



Newsletter 3 - Friday 3rd October 2019

Dear Parents,

Where on Earth did September go? If anybody can enlighten me I would be very grateful. We are in full swing now and the school year is well underway.

It has suddenly become very autumnal, which I suppose is only to be expected in the Autumn. The days are getting shorter, colder, windier and wetter. With that in mind, can parents please ensure their children come to school with a suitable coat, even if the morning is sunny. We very much agree with the Scandinavian philosophy of there being no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes. It is important to put names into everything, (and I mean everything!) as if things go missing without being named it is obviously much harder to find them.

Tunbridge Wells in Bloom

Well done to all of our Tunbridge Wells in Bloom competition winners; Bethan, Cadence, Michael and Eleanor. Eleanor's bee friendly poster on a moon landing theme was displayed outside Lloyds bank while the others were on display in the Bee friendly flower bed in Dunorlan park. The children received a prize and so did the school. We are very proud of them!

Year 3/4 Rugby Festival

Children from years 3 and 4 went to a World Cup themed rugby festival In Tonbridge this morning with Mr Hodges. Our children represented teams from Tonga and Russia. They did extremely well and were a credit to the school.

Voluntary contribution

Each family is invited to donate to the school fund. We use this fund to provide many exciting activities for the pupils. We have had science theatres, puppet shows, zoologists visits and farm animals for the day amongst many other events. This fund also helps to finance the school Christmas party and entertainment (for the children, not the staff). The suggested amount is £15 per pupil, per year.

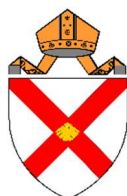
Parents of children in years R to 2 can pay this via cash/cheque and junior parents can pay via ParentPay.

Key Stage 2 Choir

KS2 choir have started rehearsals for the 'Big Sing' concert, which takes place at the Assembly Hall Theatre on Wednesday 20th November at 7:30pm. The concert includes a range of well-known and new Christmas songs. Tickets are available now from the theatre box-office (see flyer for more details). Any KS2 children who would like to join the choir are still able to do so, on a Monday lunchtime in the KS2 creative room. The more the merrier! (Mrs. Holland)

Environmental health

The school kitchen had a visit from the inspectors on Thursday and I am pleased to tell you that, as expected, the school kitchen has maintained its five star rating. Congratulations to the kitchen staff, and as always, we thank them for the lovely meals.



Parentmail Connection

If any parents are having trouble accessing Parentmail please email the school office with your correct details and child's name and class and we will try to resolve any issues.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Applications can be made on-line at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. If you need further information on secondary admissions please visit www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. Please let us know when you have applied and the schools applied for. The easiest way to do this is to forward the email confirmation to us or print it off and give a copy to the school office.

Harvest Festival – Tuesday 15th October

Please bring in tins and other non-perishable items for Tuesday 15th October. Make sure they're within date – no pulses, or kidney beans or fresh produce please. We will be passing the donations to St. Augustine's Church who supply the local hostels, disadvantaged families in Tunbridge Wells and the 'Winter Shelter' etc. There will be a special service (just for the children) at St. James' Church.

Kent Test Results

Parents of children who took the Kent Tests at the start of term will have the results emailed to them after 4pm on the 17th October.

School photos

Children in years R to 2 will be having their photos taken on Tuesday 29th October and children in years 3 to 6 will have theirs taken on Wednesday 6th November.

A message from the PTA re: PTA AGM (reminder)

We hope you are settling back nicely into the school routine and enjoying the last of the summer sun.

We will be holding the PTA's AGM on Thursday 10 October at 8pm in the Infant Hall. All the PTA meetings are open to anyone who is a parent or guardian of a child at the school. The generosity of school families in supporting PTA events, whether with time, donations or both, helps the school provide a great experience for all the children.

Please come along and find out more about what is happening this year, and maybe how you can get involved! The agenda for the meeting and the minutes from last year's AGM are attached. If you have any questions, please speak directly to one of us at drop off/pick up or send a message via your class reps or our Facebook page.

We hope to see you on the 10th.

Your PTA Committee

Have a lovely weekend.

John Tutt
October 2019

