



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

A Big Thank You!

Thank you for all your support at this year's Christmas events.

We are very pleased to inform you that the PTA raised £476.87 at the Christmas present wrapping service and £737.35 at the Christmas Disco. The fun PTA fundraising events pay for things that benefit all the children such as Forest School. They are also busy fundraising to support the refurbishment of our IT suite so any support you can give is always very much appreciated. Thank you also for your donations to the school at the Nativity Plays which raised £197.25. We will bring you the total raised for the Children's Society from the Christmas Services in the new year.



Friday, 13 December - School Talent Show Final

Finalists in the Talent Show will be performing their act to the school on Friday, 13 December.

Friday, 13 December - Christmas Jumper Day!

Children may wear a Christmas Jumper with their school uniform to school on Friday, 13 December.

Friday, 13 December - Last Day of Term 2

Monday, 6 January - First Day of Term 3

Thursday, 9 January - Year 6 Forest School

Please can children wear old clothes and boots, such as wellington boots, long trousers and a waterproof coat.

Thursday, 9 January - New 2020 Fledglings Parents 'Meet the Teacher' - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2020 are warmly invited to meet our new Fledglings teacher, Miss B Riggs, on Thursday, 9 January at 9.00am.

Friday, 10 January - Year 1 Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

Parents, carers and other family members of children in Year 1 are welcome to attend.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Staff Changes

As you will be aware Mrs Fox takes early retirement on 31 December after 26 years service. Mrs Horner, who has also been with the school for 23 years, has gained a promotion and will be leaving us at the end of term. Miss Campbell, who trained at the school and has worked here for a number of years, is also moving to a new school in January. We would like to thank them for all their hard work at the school, they will be greatly missed and we wish them well for the future.

Mrs McPherson, who has been teaching the Fledglings while Mrs Fox has been away, will be leaving us to take up her new position abroad. Miss Riggs, the new Fledgling teacher, starts with us in January and we would like to welcome Mrs Williams who started with us on Monday as the new teaching assistant with the Fledglings.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS - continued

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to the number of children with diagnosed nut allergies we have taken the decision to be a nut free school. Please can we ask you not to give your child nuts as a snack or as part of their lunch when we return after the Christmas break. Thank you for your co-operation.

'Kiss & Drop Off'

Further to our letter sent home with children today we would like to remind parents that from January we will be asking parents to 'Kiss and Drop Off' at the class room door in the mornings. Should you need to come in to school you will be asked to sign in at the school office first and wear a visitors badge.

Other Community News

Rent-A-Santa

Eastry Fire Station are again helping Santa to deliver presents to children in the local area. If you would like them to visit you please provide a present at Bickers Post Office with your name, address, contact telephone number and cost of delivery which is £3.00 per present. The last collection of presents is 16 December. Delivery to Tilmanstone, Ash, Sandwich and Worth will be on the evening of 17 December and for Woodnesborough and Eastry will be on 18 December from 6.00pm onwards. All funds raised go to the Firefighters Charity.



EARLY MORNING CLUB

The school office is now taking bookings for Early Morning Club for Terms 3 & 4.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note that there are no After School Clubs the first week back after the Christmas Break. Further details regarding clubs for next term will be sent out week commencing 6 January.

INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

Your children may be getting a device for Christmas that has internet access. We thought you might find the NSPCC website useful as it has information on:

- How to set up parental controls
- Safe sites and apps
- An online course 'Keeping Children Safe Online'
- Information on Share Aware
- Advise on talking to your child about staying safe online
- & lots of other very useful information

Please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing the children on Monday, 6 January 2020 for the start of Term 3.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Espley
Headteacher

