



Newsletter

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Headline:

We have had a great term and now it's time to rest and relax in the lead up to Christmas. May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year. The last few weeks have been really busy, but very enjoyable and well supported. All the productions and concerts have been a huge success and enjoyed by many and the Christmas market was our best one yet - raising almost £1,000 which was topped up to this figure by the successful children's market yesterday. Thank you for all your help with costumes and your support of all the events.

Next term we arrive back to school fairly early in January (Tuesday 3rd January) and our whole school topic is "Food Glorious Food". This will mean that all classes will be cooking at some stage during the term and celebrating our wonderful diverse community with our multi-cultural week (beginning 6th February).

Foundation stage will be learning about China, Italy and Nepal.

Year 1 will learn about London and 1B will learn about Russia with 1C learning about India.

Year 2 will be learning about Nepal with 2C learning about Moldavia /Romania and 2R learning about Bulgaria.

Lower Key Stage 2 will learn about Spain with 3/4F learning about Finland and 3/4M learning about Scotland and 3/4K learning about Fiji.

Upper Key Stage 2 will learn about Mexico and 5/6B will learn about Nigeria, 5S will learn about Latvia and 6S will learn about Germany.

The Pupil Premium Grant

As you know, all pupils in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a school meal under the Government's 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' scheme. You do not need to apply for this. However, the school receives important funding called **Pupil Premium Grant** which pays for many key elements related to your child's education. This funding is allocated to schools via the number of

pupils who claim **Free School Meals**. If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below, you are entitled to claim Free School Meals and therefore the school will receive important funding through the pupil premium grant.

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, please apply as you may be eligible:

- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-one paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

To apply you will need to provide:

- your name and date of birth
- contact details
- national insurance number or national asylum seekers' number
- child's name and date of birth
- school your child is attending

(You will not be entitled to free school meals if you receive any element of Working Tax Credit or if your annual household income is greater than £16,190.)

Applying is easy – all you need to do is go to the website

medway.gov.uk/.../schoolmeals/applyforfreeschoolmeals.aspx and follow the directions.

If you have any problems, please speak to Mrs Harrison in the school office who is happy to help you apply.

Thank you for your support.



Term Dates:

Winter Term 2017

Tuesday 3rd January - Friday 10th February

Easter Term 2017

Tuesday 21st February - Friday 31st March

Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April - Friday 26th May
Bank holiday Monday 1st May

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 6th June - Tuesday 25th July

Last week's top three highest attendance was achieved by the following classes:

3/4M - 97.8%

5S - 97.8%

2R - 100%

Well done 2R !



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Dog Training

Does your dog pull on the lead? Jump up at everybody? Refuse to come when called? If so, why not join PAT's dog club next course starting on Wednesday 4th January? **Just £30 for 8 x 40 minute lessons.** We are a fun and friendly dog training and socialisation club. For more information please call Mrs Harrison on 07739 555 096 during the evenings or at the weekend.

School Photographs

If your child was poorly and missed having their photograph taken, there will be a catch up session on 9th January from 09.00. We will check the registers to see who was absent, but please let your child's teacher know if your child needs to have their photograph taken. Thank you.

Funny things children say:

When the children came into school in their Christmas pyjamas, one child was asked to count the children in his class. He replied "I can't count I'm a reindeer!"

Year 5 Swimming Contracts

Year 5 pupils will be swimming every Friday from January. Please complete and return the contracts sent home with this newsletter (they can be found under information, letters, Years 5 and 6 on the website)

Fundraising

NSPCC Cake sale made £225.20

Christmas fair made £935.90 (and there is still some more to come!)

THANK YOU!



Rights Respecting Schools

As a Rights Respecting School, every week we remind ourselves of an article from the Convention of the Rights of the Child:

Article 14

You have the right to choose your own religion and beliefs. Your parents should help you decide what is right and wrong, and what is best for you.

Reminders

Dinner money envelopes

We sell 10 dinner money envelopes for 20p at the front office. It makes it much easier to send money into school if you use an envelope and write your child's name and class and what the money is for on the front.



10 envelopes for just 20p!

Pat on the Back

1B - Holly for being really helpful in the classroom and making great progress in her reading.

Aksha for showing increased confidence in her learning, sharing her ideas and reading her work to the class

1C -Ethan for working hard on my writing targets.

Maisie-Beau for working hard in numeracy this week

2R - Mia Walpole for working hard in all areas of her learning. Evie Jefferson for showing a great understanding of data handling

2C - Riley for working extremely hard to learn his words for the Christmas nativity

Michaela for being brave enough to do a solo in the Christmas nativity and singing beautifully.

3/4K - Sakinah and Jack for being consistent role models within the class and phase this term

3/4M - Zachary Stanley for his writing. Jake for learning his times tables

3/4F - Harvey and Georgia for their creativity when designing their masks

5/6B - Harry for his persevering with his 3D net in numeracy. Martyna for building up her confidence in reading

5S - Kaitlin and Ellie Mai for commitment to learning in numeracy

6S - Amy for her RWI writing this week. Dylan for his improvement in his writing

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

Inclusions:

- Year 5 swimming contract
- Year 1 Phonics letter
- Slimming World flier



This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

Assistant Heads : Mrs Price (4-7 year olds) and Mr Presneill (7-11 year olds)

Family Liaison Officer (for families with children aged 5-11) Mrs Karen Liddle 07535 696125

Community Liaison Officers (for families with children aged 0-5) Mrs Julie Flain 07535 696126 & Mrs Shona Budge 07947 997295