



Newsletter

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Headline

Having only started as a parent governor in October 2017 I joined the team with little understanding of how the school operated and my role in the development of its strategy. As the Forces; Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM); and Physical Education Governor I have spent a lot of my time exploring the school and how it delivers these subjects.

I have been hugely impressed with how the school has used its Armed Forces connection to secure funding for a school library build and further used this link to ask for military help with the build itself. This will hopefully produce a very useable resource for the children that will last for future generations.

The STEM activity in the school has been fascinating and I am particularly impressed with the school weather station. The weather station provides a live wireless feed, helping the children understand the principles behind the collection, recording and analysis of data in a very real and clear way. Well done to Miss Staples for this fantastic opportunity.

Physical Education has been delivered in a very novel and exciting way. The use of outside agencies to provide programs such as BOOM! and Zumba has given the children opportunities outside of the norm. While it must be understood that it is very rare for children in towns such as ours to be able to have such an expanse of outdoors space, it is fantastic to see the children regularly taking advantage of this.

Looking to the future, I hope our strategy as governors helps the teaching team maintain such a diverse and broad curriculum and their wonderfully dynamic delivery. I hope to see strengthening links with the forces community. I also hope to see

another parent governor join our board so I won't be the newbie!

Jon Farish
Parent Governor



Coming Soon

7th May - Bank holiday Monday

14th - 17th May - Year 6 SATs week
21st - 25th May - Year 2 SATs week
18th May - Tag day

Monday 11th June - Year 5 secondary transfer meeting for parents

3rd July - Inflatables event 3.00pm
4th July - Y5/6 Careers afternoon

July 5th - Sports day for FS
FS1 am 10.30
FS1 pm 1.00
FS2 1.30

July 6th - Sports Day Years 1-6

Term Dates 2017/18

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 :

FS2W - 99%
3/4A - 99.3%
6T - 100%

Well done 6T!



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Inflatables event

After our previous success with this event, we are having an inflatables event on Tuesday 3rd July from 3.00pm. As in previous years, wrist bands will be on sale nearer the time from the school office. Watch this space!

Careers Fair

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 will enjoy an afternoon learning about a large variety of careers they could follow. The event takes place on Wednesday 4th July and we are sure the pupils will thoroughly enjoy their event. If you think you could offer your support by having a stall to talk about your career, please let Mrs Marie or the staff in the office know. Thank you.

Reminders

Waste Week 7-11th May

We would like you to encourage the children to have a 'no plastic snack' during the week of 7th May to help reduce the amount of plastic waste we throw away in school. Children may bring snacks in reusable plastic containers. The ideal snack is fruit, as this is a healthy option and any waste is biodegradable.

There has been a lot in the media recently about the amount of plastic waste produced and its impact on the environment. We are hoping this will help to make the children more aware of how much they throw away every day and consider its effect on their environment.



PE Kits

Please make sure your child has their named PE kit in school all week. Sports day is coming up and there may well be extra practice sessions.

Money in school

Please remember that all money sent into school must be in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and what the money is for. Thank you.

SATs dates

Key Stage 2 Year 6 SATS : Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May (children may come into school from 8.15am where they can access revision materials, cereal bars and juice in their classrooms)

Key Stage 1 Year 2 SATS: Monday 21st May – Friday 25th May

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

GFC family fun day Sunday 6th May

Gills V Southend Academy games with first team player appearances and signings. Beat the goalie. Live music and performers, food and drink festival and much more!

Chatham and District Annual Model Railway Exhibition

This will be held on 2nd and 3rd June at The Victory Academy in Magpie Hall Road, Chatham, ME4 5JB. Free parking and entry price is £6.00 per adult with children under 16 are free, but must be accompanied by an adult.

Pat on the Back

3/4A - Grace for her hard persistent work in maths and Chibueze for consistent hard work in maths
3/4F - Freya T for her enthusiasm towards the Roman topic so far this term. Euan for his sportsmanship and progress that he has shown in PE this term as well as after school rugby
3/4M - Isabella for using adverbs in RWI and Ellaesia for completing her story using a simile, paragraphs and adjectives accurately
3/4P - Jaden and Harry for their enthusiastic questions on the school trip
5S - Georgia for explaining how to work out fractions of amounts in numeracy and Zachary for consistently showing co-operation and hard work in his learning
5/6B - Harrison and Shaun for their writing in RWI
6T - Oskar for an improvement in his confidence in his maths application and Holly for the improvement in her maths learning especially her confidence to apply known strategies.

Inclusions this week

- None

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