



# Newsletter

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## Headline

We are nearly at the end of another hard working term and your children have come up trumps again. When walking around the school we see hard-working, motivated, polite and enthusiastic children who are resilient and optimistic about their learning, lives and futures.

Next term we start some new topics, which are as follows:

**FS1** - In nursery we will be exploring mini beasts from finding out what spiders eat to counting the spots on the ladybugs. We will be reading lots of story books about mini beasts including: The Bad Tempered Ladybird, The Hungry Caterpillar and The Busy Spider

**FS2** - Our termly theme is fairy tales. Children will be listening to traditional fairy tales and re-telling stories and writing their own versions of fairy tales. Children will be painting mood castles and making props out of junk modelling.

**Y1** - Aaaarrh Me Hearties - Sea Adventures. We will be learning about Christopher Columbus. We will be learning to name the seven continents and writing a diary entry about Christopher Columbus' journey. We will also be following clues left by a pirate about where he has buried treasure around our school. We will be creating our own underwater worlds and writing stories based in these settings.

**Yr 2** - will begin to learn about Victorian England. During this topic children will look at what life was like for children at the time, working and school life and what improvements started to be made to support children. Children will partake in a Victorian school day to understand what life would have been like. In geography, children will recap continents and start

to understand how much of the world was part of the British commonwealth.

**Year 3/4** - Next term's topic will be 'Roaming Romans'. Children will be exploring how The Romans lived, the role of a gladiator and will also be designing and creating shields which they will then use to simulate a battle. The children will also take part in a Roman day to help with the understanding of status within the Roman Empire.

**Year 5/6** - We will be learning about World War II. We will be looking at life from the point of view of a child during World War II. We will be studying some of the key characters and the key events as well as some of the moral questions that arose from the time. We will be visiting Dover Castle and will look at the role that the castle played in the war as well as how important the local area was during the war.

### Easter Themed lunch On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

Option 1

Chicken nuggets and sweet potato chips

Option 2

Macaroni Cheese

Option 3

Ham or cheese roll

Followed by Gypsy tart and sliced apple or chocolate ice cream



## Coming Soon

Springwatch sponsored walk

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Service**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**0900 in the school hall**

**Easter themed lunch on Thursday**

**29<sup>th</sup> March**

2<sup>nd</sup> May - class photos

Term Dates 2017/18

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**

Attendance:

Last week's top 3 :

**5S - 99.1%**

**2M - 99.7%**

**3/4M - 100%**

**Well done 3/4M!**



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## News

### Charity cake sale

Mr Allen will be running a charity cake sale in the hall after school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Proceeds will go to Crohn's and Colitis UK. If you would like to purchase a cake to help to raise money then please bring your child to the hall via the playground entrance after school. Many thanks.

### Year 1 request for postcards

If anyone is lucky enough to be travelling abroad over the Easter Holidays please consider sending a postcard back to school addressed to year 1. This will help us with our learning about different countries around the world next term. Thank you in advance.

### Springwatch Sponsored Walk

The annual Springwatch walk is taking place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March for FS and years 1-6. Children will need a change of shoes to walk laps of the school site, spotting signs of spring. Sponsorship forms have been sent home already and all money raised will go towards outdoor learning.

### Monday After School Football Training for Years 3-6

We will be offering football training after school for some children in Years 3 - 6. If you are interested in your child attending, please collect a letter from the office and return the permission slip as soon as possible.

### Years 5 and 6 fundraiser

Some children in Years 5 and 6, our 'mini FOBs', are helping raise funds for the school. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March they will be selling cakes and biscuits during the lunch break and running a raffle for Y5 and 6 only. Please send any money to your child's teacher in a named envelope.

### Karate Classes

Starting at Brompton-Westbrook on Tuesday evenings - 1 free trial class on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. See flier sent home with this newsletter.

## Reminders

### Changes to packed lunch litter

So you know what your child has eaten out of their lunch box, we are doing away with our litter bins! Thank you for your support and we hope this will be helpful for you to monitor what your child is eating.

### Scholastics Book Fair

The very popular book fair will be in school for the week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please come along and choose some books for your children. Watch this space for days and times.

## 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

### Wildcats Girls' football club

Based at Anchorians Angels SSE Wildcats Centre, Darland Avenue, ME7 3AN - New course begins on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April from 6.30-7.30pm. £2.00 per session. Why not come along and make new friends, have fun and play football?

### Army Welfare Service Community Support

There are a number of activities being provided for Forces families over the Easter break. Further details can be found in the flier attached to this newsletter.

## Pat on the Back

3/4A - Freya for her improved positivity when completing difficult work. Logan for improving his content and stamina in RW1

3/4F - Melissa for her performance as Olivia in the 3/4 production and Jamie for the improvement in his writing this year

3/4M - Thomas & Rhys work in the production as well as the whole class for their contribution to the phase production!

3/4P - Matthew and Antor for speaking loudly and clearly for the production

5S - Roza for demonstrating strong co-operation in handball. Joshua and Enzo for excellent listening in recorders

5/6B - Shaun for his letter writing in RW1 and Harry for his investigation in numeracy

6T - Hadi has created an excellent poem about space during our ten minute writing challenge. He has been really imaginative and used rhyming well. Leeson for his thoughtful contribution to our Seal circle time when offering advice to other members of the class

## Inclusions this week

- Easter activities flier
- Karate class flier

*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*