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Dear Parents/Carers,

I have spent a lot of time this week listening to the music across the school and, as I write this, I hear Mrs Brookes leading singing in the school hall with some of our younger children. We even treated some of our parents to a little rendition from our staff choir this morning whilst they were watching somewhat bemused through the classroom window!

Quiz Night

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all those who supported the Quiz Night at the Night Yard last Friday. Over £2300 was raised which will be split between the school PTFA and SUDCUK. This is an incredible amount of money and I know that there were so many people involved in organising this but particular thanks must go to Emma Haynes who initially proposed and coordinated the event.

Ethan's Achievement

It's always good to hear about the achievements of our children outside of school and this week we heard about Ethan's completion of a triathlon over the summer holiday with the support of his family which included a 10K cycle in his trike bike.

Ethan's commitment meant that he was selected from hundreds of participants to take part in another challenge later that day which involved him being part of a team of three with the incredible and inspiring Paralympian Kare Adenegan as the team captain.

Mum reports that it was an incredible and inspiring day and Ethan was even part of an interview with Clare Balding which was aired on Channel 4 at the beginning of September.



School Uniform & Lost Property

Please could parents ensure that school uniform is clearly labelled with their child's name? We have a great many unnamed sweatshirts appearing in lost property (some of which are brand new!) This also applied to PE kits, water bottles and lunchboxes!

In order to stop the lost property building up, we will be displaying it in the main playground each Friday. If you have lost anything, please speak to the office to check the cupboard in the week or come to the playground on Fridays.

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Upcoming Events

Monday 30th September	Mini Olympics Competition	
Tuesday 1st October		
Wednesday 2nd October	9.30am and 10.45am Harvest Services	
Thursday 3rd October	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 4th October		

Monday 7th October		
Tuesday 8th October	School Photographer in (Individual & Sibling)	Year 5/6 Handball Competition
Wednesday 9th October	Year 5 Thanet Science Challenge	
Thursday 10th October	Year 4 Swimming	
Friday 11th October	Year 5/6 Able Writers' Day	Road Safety Assemblies

Monday 14th October		
Tuesday 15th October	Tennis Festival	
Wednesday 16th October	Open Afternoon for Parents (3.15pm to 6pm)	
Thursday 17th October	Year 4 Swimming	4pm: Kent Test Results to Year 6 Parents
Friday 18th October	Year R and 6 Height & Weight Checks	Messy Church on Saturday 

Half Term Holiday

Monday 28th October	Staff Training Day	
Tuesday 29th October	Staff Training Day	
Wednesday 30th October		
Thursday 31st October	Year 4 Trip to Dover Museum	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 1st November	Canterbury Festival on Saturday 	

Term Dates (2019-20)

These have now been set and are as follows:

- Term 1:** Wednesday 4th Sept to Friday 18th Oct
- Term 2:** Wednesday 30th Oct to Wednesday 18th Dec
- Term 3:** Monday 6th Jan to Friday 14th Feb
- Term 4:** Monday 24th Feb to Wednesday 1st April
- Term 5:** Thursday 16th April to Friday 22nd May
- Term 6:** Tuesday 2nd June to Wednesday 22nd July

Term Dates (2020-21)

* Five staff training days to be determined

- Term 1:** Tuesday 1st Sept to Friday 23rd Oct
- Term 2:** Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th Dec
- Term 3:** Monday 4th Jan to Friday 12th Feb
- Term 4:** Monday 22nd Feb to Thursday 1st April
- Term 5:** Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May
- Term 6:** Tuesday 7th June to Wednesday 21st July

Harvest Service

In the Harvest season we give thanks to God for the gifts that he has provided us and encourage our children to reflect on how fortunate they are whilst also considering those who may not be as fortunate.

Having discussed this with the school and Rev. Estella, we have decided that we will be supporting the Canterbury Food Bank and will be seeking donations of items on the list below. Please could these be brought to school on the day of the Harvest Service?

9.30am - RJP, 1LA, 2GD, 3HA, 4ST, 5JS, 6MB

10.45am - RAM, 1KC, 2FT, 3SA, 4JS, 5JP, 6NA

School Photos

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 8th October for individual and sibling photos. We will send out further details closer to the time.

Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 16th October, school is open for parents to come in and see what the children have been learning about in their Da Vinci topic. There is a great deal of amazing artwork around the school and I'm sure that the children are looking forward to it being displayed for you to come and see. The school will be open from home time until 6pm.

PESE: Kent Test (11+)

A reminder that results will be emailed or posted out to parents on **Thursday 17th October at 4pm**. Please don't call us on Thursday asking for results as we are not permitted to share or discuss any results until the Friday.

Height & Weight Checks (Year R and Year 6)

All parents of children in Year R and 6 should have received a letter via ParentMail about this national programme. If you have not then please speak to a member of staff in the office.

Messy Church

It was wonderful to see so many children and parents at our first Messy Church of the new school year – 51 in total! Our next session is on Saturday 19th October.

October Half-Term Break

The last day of Term 1 will be on Friday 18th October and the children will return to school on Wednesday 30th October as we have two staff training days at the beginning of the week.

Canterbury Festival

Once again, children from Bridge & Patricbourne will be performing in the Spiegeltent on Saturday 2nd November as part of the Canterbury Festival. Mr Miles will be organising a rehearsal for all children involved taking place at our school on the Thursday before.

Below is a shopping list of the food we need. These specific items are requested to enable us to make up nutritionally balanced food parcels. Please note, we cannot accept fresh food, razors or alcohol.

Shopping list

Breakfast cereal	Tea Bags	Tomatoes (Tinned)
Whole milk (long life and semi skimmed)	Coffee (small jar)	Disposable nappies/wipes
Pasta (Tinned)	Fruit Juice (Long life)	Baby food
Ham (Tinned)	Fruit squash	Cat/Dog Food
Sweetcorn (Tinned)	Soup (Tinned)	Gents deodorant
Carrots/Peas (Tinned)	Cup-A-Soups	Washing powder and household cleaning items
Corned Beef (Tinned)	Dried rice (500g)	Washing up liquid
Tuna / Fish (Tinned)	Dried pasta (500g)	Shaving foam
Fruit (Tinned)	Pasta sauce	Multi-purpose cleaning spray
Sponge pudding (Tinned)	Baked Beans (Tinned)	Loo cleaner
Custard (Tinned or Carton)	Rice pudding (Tinned)	Cleaning cloths
Smash instant potato or tinned	Pies (Tinned)	Kitchen roll
	Jam	Toilet roll
	Biscuits, plus individually wrapped biscuits	Sanitary items
	High factor sun screen	Toiletries

Items in **bold and red** are urgently required. Please ensure sell-by dates are at least three months ahead.

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