



Newsletter

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Headline

Walk to School Month

As you will know by now (because your children may have been pestering you about it!) we are taking part in the Kent Messenger Hedgehog Hike – 3 week Challenge.

The aim of the challenge is to show our school community that walking to school:

- is a brilliant way of keeping active and healthy;
- helps the environment, because fewer cars on our roads means less air pollution;
- will not mean waiting in traffic jams and will possibly be quicker;
- allows children to interact with their local environment and develop independence;
- increases quality time with family and friends to enjoy the outdoors;
- can help teach essential road safety skills, improve concentration and alertness;
- will eliminate fuel costs;
- can be FUN!

Each year, primary school pupils from across the UK join forces with children in more than 40 countries worldwide to celebrate the benefits of walking to school.

HEDGEHOG HIKE: 3-WEEK CHALLENGE

Medway Council's Safer Journeys Team is inviting ALL schools and academies in Medway to compete in the Hedgehog Hike Challenge, which runs for three-weeks with the aim to tally the highest percentage of walks over the duration.

The challenge will be taking place across the following dates:

WEEK 1: Monday 2nd - Friday 6th October 2017;

WEEK 2: Monday 9th - Friday 13th October 2017;

WEEK 3: Monday 16th - Friday 20th October 2017

There is to be a daily hands-up survey conducted in each class, which will ask - "Put your hand up if you came to school by green travel today". Green travel means: walking, cycling, scooter, park and stride, train, bus. Class figures will then be added to a whole school tally chart to calculate a running total for our school.

Winners will be recognised for the primary school with the highest percentage of pupils walking over the 3-weeks, with a press release and winners' presentation made by the Safer Journeys Team.

In addition to entering the competition we also hope to get lots of maths learning from the data generated. Mrs Marie and Mrs Tindall are leading a team of children to support with this.

2M's toy shop



Coming Soon

Wednesday 11th October - 5/6B class assembly

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 :

3/4A - 99%

3/4F - 99%

3/4P - 100%

Well done 3/4P



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Nursery spaces available

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. We also have an open event on 8th January at 4.00pm.

Book Fair

We will have a book fair in the school hall during the week commencing Monday 16th October. It will also be available during parent consultations.

Parent Consultations

As you know, parent consultations will be take place on Tuesday 17th October from 3.40 - 7.00pm and on Thursday 19th October from 3.30 - 6.00pm. We are pleased to inform you that Ms Thomas (Specialist Teacher) will be available at parent consultations to discuss any additional concerns you may have about your child's academic learning. Please speak to the school office if you would like to see her and we will try to arrange a time close to your consultation time. She will be available until 6pm on Tuesday and Thursday.

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 would like to see him. He'll be available 3.30-5pm

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.

FS2 Friday Clubs

As you are aware, school finishes at 1.15pm on Fridays. However, we have a Friday afternoon "Make and Do" club for children in FS2 (Reception). If you would like your child to remain in school until 3.30pm on Fridays, please complete the application form for Friday clubs and return it to your child's teacher - or the office - by Friday 13th October. Priority will be given to working parents. No late applications will be accepted.

In The Community

Fort Amherst

Discover what the archaeologists uncovered at Fort Amherst. Come and see what the Archaeologists found at Fort Amherst during the Dig Deep at The Spur Battery area where troop encampments, siege warfare, training and military punishment took place. The Fort Amherst team will be outside The Chatham Library on 26 and 27 October 2017(School October break). Drop by to see the displays and see how the area will be transformed into an open air amphitheater for outdoor performances. Link:

<http://www.educationservicesmedway.org.uk/Article/40931>

Pat on the Back

3/4A - Ellen for improvements in her RWI lessons and Levi for hard work and completing work independently in topic.

3/4M - Ettienne and Isabella for their hard work in numeracy this week using mental strategies.

3/4F - Mia for being supportive and helpful towards new children in the classroom. Kiana for always showing great enthusiasm towards her learning.

3/4P - Romesa for excellent work and for being an excellent role model to the rest of the class. Aedyn for his passion for writing during forest school.

5S - Cerys for detailed note-taking and accurate recount of the Battle of Marathon and Georgia for summarising a book and learning her lines for Harvest Festival.

5/6B - Alinafe and David for showing good sportsmanship during their PE lesson.

6T - Kaitlin for the effort that she has put into writing her 10 minute challenges this week. She has really listened well in class and has applied her prior learning to produce some interesting pieces of writing. Anastacia for her writing this week, she has listened well in class and has started to apply her next steps to her learning to produce some nicely detailed pieces.

Inclusions this week

- Go Wild Club information
- FS2 Friday clubs for Term 2

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