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Dear Parents,

Busy! Busy! Busy!

It happens every year but always takes us by surprise! So much is happening that it is hard to keep up. We had a fabulous school trip (your children were so respectful and grateful for the experience). Our May Queen celebration and Rectory fete was a roaring success (your children were serene and poised and very co-ordinated). SATs and phonic screenings are now finished. We thought you would like to know that a local authority moderator came to validate our assessment decisions and was extremely impressed with the rigour and quality of what she saw. Thanks to Mrs Cleather and her team for making us shine yet again.

Thank you so much to all the parents that attended the transition workshop on 15th June, I do hope you found it useful. We will be handing out transition booklets to your children in the next few weeks.

'Love On The Rocks'



One of our very creative and talented parents, Abi Bruford, has had a fabulous idea that we will be sending out to you as part of your summer 'home learning'

'Love on the Rocks' is a project that allows children to collect a beautiful pebble (or a **small** rock!) from a place they have visited and loved, or from a place where their loved ones live, and decorate it as they like. We will then ask them to bring it to school and use it to make a permanent school art feature that they can visit whenever they like. Mrs Bruford will be helping us to create the artwork, but hopefully it will be as stunning as the example here. If this goes well we have plans to develop the project further and place our 'designs' around Newdigate!



Smart Appeal

For some time now we have been formulating plans to improve our school by making the school entrance more welcoming for visitors and to develop the Early Years classroom and outdoor area to make it a safer and more pleasant learning environment for the children. Unfortunately we have been unable to secure funding from the Diocese but we are showing a 'growth mindset' and finding other ways to do this! Our '**Smart Appeal**' will be used to drive this plan and we will be sending out 2 copies of the appeal letter to each family and would ask

that you share with the wider community (we know we already ask a lot from you!) and make this a reality if you can. If there is anybody out there who knows a local business that may be able to help or provide matched funding please let us know as we have appeal letters that we will also be sending out to ask for support.



Last, but not least, we are thrilled to be the winner of an innovation Award for our Anti-Bullying work at the school by Eikon. This recognised the work we do all year round to promote our values and develop relationships across the school. The award can be seen in our reception lobby area and we also received £75 to spend!

It's a scorcher next week so don't forget the sun-cream, hats and water bottles.

Have a fabulous weekend.

Newdigate Leadership Team

**Please support the FONS Summer Party on
 Saturday 7th July 3-8.**

Any funds raised will be given to the Smart Appeal.

Just a few things to note:

11.7.18 Parent Drop-in – Assessment focus 3.15pm

17.07.18 Sports Day 9.15am

20.07.18 Break up for Summer hols 2pm

For more dates visit the website:

<http://www.newdigate.surrey.sch.uk/calendar/>