



Newsletter

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Headline:

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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.

We can support you with this process if you are unsure or do not have access to the internet. Please contact Mrs Harrison in the school office or Mrs Liddle, our Family Liaison Officer for more details.

Your child does not need to take a meal if they prefer to bring a packed lunch, but you need to claim for Free School Meals for the school to access the pupil premium grant.

Thank you for your support.



Year 5/6 Anglo Saxon day

Coming Soon

Parent Consultations FS2 - Y6
Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th
October

Individual School photographs
Monday 21st November

Autumn Term 2016

Tuesday 6th September -
Friday 21st October

Christmas Term 2016

Tuesday 1st November - Friday
16th December

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:

1B - 99.3%

FS2B - 98.9%

1C - 98%

News

Head Teacher's Surgery

Every term we hold a 'Head teacher's Surgery' session to give you the opportunity to meet with Mrs Mason about general matters. This is your opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and generally learn more about the school. The surgery is by appointment only and the times vary from around 2.30pm until 6pm, although if you require a slightly later appointment this can be arranged with notice.

Surgery dates for this year are: 24th November, 18th January, 20th March and 4th May.

Year 6

Open evenings for secondary and grammar schools are being held over the next few weeks. For details of dates and timings please refer to each school's own website or the Medway Secondary Admissions Brochure. Should you have any queries, please contact Mr Presneill.

Newsletter news

If you have read this newsletter, please contact Mrs Harrison (either by phoning or popping into the office or via email) and your name will be put in a hat for a prize draw!

Medway Test

Pupils who recently sat this, will receive their test score over the weekend. Please contact Mr Presneill should you require any assistance.

Safety Reminders

We have had reports of parents texting whilst driving to school - the law states that you will get an automatic fixed penalty notice if you are caught using a hand-held phone while driving or riding. You will get 3 penalty points on your licence and a fine of £100.

We have also seen children not in a car seat or wearing seatbelts. The law states:

Children must [normally use a child car seat](#) until they're 12 years old or 135cm tall, whichever comes first.

You must check the seat to make sure it is suitable for the height of your child.

Quiz Night

Use your brain to help Guide Dogs again! There will be a quiz in the school hall on Friday 14th October at 7.30. Tables up to 6 people, £5 per head. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be a raffle during the interval. To book a table, please call Vanessa on 07946 530491.

Parent Consultations FS2 - Year 6

Parent Consultations will be on Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October for parents of children in FS2 to

Year 6. If your child has only just joined nursery, you will also receive an invitation to meet your child's teacher. Other nursery children will have an opportunity to meet Mrs Lerner later in the year.



Rights Respecting Schools

Article 6

You have the right to be alive.

Reminders

Lost Property

Our lost property cupboard near the office is completely full and some of the un-named items are brand new school jumpers. Please come and check if your child has lost anything recently. Please make sure you name everything your child brings to school. Thank you.



Medication

If your child has a medical condition and you have not yet completed an Individual Health Care Plan, please contact Mrs Harrison in the school office.

Pat on the Back

FS2B - Lylah and Harrison for both trying really hard to improve their handwriting

FS2H - Rory and Molly for being good role models

FS2L - Zuhaib for being a good role model. Brooke for being kind and helpful

1B - Robyn for enthusiastic singing when learning our harvest song. Ahmed for working hard on his number bonds this week

1C - Scarlett for working hard in her writing. Sidney for being a good role model

2C - Jedidah for her concentration and perseverance when working on her fire dance
Jasmine for her place value work in maths this week

2R - Chloe for recognising patterns when completing number sequences. Alex for solving addition and subtraction word problems independently

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 Allen (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

Brompton Sunshines and Sure Start Children's Centre

FS2 Parents

Now the children have started full time and are settled, we would ask you to bring them to their classroom door in the morning and send them into class. This will be from Monday 3rd October so please talk to your child over the weekend and explain that it is because they are now so grown up that they no longer need you to go right into the area with them. Thank you for your support in helping our children become more independent.

Events coming soon:

Financial & Benefits Advice – Wednesday 12th October 2016, between 9.30am & 1.30pm: Would you like financial and benefits advice from a trained Home-Start Financial Fitness Champion? The Children's Centre, in partnership with Home-Start Medway are offering adults advice on a number of financial issues, including: highlighting priority debts, checking whether you are getting all the benefits you are entitled to, letters to debt companies and budgeting. 1-1 hourly appointments are available at the Children's Centre. **Booking required. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Understanding Your Child - starts Friday 14th October 2016, 9.30am-11.30am: Calling all parents with children up to the age of seven. Do you sometimes feel you are at breaking point with your child's unwanted behaviour? The Centre will be running a group to help and support parents to understand their child's behaviour. Offering practical advice on understanding of how your child is feeling and why they behave the way they do. The group meets once a week for 2 hours on Fridays. **Booking required. Please contact the Centre on 01634 844152 (option 1).**

Basic Paediatric First Aid Course – Wednesday 19th October 2016, 6.30pm-8.30pm: This is an adult learning session, so children will be unable to attend. We ask for a £5 donation with all proceeds going to the British Heart Foundation. **Booking Essential. Please contact Lisa on 01634 844152 (option 1), to book your place.**

Inclusions:

- Guide Dogs Quiz night flier (14th October)
- Parent Consultation letter FS2 - Y6

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