that our B Teams in Year 3 (boys), Year 4 and 5 (girls) were the best B teams in their races. Therefore, Kent College sent to us 3 more sets of gold medals for: Hannah Moran, Saskia de Giles, Elizabeth Fraser, Sofia Harden, Issy Wanstall, Yannick de Moubray, Benito Diaz Razul and Edward Clapham.

In the sunshine on Wednesday, our Under 9 and 10 girls performed with panache against Dover College comfortably winning both games. Mrs Langford, Brogan-Jones and Taylor were thrilled with the performance of our future star performers. At the same time, Mr Williams took our Under 11 rugby players to JKS where they met a more powerful opponent. Although they lost they have enjoyed a season of some success. Tuesday, our boys visited Lorenden.

In the holiday to come we have two excellent sports camps:

Active Cricket is now in its second season at Spring Grove and I am very keen to encourage girls and boys to sign up for the 2 day camp. Active Cricket will also continue to run a Friday afternoon cricket club throughout next term in order to encourage our young cricketers. I am also aiming to forge links with a local cricket club, Mersham Le Hatch CC which is intent on developing youth cricket. Exciting times! Please visit Active Cricket's website to find out more.

The football camp allows the children to spend a day at school developing their footballing skills under the guidance of experienced and well-qualified coach, Clive Turner.

Both courses are also open to non-Spring Grove children.

Easter Break Holiday Camps

We are holding three Camps here during the Easter Break. Please find details below:

Active Cricket Coaching

14 - 15 April	10.00am - 3.00pm	Age 5 - 12	£25.00 per day or £49.00 for 2 days
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Please use the link below to reserve a place:

<http://www.activecricketcoaching.co.uk/spring-grove-school-t20-the-big-bash?view=rsform>

GH Camps

11 - 15 April	9.00am - 4.00pm	Age 4 - 12	£25.00 per day – 10% discount for sibling and subsequent children or £70.00 for all 3 days (no sibling discount)
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Spring Grove Football Camp

20-21 April	10.00am - 3.00pm	Age 4 - 11	Per day	£20.00
			Full two days	£38.00
			1st Sibling	Save £1.00 per day
			2nd Sibling	Save £2.00 per day
			3rd Sibling	Save £3.00 per day

If you would like to take part in any of these clubs, please complete the relevant booking form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Please see booking forms included in this Messenger.

Family Orchestral Day



Last of Week of Term

Next week, clubs will run on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be no clubs on Thursday and Friday and no crèche on Friday.

The Easter Service will take place next Thursday at 2.30pm in Wye Church for children in Year 1 to Year 6

Final assembly on Friday will commence at 2.00pm and last for approximately 1 hour. You may collect your child afterwards from their classroom.

Computer problems...

Evan Jones is a student skilled in Computer Repair, IT support and solving any technological problems. He is presently available throughout the week and willing to work anywhere in the Canterbury / Wye / Ashford area.

Contact Evan for more information or questions at...

Cell: 07513 797253

Email: emj07@ic.ac.uk

GAP Students

Our GAP students Chloe Chadwick and Aidan Smith are available for babysitting. Their mobile numbers are: Chloe - 07508135019 and Aidan - 07816564352. They are both very happy to provide a babysitting service at a competitive rate.

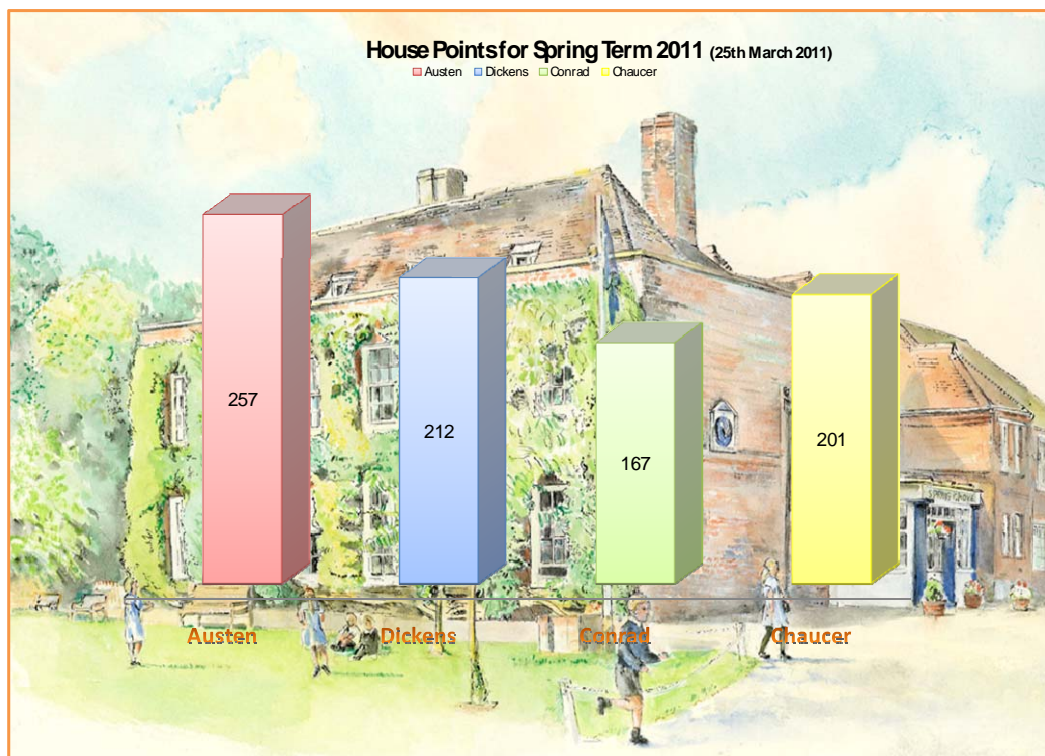
In the penultimate week of term, Gerry is back in the Austen camp. One week to go to collect as many stars as possible.

Well done to all children in Austen!

Competition for Gerry The Giraffe

Up to 18th March

Austen	1978
Dickens	1853
Conrad	1768
Chaucer	1875

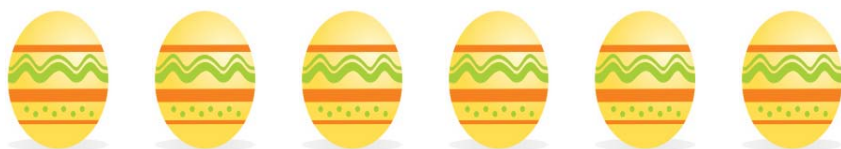




HOLD THE DATE!

Easter Fair
Quiz Night
Summer Ball
PTA BBQ
Camp Night

29th March
13th May
25th June
Date tbc
Date tbc



Spring Grove Easter Fair Tuesday 29th March at 2.00pm

This will be egg and spoon or obstacle races for all of the children and each child will receive a Cadbury's Easter egg from the Easter Bunny!

Teddies and nursery will be doing a separate Easter egg hunt on Tuesday morning.

Stalls include:

- Cakes
- Grab an Egg
- Spot the prize winning eggs
- Guess the number of eggs in the jar

Please could we have donations of cakes for Tuesday and we also need as much help as possible for the afternoon either outside with the races or the stalls. Please see a PTA member if can help.



Cake Sale for Comic Relief We raised a fantastic **£374.15.**

Thank you so much to all the bakers and the buyers



SPRING GROVE SUMMER BALL

Please think about hosting a table of 10 for the ball on 25th June (£500) and be entered into a prize draw for you and your guests. Ticket price just covers the fab food and band, so we need to raise money for meningitis on raffle games and auction. Together we could make it a night to remember not only for you but for the prevention and care of many children who are affected by meningitis.

Tickets on sale from 3rd May.
See Press Release and Sponsorship ideas at the back of the Messenger

10% off today only!

You are invited by
The ELVES & the SHOEMAKER
to an afternoon with the Mayor of Ashford
To celebrate winning the 2011 Telegraph Magazine and
Many Pontas
Best Small Shops Award for the Best for Children!
On Friday April 1st. from 3pm.
Come and join us for tea and cakes.

MENU
28th - 1st April

Monday 28th	Pasta with a Tomato and Basil Sauce Flapjack
Tuesday 29th	Cheese and Tuna Salad with Cous-cous Marble Cake
Wednesday 30th	Chicken Supreme and Sweetcorn Yoghurt
Thursday 31st	Spaghetti Bolognese and Peas Fresh Fruit
Friday 1st	Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans Easter Cakes

Congratulations...
Headmaster's stars

Austen: Fred Sharp, Maddy Exell, Sasha Newman

Conrad: Daisy Hills,

Dickens: Lauren Benson, Albert Courage, Wilson Clarke

Chaucer: Ellie Saxby, Eleanor martin, Emily Norton

Tennis Player of the Week: Benito Diaz Razul

Diary - Week Commencing 28.3.11

Monday 28th	Prep 6 Cycling Proficiency
Tuesday 29th	Prep 6 Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday 30th	House Netball Year 3 - 6
Thursday 31st	Easter Service for Years 1 - 6 At Wye Church (2.30pm) Please collect your children from Church
Friday 1st	Final Assembly 2.00pm End of Term

Lost Property

Eloise Hoyle - Named Blazer
Harry Linch - One shin pad, Royal Blue Fleece, Track Suit Bottoms
Hannah Moran - Kilt
Austin Moran - 2 navy blue PE tops
Jade Curtis - Navy skort and Football Socks
Sasha Newman - Navy blue PE top, royal blue fleece.
Emilie Knights-Toomer - 2 navy polo shirts
Eleanor Martin - Tracksuit Bottoms
Gigi Dunbar-Johnson - Navy coat.

If any of these items have been found, please inform Margaret.

Please check at home for these items.



The Family Orchestral day gave us a wonderful opportunity to play music together without the usual pressures of a normal school day. We had 5 hours in which we enjoyed some interesting warm-up exercises, practised a hymn tune, tackled Handel's "Royal Fireworks" and worked on a creative composition entitled "Citius, Altius, Fortius" (Faster, Higher, Stronger) - the

Olympic motto. Our musical illustration attempted to paint a picture in 3 movements of the Olympic ideal. Conducted by Holly Fielder, Ellie Saxby and Oliver Langworthy who showed real control over the orchestra, it was a colourful display of technique and interesting ideas! The orchestra will play in the Easter service on Thursday.

Happy Birthday

Poppy Andon

HALF TERM

GH Camps Booking Form Monday 11th – Friday 15th April

Each day Camp will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. All children will have the opportunity to participate in a wide range of activities: Soccer, Tennis, Rounders, Table Tennis, Table Football, Widgames, Croquet, Cricket, Bouncy Castle and local excursions to places of interest.

Child's Name:	Date of Birth:	Age:
Address:		
Every day your child will need:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Packed lunch and a named water bottle (No fizzy drinks please) • Warm clothes – coat/hat/gloves/scarf 		
Please tick dates attending (£25.00 per day – 10% discount for sibling and subsequent children or £70.00 for all 3 days (no sibling discount))		
<i>Location - Spring Grove School, Wye, Ashford, Kent</i>		
Monday 11th April	↑	
Tuesday 12th April	↑	
Wednesday 13th April	↑	
Thursday 14th April	↑	
Friday 15th April	↑	
I enclose full payment on booking – cash/cheque (payable to GH Camps) for: £		
If you would like confirmation of your booking please supply your e-mail address below:		

For further details please contact either Phil Williams – Tel: 07923572158 or Denise Saliba – Tel: 07771736768

CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

I agree to my child taking part in all activities (full name)

I authorise the team leader of the activities to administer medicines to my child when necessary as detailed below and to carry out First Aid as required in the case of accident/injury.

Signature: Date:

Name: (Block capitals please)

RELEVANT MEDICAL DETAILS/HISTORY/SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS		
CONTACT INFORMATION Please list in priority order of contact		
Name(s)	Relationship to Young Person	Telephone Numbers:
		Home:
		Work:
		Mobile:
		Home:
		Work:
		Mobile:

Please return payment before the end of term with this form to the School Office or send to North Barn, Worton, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent TN23 3BS



SOCCKER SCHOOL BOOKING FORM

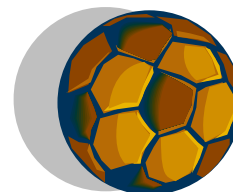
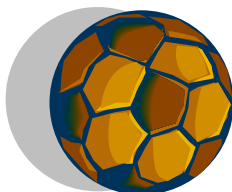
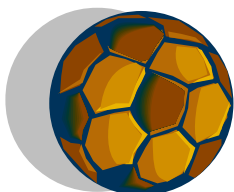
Child's Name:	Date of Birth:	Age:
Address:		
Emergency Contact Numbers:		
Every day your child will need:		
♦ Packed lunch and a water bottle		
♦ Football boots and shin pads		
Please tick days required		
Wednesday 20th April		
Thursday 21st April		
I enclose full payment on booking—cash\cheque (payable to Spring Grove School) for £ . See page 2 for prices.		

In the event of an emergency I give permission for my child to receive medical treatment including anaesthetic if necessary.

Signature: Date:

Name:(Block capitals please)

Please return payment with this form to the Spring Grove School Office.



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MENINGITIS RESEARCH FOUNDATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH SPRING GROVE SCHOOL PTA TO HOST
SUMMER BALL AND RAISE FUNDS

In June 2008, a flourishing Spring Grove pupil, Annabel Parker contracted the life threatening disease meningitis.

Annabel was one of the lucky ones. Having received excellent care at Kings College Hospital, followed by rigorous therapy and re-education she returned to Spring Grove in December 2008 where she went on to receive close attention of her teachers, valuable support of her friends and the dedication of experts who nurtured her through difficult learning times.

Annabel will leave Spring Grove School this summer and her family and the school are keen to combine their fundraising efforts and show their appreciation for the expertise that has aided Annabel, and are currently organizing their annual summer ball to raise money for Spring Grove and the Meningitis Research Foundation.

Chris Head, Chief Executive of MRF, said: " We are extremely grateful to Spring Grove for their fantastic efforts in organizing this ball. We rely on voluntary donations to fund our vital work into the prevention, detection and treatment of meningitis and septicemia, so every bit of support enables us to continue our work."

SPONSORSHIP FOR THE SPRING GROVE BALL 2011

This year we are asking for people or companies to sponsor a part of the Ball.

Sponsors names will printed in programme

So far we have :

Marquee :	Anonymous sponsor
Poster Design:	Blue Ant . Duncan & Jill Fielder
Photographer:	Russell Harper
Music at reception:	Bill Jones
Magician:	Simon & Helen Langworthy
Table decorations:	Sue Pullen
Some Marquee decs:	Hamiltons Int.Ltd Denise KT
Catering:	Colin Norton
Security B4 event:	Aiden Smith & Chloe Chadwick
First table to be served meal:	Andrew and Sarah Martin

We are now looking for sponsors for part of or full amount:

Champagne reception multiples of £20
First song £30
Red carpet
Signage
Kitchen Helper at £40
Early waitress (11) at £42.50
Late waitress (2) at £76.50