



# Newsletter

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## Headline

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS

As you know, all pupils in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a school meal under the Government's 'Universal Infant Free School Meal' scheme. You do not need to apply for this.

However, the school receives important funding called **Pupil Premium Grant** which pays for many key elements related to your child's education. This funding is allocated to schools via the number of pupils who claim **Free School Meals**. If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below, you are entitled to claim Free School Meals and therefore the school will receive important funding through the pupil premium grant.

If you are in receipt of any of the following benefits, please apply as you may be eligible:

- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-one paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

To apply you will need to provide:

- your name and date of birth
- contact details
- national insurance number or national asylum seekers' number
- child's name and date of birth
- school your child is attending

(You will not be entitled to free school meals if you receive any element of Working Tax Credit or if your annual household income is greater than £16,190.)

Applying is easy – all you need to do is go to the website [medway.gov.uk/.../schoolmeals/applyforfreeschoolmeals.aspx](http://medway.gov.uk/.../schoolmeals/applyforfreeschoolmeals.aspx) and follow the directions.

We can support you with this process if you are unsure or do not have access to the internet. Please contact Mrs Harrison in the school office or Mrs Liddle, our Family Liaison Officer for more details.

Your child does not need to take a meal if they prefer to bring a packed lunch, but you need to claim for Free School Meals for the school to access the pupil premium grant.

Thank you for your support.



Have a fantastic holiday and remember, children return to school on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October!

## Coming Soon

**KS2 Disco and KS1 film night**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 3.30 - 5.00  
LKS2 class assemblies:  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3/4F**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 3/4M  
**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 3/4A**

Year 3/4 Trip to Kent Life  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
**School Nurse drop in clinic**  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Whole school Christmas lunch  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

## Term Dates 2017/18

**Term 2**  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017  
until  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017

**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

## Attendance:

**Last week's top 3:**  
**FS2L - 99.5%**  
**2M - 99%**  
**6T - 99%**



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## News

### Medway Teaching School Alliance

Are you or anyone you know interested in training to be a teacher? If you are interested, please see the attached letter and application form for more information. An information event will take place at Sir Joseph Williams's Mathematical School on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and you need to book your place.

### Lunch club resources

If you have any of the following that you no longer require, we would be very grateful for donations for lunch club:

Baby dolls, Girls' World head, necklaces, clip on earrings, handbags, hats, Where's Wally books. Please give them to your child's class teacher

### Disco and Film night

The Friends of Brompton are putting on a disco for children in KS2 and a film night for children in KS1 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. It will be from 3.30 - 5.00pm and will cost £2.50 per child with a tuck shop available. KS1 children will be watching a "U" rated film. If you are available to help, please speak to Mrs Knight in the school office.

### Year 2 Trip

Children in Year 2 are invited to attend a free trip to The Royal Engineers Museum on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please see attached letter.

## Reminders

### School car park

Please remind your children that they should not be walking through the car park before and after school. They are also not allowed to ride scooters or bicycles in the school grounds. This is a health and safety issue. Following feedback from pupils and families, the governors have sanctioned the purchase of a bicycle rack - watch this space for more details!

### Year 6 Secondary Applications

Applications for secondary schools close on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure you have applied via Medway before then. [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk)

## In The Community

### Half Term in Medway

There are lots of exciting activities happening over the half term break, including pumpkin carving at Capstone park on 25<sup>th</sup> October (booking essential on 01634 338191 £3 per child); Creepy Castle Trail at Rochester Castle - 80p per child; Spooky Heritage Trail at Upnor Castle also 80p per child.

### Chinese State Circus

Will be at Rochester Jacksons Recreation Ground until Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. We have a number of vouchers giving you 50% a family of up to 4 people available from the front office if you would like to collect one.

### Pat on the Back

FS2C - Atos for improving his handwriting skills and Theo for coming into school confidently  
FS2L - Oscar S and Jayleigh for using their phonic knowledge and applying it to their writing  
FS2W - Lakyia and Odin for their attitude towards learning  
1C - Maxwell for writing more than he was asked to and remembering his finger spaces and Delohnie for always being a good listener.  
1B - Danny and Prisha for working hard during their maths work and helping others remember the vocabulary for length  
2C - Arusna for working hard on her writing targets.  
Demi for changing her reading book everyday  
2M - Maizie for constructing a creative poem and Carson for always demonstrating exceptional manners and cheerfulness in all that he does  
3/4 F – Robbie for his contribution in music lessons and his improved attitude towards school. Jack for ensuring the classroom is tidy after lessons  
3/4M – Abdulrahman for his contributions in science  
Misek for his contributions in RE  
3/4A - Tyisha for improving her quality and quantity of work in RWI. Ethan for regularly choosing do the right thing and help others in class.  
3/4P - Kelisha for being an excellent role model and supportive to other children and Grzegorz for being an excellent role model to the class.  
5S - Nicole for her diary entry about Billy Midas in Read Write Inc and Yubin for finding common denominators in numeracy  
5/6B - Harry and Megan for their brilliant acting during the class assembly  
6T - Grace for being awarded medals and trophies for tap, ballet and street dance, which she attends weekly outside of school. Kairell for applying himself well in class and being keen to answer questions and make links with his previous learning.

### Inclusions this week

- Y2 trip letter
- Medway Teaching School Alliance

*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*