



# School News

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## SCHOOL DIARY

### This Week - Virtual Tours for Admissions 2021

Applications for a place at Primary School for September 2021 opened on Thursday, 5th November. Following our Zoom Open Evening last Monday, we have arranged virtual tours running throughout this week. If you, or family or friends, have a child who is due to start school next September please contact the school office on 01304 611360 or email [office@eastry.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@eastry.kent.sch.uk) so that we can book you in for a tour.

### Friday, 27th November - Year 6 Class Worship

The Year 6 class worship will be added to Class Dojo so that parents, carers and other family members can enjoy watching this.

### Friday, 27th November - PTFA Quiz Night

The PTFA virtual quiz takes place via Zoom on Friday 27th November at 7pm. Mrs Moss will be quiz master and is not too late if you would like to join the fun! It is just £5 per family and there will be an Amazon voucher for the winning team. Children are very welcome and there are questions to suit all ages. Please telephone the school if you would like to take part but haven't yet completed and returned the form.

### Friday, 4th December - Year 5 Class Worship

The Year 5 class worship will be added to Class Dojo so that parents, carers and other family members can enjoy watching this.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Christingle

Our Christingle Services will take place during week commencing 7th December. The services will be held in the children's class bubbles at the school taken by Father David or Rev. Sandra Marsh. The children will bring home their Christingle collection candle for the Children's Society today. The Children's Society have sent a special message we would like to share with you;



*'Together we're shining a light—Everyone deserves a happy childhood. That's why for over 135 years we've been helping children to stay safe and improve their lives. And it's thanks to amazing supporters like you and your fellow Christinglers that we're able to carry on working with this country's young people to build a society where every child has hope. We're so grateful for all you are doing to support us, especially in these difficult times, and we wish you all the best for the year ahead.'*

Please do give generously if you can as money raised goes to help children who may be less fortunate than ourselves. **We would be grateful if all candles could be returned by Friday, 11th December** so that we can send the money to the Children's Society before Christmas. Thank you.

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Forest School - Can you help?

We are excited to announce that two of our teachers, Mrs Harvey and Mrs Gleave, will shortly complete their training to be Forest School Teachers. This will enable all the children to access and benefit from Forest School on a regular basis. We are in the process of improving and enlarging our Forest School and would be grateful for any of the following items for a mud kitchen that will be built shortly. We would like old saucepans, pots, pans, spoons / utensils / jugs / buckets etc as well as a fridge / cooker / kettle. We plan to build a mud kitchen using wooden pallets and if you feel you have any DIY skills and time to give to help build this kitchen we would be very grateful for your help. Please contact the school if you feel you can help in any way - thank you.

### Christmas Dinner

This year's Christmas Dinner takes place on the 9th December. If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 or 6 and would like a Christmas Dinner please return the reply slip sent home recently **by 1st December**. (All children in Fledglings, Year 1 or 2 will be provided with a Christmas Dinner unless you tell us otherwise).

## **PTA News**

### Bags2School

Thank you for all your donations to the recent collection of Bags2School, we raised an amazing £129.00.

### Thank you for the Christmas Raffle Donations

Thank you so much for your amazingly generous donations for the Christmas hampers - you are all so kind.

**We hope that you have received raffle tickets to buy or sell. Please don't feel pressured to buy these, but please do return any that you do not require, as soon as possible, so that they can be sold elsewhere.**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

## **INTERNET SAFETY SECTION**

CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) have created some really useful 'Online Safety at Home Packs'. Each pack includes fun activities, conversation starters and practical tips on various topics. This week we have included the pack entitled 'Sharing Images', this can be accessed using the link below;

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/parent-pdf/activity-sheet-sharing-images.pdf?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=dd271ec52e-TUK GLOBAL 12 11 20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-55375865](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/globalassets/thinkuknow/documents/thinkuknow/parents/pdf/parent-pdf/activity-sheet-sharing-images.pdf?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=dd271ec52e-TUK GLOBAL 12 11 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-55375865)

CEOP have also created a fun and educational game for 8 to 10 year olds entitled Band Runner. This can be accessed via the following link;

[https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8\\_10/?utm\\_source=Thinkuknow&utm\\_campaign=dd271ec52e-TUK GLOBAL 12 11 20&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-55375865](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=dd271ec52e-TUK GLOBAL 12 11 20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-dd271ec52e-55375865)

## **OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Kent Libraries - The Winter Mini Challenge**

Kent Libraries are launching an online winter reading challenge similar to those they have run previously during the summer holidays. This is called The Winter Mini Challenge and children simply read any books (including eBooks and audiobooks) of their choice (recommend reading at least three), then rate and review them at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk).

Books added to the website during the six-week Mini Challenge period will count towards unlocking special rewards including a certificate and a virtual badge. The website will also feature activities, recommendations for great winter reads, and competitions. And, just like the Summer Reading Challenge, the website will also feature the Book Sorter - a unique database which has over 1.3 million peer-to-peer recommendations. Over the school holidays children can experience 'dip' in reading skills and learning.

#### **Challenge dates run from Tuesday, 1st December 2020 to Friday, 15th January 2021**

Local libraries that are currently running a Select and Collect service are Dover, Deal, Sandwich and the mobile library. Details on how to access this appointment based book borrowing service and how to book a public access computer are available at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/select-and-collect> or by calling 03000 41 31 31.

### **Bird Observatory Events**

The bird observatory, who recently visited the school to speak to year 6, are running a number of events between now and Christmas which children may enjoy. Please see the attached posters for further information.

Kind regards



Mrs Sarah Moss  
Headteacher

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory presents:

## FAMILY FRIENDLY BIRDING FOR BEGINNERS

How can you tell  
a Blackbird apart  
from a Starling?

What is the  
difference between a  
male and female  
Mallard?

Join us for two online sessions as we look at birds you may find in your garden or common parkland. We'll start from the very beginning of identification and being able to tell some similar looking species apart! We'll be looking at colours, songs and flight style through a series of games and activities to facilitate learning.

Just £5 for both  
sessions - and the  
whole family can  
take part!

Sunday 29th November &  
Sunday 6th December  
3pm-4pm  
Online on Zoom  
To book visit [sbbot.org.uk](http://sbbot.org.uk)



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## Christmas Nature Crafts

at

Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th December

