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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year R (and Year 6) Classrooms

Those of you who came onto the school site today or yesterday will have noticed that the fencing has come down and the refurbishment works have now come to an end (or at least paused!). Over the weekend, we will be getting the classrooms ready for the children on Tuesday morning.

There is still some work to do in the future: the windows and external doors will be replaced and we will be getting a new canopy over the Christmas break but in the meantime, we have some fantastic new classrooms for the Year R children.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the Year 6 children who have been exemplary in their generosity and I know that the Year R children have also written letters of thanks to the Year 6 children.

I have no doubt that Year R parents will be keen to see the 'new' rooms but can I ask you to refrain from coming in on Tuesday as we will be focusing on welcoming and settling the children – you will have an opportunity to see the rooms on Friday afternoon.






Normal Service Resumes

As the hall will no longer be used for teaching classes, we are able to resume our regular lunchtime service. Please feel free to go ahead and book school lunches on the ParentMail app as you have done previously. I would like to say a huge thank you for all your support. The greatly reduced number of children having lunch has been an incredible help over what has been a challenging two weeks.

PE Days

From reading the comments on the Parent Survey, I know that at the beginning of every term, there are conversations on the parent WhatsApp groups about PE days and whether or not these have changed. We have updated the [class pages](#) on the school website to reflect which days the children should come in wearing their PE kit and if this changes, we will make sure that we let you know **before** the holiday so you are forewarned for the first week back.

PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				

Applying for Secondary Schools (Year 6 parents)

Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Monday 31st October (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

If you are considering naming St. Anselm's as an option, they ask that parents get a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) completed including information about faith status and/or baptism with a minister confirming regular religious practice.

Young Voices

We are starting to recruit singers for our Young Voices concert in January and Mr Miles will be collecting names next week. Priority will be given to Year 6 children as it will be their final opportunity as well as those that have not had the opportunity before but we will be asking children to commit to practice. You will be able to sign up when clubs lists come out next week.

Year R Baseline Assessment

Over the next couple of weeks, Mr Redpath and Miss Goddard will be conducting 'baseline assessments' on our new year children. These are very light touch and only take a few minutes, the children won't even realise that they are being assessed. These assessments will help us to determine what the children already know and what their next steps are. Parents of children in Year R will also receive an information leaflet via ParentMail but, if you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher.

Parent Consultations

In a few weeks' time, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher(s) to discuss how well your children have settled into school and how the school and parents can work together to get the best out of your child.

Invitations to book a slot will be sent out early next week.

	Morning Slot	Afternoon Slot	Evening Slot
Year R	Tuesday 11 th October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 11 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 12 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 1	Thursday 6 th October 9am to 11am	Thursday 6 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 12 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 2	Monday 10 th October 9am to 11am	Monday 10 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 12 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 3	Thursday 13 th October 9am to 11am	Thursday 13 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 12 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 4	Wednesday 5 th October 9am to 11am	Wednesday 5 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 12 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 5	Monday 3 rd October 9am to 11am	Monday 3 rd October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 12 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 6	Tuesday 4 th October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 4 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 12 th October 4pm to 7pm

A Time to Reflect

In Collective Worship this week, the children have been considering 'trust' and illustrated this with the story of Joshua placing his trust in God. We reflected on whether or not Moses and Joshua found it easy to keep trusting God, even after wandering in the desert for 40 years? We then considered who people trusted in their lives and what actions they could take to show that people could place their trust in them.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

As always we ended our Collective Worship today with our school prayer. Any child that did not want to join in the prayer was simply asked to sit quietly and reflect upon what we had spoken about.

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

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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| ☆ Felix S (1CJ) for his excellent attitude towards all aspects of his learning this week. <i>Mrs Jones</i> | ☆ Amaya D (4AH) for always showing a readiness to learn and great participation in lessons. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Livia M (1LA) for working hard to create her story map in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Luca J (4ST) for always working hard, setting a good example and helping other children. <i>Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Safia F (2GD) for her amazing character description about Mr Alexander T Wolf which included lots of interesting adjectives. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Henry-James G (5HA) for getting 100% in his reading quiz. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Elodie W (2SA) for super writing in History about Queen Elizabeth II! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Oliver F (5JS) for showing respect and compassion in church and for giving 100% with his singing. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Elodie B (3JA) for always trying her best with her learning and for producing some fantastic pieces of work. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Edie W (6JP) for being an excellent friend, showing kindness and support towards her peers. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Bear C (3LC) for being focused during lessons and showing kindness to his peers. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Alfie C (6JW) for independently using various styles of repetition in his narrative writing to great effect. <i>Mr Wren</i> |

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



Year 1 mark-making

In Art, pupils in Year one have been exploring mark-making but not with traditional tools! As a class, we looked at marks and lines made with unusual household objects and discussed what they reminded us of – the texture of crocodile skin, grass, fur, bricks etc. Pupils were encouraged...



Yr R - drawing, observation and creepy crawlies.

Year R had their first Art lesson today! The children explored my collection of insects (in resin) and peacock feathers. To start the lesson, pupils looked closely at the creepy crawlies and discussed them. How many legs do the insects have? Which have wings? Can you see their eyes? We...

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 19th Sept	Bank Holiday School closed to staff & pupils	
Tuesday 20th Sept		2pm: PTA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 21st Sept	Year 5 Residential (Wednesday to Friday)	2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 6) Year 4 Bridge Study Walk
Thursday 22nd Sept		2.30pm: Year R Welcome Service at Church
Friday 23rd Sept		2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year R)

Monday 26th Sept	Reading Volunteer Coffee Morning	2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 3)
Tuesday 27th Sept	Sports Crew Training	2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 2)
Wednesday 28th Sept	Year 6 Residential (Wednesday to Friday)	Year 4 Bridge Study Walk
Thursday 29th Sept		
Friday 30th Sept		

Monday 3rd Oct	<i>Parental Consultations this week</i>	3JA Bridge Study Walk
Tuesday 4th Oct		3LC Bridge Study Walk
Wednesday 5th Oct		
Thursday 6th Oct	Year 4 Trip to Creed	
Friday 7th Oct	Year 4 Trip to Creed	

Events for Parents

I know that parents appreciate a great deal of notice for significant events in the school calendar and therefore we have created an [events](#) page on our school website which has important dates for the whole school year.

We will do our very best to ensure that the dates published on the website are adhered to but there may be circumstances outside our control which means that there are changes.

If there are dates of other events you would like to know then please ask and we will publish these as well.

