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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who has supported our joint fundraising for the NSPCC and Children in Need today. The children are resplendent in their green outfits and we have had a great many donations which will be counted next week and split between these two important charities. I will let you know next week how much you have raised.

Whilst on the subject of charitable giving, I heard today from Laurence Dunderdale that the school raised £871.57 as part of the Poppy Appeal this year – well done and thank you everyone.

COVID-19 Update

Whilst I was away last week (on what Mr Taylor referred to as a 'holiday') we had a big surge in the number of cases in one of our Year 6 classes and the decision was therefore made to 'bubble' these two classes to isolate them from the rest of the school. Things seem to have settled now and therefore these two classes will be allowed back into the general population from Monday.

We have also made the decision that, given the circumstances, Mrs Allen will not be physically returning to school prior to starting her maternity leave. She has been 'shielding' this week and Mrs Sopp has done an excellent job of keeping the class firmly on track; going forward Mr Taylor and Mrs Sopp will be teaching the class with Mrs Allen coming in remotely where possible/appropriate. Yesterday, we appointed Mr James Wren to cover Mrs Allen's maternity leave and he will be starting in January.

We still do have some cases of COVID around the school (although no more than one in each year group at the moment) and so I would urge all parents to continue to maintain vigilance over symptoms – especially as we approach Christmas.

Flu Vaccines

The Kent and Medway Immunisation Team is coming to school next week – don't forget to do the [online consent form](#) if you haven't already. Visit www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms for more information.



You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07401 320923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child's immunisations.

Christmas Events

It seems incredible to me that it feels as if term has barely begun and we're already starting to think about Christmas. Next week we'll be providing more information about dates of performances and other events but I need to let you know that we will be restricting the numbers of adults who can come and see the nativity performances. It is with great reluctance that we do this but the safety of the children, staff and community has to take priority. More details next week.



Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

CALENDAR >

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 22nd November		
Tuesday 23rd November	Gulbenkian Rehearsal (Year 3 and 4 choir)	
Wednesday 24th November	Flu Vaccines	Sportshall Athletics Competition (Year 3 & 4)
Thursday 25th November		
Friday 26th November	Year 4 Mayan Workshop	Year 2 Trip to Canterbury

Monday 29th November		
Tuesday 30th November	Speed Stacking Competition	
Wednesday 1st December		
Thursday 2nd December	7pm: Salvation Army Concert	
Friday 3rd December		

Monday 6th December		
Tuesday 7th December		
Wednesday 8th December		
Thursday 9th December	1.30pm: Community Tea Party	
Friday 10th December	Christmas Bazaar	

Monday 13th December		
Tuesday 14th December	6pm: Gulbenkian Christmas Concert	
Wednesday 15th December	Christingle Services in Church	
Thursday 16th December		
Friday 17th December LAST DAY OF TERM		

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Freddie (1CS) for his wonderful attitude to his learning. <i>Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Rosa B (4ST) for generously sharing all of her creative ideas in writing time. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Ada H (1LA) for working so hard in maths this week learning to count on. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Finnley B (5HA) for showing generosity and fairness to the girls 'Space' team yesterday by awarding them the winning point! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Emerson C (2FP) for his generous friendship towards all of the children and adults in our class. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Kaatya T (5JS) for planning some imaginative and descriptive sentences for her diary entry and showing empathy for the characters feelings. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Luke C (2GD) for his great enthusiasm and participation in our activities at forest school this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Foni B (6NA) for having an excellent attitude towards all her learning this week, especially in her evacuation narrative. <i>Mrs Sopp</i> |
| ☆ May B (3JA) for being our resident expert and showing fantastic participation and enthusiasm during our trip to Maidstone Museum. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Ariel J (6JP) for accurately applying 5 different writing lenses in his independent writing this week based around evacuation. Very well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Alp A (3SA) for his excellent level of enthusiasm and knowledge during our trip to Maidstone Museum. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | |
| ☆ Thomas R (4JH) for producing excellent workings in maths and being kind to others. <i>Mr Harris</i> | |



Buster Book Club

This week, as part of our Buster Book Club, we are celebrating not just the total number of minutes read but also the number of children who have read in each class.

Well done to **2GD** who were the class with the greatest number of children who had read and had their book signed at least three times this week.

