



# Newsletter

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## Headline

### Parent governor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Body. With this newsletter is information about how you could be involved in this way – please give this some thought, as parents’ input and perspective is really valuable to us.

There is no “qualifying period“, so whether you are the parent of a pupil who has just joined the school, or of a pupil who has been here for a while, you would be welcome.

Being a Parent Governor offers an opportunity to gain valuable experience and knowledge, as well as making a practical contribution to the Governing Body; a range of training is available which can also provide development opportunities.

Parent Governors provide such a valuable role and it is a rewarding position. You will need to be able to commit to 6 evening meetings a year, plus be able to attend a couple of training days, which hopefully you will find interesting and insightful.

If you would like to discuss the idea with me before making a decision to put yourself forward, please contact the school office to arrange this.

I look forward to receiving your application!  
Mrs Mason

Sandwich making in 1B



**Coming Soon**  
**Class Assemblies**  
**At 0900 and afterwards in class for refreshments**  
**7<sup>th</sup> February 1C**  
**Parent Consultations:**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February - see letters for time slots**  
**Afternoon tea**  
**Year 1 - 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45**  
**FS1 - 7<sup>th</sup> March 10.30 and 2.15**  
**FS2 - 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm**  
**Year 5&6 Samba event**  
**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm**  
**School nurse drop in**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 09.30 - 12.30**

**Term Dates 2017/18**  
**Term 3**  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
until  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
**Term 4**  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
until  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
**Term 5**  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
until  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
**Term 6**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018  
until  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018  
**Term 1**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018  
until  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

## Attendance:

Last week's top 3 :  
97.7% - 2C  
97.8% - 6T  
98.9% - 3/4P



## News

### Year 6 height and weight check

The government arranges for all children in primary schools in reception year and in Year 6 to be weighed and measured. We will send letters home next week with details of when the nurses will be in to weigh our Year 6 pupils.

### Year 1 invitation to parents

Children in Year 1 would like to invite their parents to join them for afternoon tea on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm. Please come to the main office where you will be collected. Thank you for your support.

### FS1 and FS2 invitation to parents

Parents of children who attend the nursery (FS1) in the morning are invited to come to a mothers' day tea at 10.30am on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. Afternoon parents are invited to attend at 2.15pm.

If your child is in FS2 (Reception) you are invited to join them for mothers' day tea on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 14.00. Please come to the main office where you will be collected.

### Exciting opportunity for children in Years 3 and 4

There is an exciting opportunity for children to enter the portfolio competition at the Turner Contemporary Art Gallery in Margate. The competition is open to children across Kent and Medway. The theme this year is 'Animals and us' so children can relate this to their pets at home or animals in their surrounding environment. Please see attached letter.

### Year 6 Samba event

No doubt your children told you about their fantastic Samba event this week. We would like to invite you to come and see their carnival work on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 3.00pm.

## Reminders

### The school office

The school office opens at 08.30am and is extremely busy. The main entrance area is not a place where you can wait for school to begin with your children. If you arrive at school early, you need to wait outside with your children. The office staff are busy setting up for the day and answering the telephone which becomes very challenging if there are several families chatting in the reception area. Thank you for your understanding.

### Medication

If your child is taking regular medication but is well enough to be in school, please bring the medicine to the main office and complete the required paperwork. Children may not have medication in their school bags

and we are unable to administer medicine without the correct paperwork being fully completed. Thank you.

### Envelopes

As stated in the school prospectus, any money brought into school must be in a named, sealed envelope. Thank you.

### 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.

### Pat on the Back

FS2C - Lucas C for his progress in his communication skills and Noah for his recall of doubling number facts

FS2L - Khanak and Kaspian for amazing improvement in maths linked to home learning

FS2W - Layla for her knowledge of the world and Brooke for hard work when doubling in maths this week

1B - Bella for being a great role model in the classroom and Nathan for making lots of progress in his handwriting this term

1C - Oliver for working hard on his reading and for his fabulous London transport writing.

Sebastian for trying hard with his sandwich making instruction writing

2C - Layton for working hard at using the text to answer reading questions and Annabelle for picking up a new strategy for addition quickly and precisely

2M - Jasmine for being an excellent trainee lawyer in RWI and constructing a letter of complaint and Ahmed for excellent addition work in maths

### Inclusions this week

- Parent governor information
- Year 3/4 art competition

*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*