



Newsletter

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Headline

Behaviour Policy

As you know, we are very proud of pupil behaviour in school and regularly get feedback from visitors commenting on how polite, well-behaved and motivated our children are.

Our whole school behaviour policy is published on our website and it operates in conjunction with a number of other policies that we have in school, including our Anti-Bullying, Lunchtimes, SEN, Attendance, Child Protection, E-safety, Complaints and Whistleblowing policies as well as complementing our PSHE work and Rights Respecting School activities. Our policy is reviewed by staff and governors annually and all pupils are taught about the policy and the important role they play in contributing to good behaviour in school.

The policy is based around the following principles that all staff, governors and volunteers believe in and subscribe:

- Develop in children self-discipline and respect, for themselves, others and the environment
- Ensuring pupil safety, prevent bullying and secure academic achievement
- Embrace the view that no behaviour strategies can match the power that strong and positive relationships generated by a caring class teacher can have on pupils
- Have clear expectations and apply discipline consistently and fairly
- Teach good behaviour through the use of good behaviour strategies and by providing good role models
- Create calm with orderly classrooms and transitions
- Provide high quality, regular and timely training for staff
- Understand that challenging behaviour can be managed, but can also be modified or changed
- Understand that supporting

children with challenging behaviour is the responsibility of all school staff, their parents and other experts and not just the class teacher

- Have a code of conduct (Fair Charter) with rules, rights and responsibilities clearly stated
- Apply the view that simplicity is key to success
- Manage behaviour positively using a system of rewards and consequences
- Provide for pupils' special educational needs so that they are not disadvantaged by gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability
- Support the principles through the curriculum and especially by the teaching of PSHCE (Personal, Social, Health & Citizenship Education), RE (Religious Education) and during Collective Worship

We believe in recognition and praise to celebrate success and in clarity and fairness when consequences are required. All pupils have the chance to access rewards and every day is a new day.

*If you would like to come along to an informal workshop to learn more about our behaviour policy with Mrs Mason please **book yourself a place via the school office.** The sessions are booked for Tuesday 23rd January at 9am or 3pm.*



Coming Soon

Class Assemblies

At 0900 and afterwards in class for refreshments

24th January 2M

31st January 1B

7th February 1C

Friday 2nd February

Tag day - pay £1 to wear your own

clothes to school

Parent Consultations:

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th

February - see letters for time slots

School nurse drop in

Friday 9th February 09.30 - 12.30

Term Dates 2017/18

Term 3

Monday 8th January 2018

until

Friday 9th February 2018

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2018

until

Thursday 29th March 2018

Term 5

Monday 16th April 2018

until

Friday 25th May 2018

Term 6

Tuesday 5th June 2018

until

Wednesday 25th July 2018

Attendance:

Last week's top 3 :

98.7% - 5S

98.9% - 3/4F

99.6% - 3/4M



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News

Year 1

We are busy creating exciting plans to develop our new Year 1 outside learning area. If anyone has any empty cable drums we would be very grateful for these to create some outside seating and tables.

School Nurse

If you have any medical concerns about your child and would like an appointment to discuss them with the school nurse, she has a drop in clinic on Friday 9th February from 09.30 - 12.30. Please call the school office to make an appointment. Thank you.

Outdoor Learning

Keen birdwatchers will be asked to help Miss Staples in the next few weeks with the Big Schools' Birdwatch. Everyone can take part in the project by observing birds in their garden or local park by logging onto the RSPB's website and requesting a Big Garden Birdwatch pack. We are also still taking donations of bird food to attract different species and hopefully entice our blue tits to use the bird box again. Remember to keep an eye on the box at www.seenature.org.uk

Do you have any size 4 or 5 wellies at home which don't fit anymore? If you do, Miss Staples would love them for Forest School.

Years 3 and 4

We are able to offer 12 children in Years 3 and 4 an exciting multi skills event next month. Please see the letter attached and on the website for more information.

Years 5 and 6

We are offering children in Years 5 and 6 an exciting musical opportunity. Please see the letter on the website and sent home with this newsletter for more information.

Reminders

Toys in school

Please remind your children not to bring toys into school. They may get lost or broken and cause your child to be upset. Thank you.

Cars outside school

We have had reports from visitors to school about parents driving too fast through the estate - please remember there is a 15mph speed limit. Also, parents are still parking on the roundabout and in other dangerous areas including blocking residents' vehicles. We would be grateful if any parents could offer any suggestions on how we could improve the parking areas outside school to ensure the safety of all our children. Please speak to Mrs Harrison in the school office or a

member of the Senior Leadership Team who can be found at the front gate most mornings.

Thank you for your help and support.

British values

British values are an important part of our education offer. Through our teaching of PSHE and our Rights Respecting Schools work, we promote British values within our curriculum.



British values are:

- democracy.
- the rule of law.
- individual liberty.
- mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

In The Community

Junior Park Run

A junior version of the hugely popular parkrun programme is held every Sunday morning at 09.30 at The Strand in Gillingham. Join 4-14 year olds for the fun 2km run for all standards. Registration is free. For more information, visit www.parkrun.org.uk/medway-juniors/

Pat on the Back

FS2C - Ankur for applying new skills in his addition work this week. Favour for writing sentences with capital letters and full stops

FS2L - Jayleigh and Oscar E for their amazing combining work in maths

FS2W - Jack for his positive attitude to his maths learning this week. Demi for her independence during maths this week

1B - Zayn for enthusiastically sharing lots of knowledge about London features and different food groups.

Cameron for showing improvement in his behaviour during learning and play

1C - Hollie for working hard on her subtraction

Eghos for working hard on his writing in Read, Write Inc

2C - Kyle for working hard in his multiplication and knowing his doubles to 10 and Grace for being positive towards her learning and always trying her best

2M - Lilly B for settling into her new school and working with real enthusiasm. Naevanna for being an excellent reading partner to others.

Inclusions this week

- Parent Consultation letter
- Year 5 & 6 letter
- Year 3 & 4 letter
- Vacancies

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

Head Teacher: Mrs Sue Mason

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

Family Liaison Officer: Mrs Liddle (07535 696125)

This school operates a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff