



School News

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Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and would like to take this opportunity in wishing you a very Happy New Year.

SCHOOL DIARY

Thank You!

Thank you for all your support at last year's Christingle Services. We are pleased to inform you that £192.64 was raised for the Children's Society.

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.

Friday, 10 January - PTA Meeting at 2.00pm in the New Meeting Room

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend the PTA's next meeting on Friday, 10 January.

Thursday, 16 January - Year 5 Forest School

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

Thursday, 16 January - SCHOOL CENSUS

Thursday, 16 January is School Census Day. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or are in Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 and have our Universal Free School Meal, **we would be grateful if your child could have a school dinner on this day for census purposes** as this will have an impact on the amount of funding the school receives. To help with this Whole School Meals are having a 'Fun Day' and the menu will be:

Battered Chicken Steak or Quorn Sausages

Herby Diced Potatoes

Beans or Sweetcorn

Rock Cakes, Jelly, Fruit & Yoghurt

Thank you for your continued support.

If you are not already in receipt of free school meals and feel that you may qualify for these, (even if you are in Fledglings, Year 1 or 2 and receive the Universal Free School Meal), we would encourage you to apply for them. As well as your child receiving a nutritional meal the school also receives additional funding. This funding is used for extra staff and resources to support and enhance learning. It would make a drastic difference to our budget if this extra funding went unclaimed. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

Friday, 17 January - Fledglings Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

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

Friday, 17 January - Read, Write Inc Training for Parents and Carers at 2.15pm in the School Hall

Parents and carers are invited to attend a training sessions regarding the Read, Write Inc programme we have introduced in school this term.

Friday, 17 January - PTA Tuck Shop Open at 3.25pm on the School Playground

The PTA will be running a Tuck Shop on the playground (weather permitting) at the end of the school day on Friday, 17 January. They will be selling items costing from 20p to 50p - so don't forget to bring some small change with you at pick-up!

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Applications for Primary School

Applications for a place in Reception in September 2020 close on 15 January. Applications can be made by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions. We would like to remind parents that, even if you have a child already in the school, you still need to make an application for any younger siblings.

Break Time Snacks

Please can we remind families that if you provide a snack for your child at break time, these should be 'healthy'. This might be; A piece of fruit, malt loaf slice, chopped vegetable with low fat hummus, plain rice cracker, cracker with low fat cheese, a crumpet, a scotch pancake (taken from <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>).

'Kiss & Drop Off'

Following our recent GDPR review and further to our letter sent home with children last term we would like to remind parents and carers that we now ask you 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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Details of Term 3 & 4 After School Clubs were emailed and sent home on Tuesday. All clubs start next week, with the exception of **Ballet club which starts on Tuesday, 21 January**. If you have not heard from the school please assume that you have been successful in gaining a place at your chosen club.

If your child decides they no longer wish to attend a club, please do let the school know so that their place can be offered to another child.

If you are interested Golf, Multisport or Mini Kickers please ask at the school office for further details.

Eastry School Football Team Practise, which usually runs after school on Thursdays, will start again once the wet winter weather improves. If you previously attended this then we will let you know when this starts again.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 13.1.2020

| MONDAY | |
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| Dance | Yes |
| Games | Yes |
| TUESDAY | |
| Golf | Yes |
| Netball | Yes |
| Ballet | NO |
| WEDNESDAY | |
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| THURSDAY | |
| Multisport | Yes |
| Art | Yes |
| FRIDAY | |
| Football (Mini Kickers) | Yes |
| If you are interested in joining any of our After School Clubs, please ask at the school office – thank you. | |

Year 4 Metal Detecting History Experience



Following The History Project visit in November when Year 4 spent the day metal detecting and researching their finds, the video footage taken from the day is now available to view. This has been added to the school website and can be found under the 'Parents' tab, 'Blogs' and 'Class of 2022'.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Espley
Headteacher

INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

Keep all equipment that connects to the internet in a family space.

For children of primary school age and younger it is important to keep internet use in family areas so you can see the sites your child is using and be there for them if they stumble across something they don't want to see.