



Newsletter

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Headline

Harvest Festival

As you know, Friday 6th October is the date we have set for our school-based harvest celebration.

The children will perform readings, songs, poems and prayers to give their thanks for harvest time. Everyone is welcome to join us in the school hall at 9 o'clock. This year, as last, we are collecting food donations which will go to 'Caring Hands,' a registered charity that runs a day centre for homeless people in Chatham. Caring Hands takes a three-step approach to changing lives for the better – giving sustenance (which we need your help to do), re-building self-confidence, and empowerment.

Caring Hands are totally dependent on the generous donations of Harvest Festival canned and dried food from Medway schools. This has provided vital basic food items from which Caring Hands supplies 40,000 meals and snacks annually - three times a day, five days a week, FREE to those who are homeless and most in need. They could not continue to operate without such donations, which are sorted into categories and stored onto shelves for use throughout the year and we feel that our donations make a really valuable contribution to our local community.

Here is a list of the food Caring Hands need to replenish their stocks:

Tinned items:

- Beans
- Soups (any flavours)
- Tuna
- Vegetables (any variety)
- Tomatoes
- Spaghetti /Ravioli
- Hot dogs
- Potatoes
- Fruit
- Rice Pudding
- Custard (tinned or powdered)

Dry items:

- Pasta
- Lasagne sheets

- Rice
- Smash
- Tea and coffee
- Sugar
- Powdered milk
- Noodles
- Savoury rice
- Cooking sauces
- Pasta sachets (eg mug shots)



Last year's harvest collection

Nursery spaces

If your child was born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2015 and you would like a place in our nursery, please ask at the reception desk for an application form as we currently have spaces available.

Coming Soon

6T class assembly Wednesday 4th October 0900

Harvest Festival Friday 6th October At 0900 in the hall

Friday 13th October - Tag Day

Parents' evenings

Tuesday 17th October 15.30 - 19.00

Thursday 19th October 15.30 - 18.00

Term Dates 2017/18

Term 1

Tuesday 5th September 2017 until

Friday 20th October 2017

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October 2017 until

Tuesday 19th December 2017

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 :

FSW - 100%

3/4P - 100%

5/6B - 100%

WELL DONE!!!



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News

Do you have language skills and are you looking for a new career?

Have you thought about putting your language skills to use with the opportunity to train for a new career in interpreting? Medway Council annually host the course Essential Skills in Community Interpreting Level 3 which is the minimum qualification required to register with our Community Interpreting Service. Further information and forms available via the links below:
<http://www.educationservicesmedway.org.uk/Article/41024>

Archaeological Dig

Take part in an archaeological dig at Fort Amherst. Help uncover hidden military heritage at The Spur Battery area of Fort Amherst. You will be helping Community Archaeologists dig where troop encampments, siege warfare, training and military punishment took place. Spaces available for 14, 16-21 October. Contact karen.francis@medway.gov.uk to book your place.
<http://www.educationservicesmedway.org.uk/Article/40927>

Pound Coins

The 'old' style pound coins will no longer be legal tender after Friday 15th October. Due to banking schedules we will only be able to accept them in school up until MONDAY 10th OCTOBER.

Occupational Therapist

During parent consultations on Thursday 19th October our Occupational Therapist, Sam Lewis, will be available for short advice sessions. You may have questions about handwriting, sensory concerns, stability and strength. Please contact the school office if you'd like to see him. He'll be available 3.30-5pm

Primary School Admission

If your child was born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2014, now is the time to apply for a school place for September 2018. Please see the information form sent home with this newsletter.

Reminders

Year 5/6 Trip to the British Museum

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are visiting the British Museum on 27th November. They need to be in school by 08.15 on that day to leave promptly at 08.30. The cost for the trip is £16 which needs to be paid by Friday 3rd November please.

School nurse drop in

If you would like to make an appointment to speak to the school nurse at her next session (Friday 13th September) please speak to Mrs Harrison in the school office.

Flu Vaccination

Parents of children in Years R - 4 should have received a permission letter through the post from the NHS. This is for your child to receive the annual nasal flu vaccine. Please complete and return the forms to the school by the end of this term as the NHS team are here on 13th November to administer the vaccines to your children.

Money in school

If you are sending money to school for any reason, please ensure it is in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and the reason for the payment. We sell money envelopes at the school office - 10 for 20p.



Pat on the Back

FS2C - Noah W for his enthusiasm for learning and Harry for being a caring friend.
FS2L Cameron for being a great friend to everyone and Beau for developing in confidence.
FS2W - Harrison for his positive attitude towards his learning. Hallie for being a consistently good role model in the class.

1B - Danny for always trying his best in numeracy and Ben for learning his set 2 sounds in RWI.

1C - Ethan A for working hard on his maths this week and Finley for keeping going with his learning and not giving up when things are difficult.

2C - Zahir for using great expression when reading a poem and Alex for great enthusiasm in all tasks set.

2M - Zimnani for always settling to tasks immediately and completing them to a high standard. Emelia for presenting each and every piece of work beautifully and with care and pride.

Inclusions this week

- Primary school application information

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