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# School News



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### Week Commencing 4th March - Mother's Day Gift Shop

The PTFA will again be holding our Mother's Day gift shop during lunchtimes in the library week commencing 4th March. Children will be able to purchase small gifts for loved ones costing between 50p to £3.00. Please can we ask that children bring money in a purse labelled with their name. **We would welcome volunteers to help for a short while at this fun event. We need help from 11.50am until 1.00pm any week day commencing 4th March. If you can help please contact the PTFA on Facebook, or via the school office.**

### Tuesday, 5th March - Cross Country Relay Event at Northourne Park School during the afternoon

### Tuesday, 5th March & Wednesday, 6th March - Fledgling's Parent Consultation Evenings

We will be holding parents' evenings for Fledglings on Tuesday, 5th and Wednesday, 6th March for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Ten minute appointments can be made between 2.30 and 5.30pm on Tuesday, and 3.30 to 6.00pm on Wednesday. These meetings are a valuable way for sharing successes and concerns and I do hope you are able to make one of the evenings. If you wish to also meet with Miss Gillmore, SEND, please contact the school office.

To book an appointment please telephone the school office on 01304 611360 **after 9.00am** when an appointment will be made for you.

### Wednesday, 6th March - Girl's Football Festival at St. Faith's at Ash in the afternoon

### Thursday, 7th March - World Book Day



On Thursday, 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. There will be 5 winners chosen who will each receive a £5.00 book token. (No donations are required for world book day).

We also excited to announce that we have author, Emma Rosen, visiting us to take our worship and read her latest book 'Captivating Kelp Forest' to the children. A letter has been sent home with the children today giving details about how you can pre-order one of Emma's books which will be signed and dedicated by the author.



### Friday, 8th March - Fledglings Litter Picking in the Gun Park

## OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

### Parent Consultation Evenings

Ten minute appointments can be made between the times of 2.30 to 5.30pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March for Fledglings and Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March for Years 1 to 6. Ten minute appointments can also be made between the times of 3.30pm to 6.00pm for Fledglings on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March and Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Gunson will liaise with Mrs Davies and will be taking the Year 4 parent's evenings on her behalf. These meetings are a valuable way for sharing successes and concerns and I do hope you are able to make one of the evenings. You will also have an opportunity to look at your children's books whilst in school. Miss Gillmore will be available to discuss any Special Educational Needs on 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March. If your child is in Fledglings and you would like to discuss any Special Educational Needs with Miss Gillmore, please contact the school office and a time will be arranged for you.

## OTHER NEWS

### Wraparound Parental Survey

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents/carers and expectant parents to determine interest in the childcare entitlements that are being introduced this year and their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school aged children. The survey will also gather the views of parents/carers using or wanting to use more childcare in Kent. This combined information will help them assess where there are gaps in provision. The survey can be accessed using the following;



<https://survey.kent.gov.uk/ChildcareSurvey>

### Great British Spring Clean

Dover District Council are supporting the Great British Spring Clean. There are lots of organised litter picking events you can get involved in, or you can even organise one yourself. DDC have also launched two exciting competitions to support the campaign for children to enter. Details of these can be found below;

**DO THE RIGHT THING  
PUT IT IN THE BIN**

# POSTER COMPETITION

We are asking young people across the district to create a poster encouraging everyone **to do the right thing and put their litter in the bin!**

The winning design will appear on the side of a **Veolia** collection vehicle.

The winner will also receive a **£50** voucher.

Two runners-up will each receive a **£25** voucher.

**Entrants must be under 18. Closing date: 31 March 2024**

Terms and conditions apply, please see our website for details: [dover.gov.uk/gpsc](https://dover.gov.uk/gpsc)

In support of the Great British Spring Clean  
**15 - 31 March 2024**  
**[dover.gov.uk/gpsc](https://dover.gov.uk/gpsc)**

Introducing  
Dover District Council's

# REACH Awards

**Do you know  
an environmental  
or community hero?**

The REACH Awards recognise environmental and community heroes throughout our district.

People who go above and beyond to help keep the district an inclusive and cleaner place to live, work and play.

**If so... enter our REACH awards**

You can nominate others, yourself, a school or business for the following categories

- Litter Picker of the Year
- Junior Litter Picker of the Year
- The Green Business Award
- Community Impact Award
- The Green School Award

**ONE BAG  
BIG  
DIFFERENCE**

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL  
IS SUPPORTING THE  
GREAT BRITISH SPRING  
CLEAN CAMPAIGN  
**15 - 31 MARCH 2024**

## 2024 TOUR DATES

<b>Sandwich Guildhall</b> Cattle Market Sandwich Saturday 16 March 10am-12pm	<b>St Margaret's</b> King George V Recreation Ground, Cleeve Close Sunday 24 March 10pm-12pm
<b>Dover Baptist Church</b> Maison Dieu Road, Dover Tuesday 19 March 12pm-2pm	<b>Walmer Green</b> The Strand, Walmer Monday 25 March 10am-12pm
<b>Tower Hamlets</b> Northbourne Road, Dover Wednesday 20 March 11am-1pm	<b>Guston</b> Community Centre Tuesday 26 March 2pm-4pm
<b>Victoria Park</b> Park Avenue, Deal Thursday 21 March 10am-12pm	<b>Sheridan Road</b> Dover Wednesday 27 March 12pm-2pm
<b>Belgrave Road</b> Dover Friday 22 March 10am-12pm	<b>Sandwich Quayside</b> The Quay, Sandwich Thursday 28 March 2pm-4pm
<b>Gun Park</b> Wilmott Place, Easby Saturday 23 March 10am-11:30am	



To report litter visit  
[dover.gov.uk/report](https://dover.gov.uk/report)



For more information, and to nominate, visit  
[Dover.gov.uk/gpsc](https://dover.gov.uk/gpsc)  
Closing date for nominations is Monday 6 May 2024



Email: [enquiries@dover.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@dover.gov.uk)  
or call 0304 872289 to discuss  
this year's campaign  
[dover.gov.uk/gpsc](https://dover.gov.uk/gpsc)

Please scan the QR code  
to report litter or visit  
[dover.gov.uk/report](https://dover.gov.uk/report)



## INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

### Is that Game, App or Film Suitable?

It can be difficult to know whether an app, film or game will be suitable for your child. PEGI ratings are given to help parents decide what is suitable and what is not. Common Sense Media is also a leading independent source which gives reviews, age ratings, advice for families and other information which you may also find helpful. This can be found by visiting: <https://www.common sense media.org/>

## **PTFA News**

### Easy Fundraising

Eastry PTFA are registered with Easyfundraising, the UK's biggest fundraising charity shopping site. By purchasing things from your normal retailer via the Easy Fundraising website the retailer will donate funds to the Eastry PTFA. This does not cost you anything as the retailer pays commissions as a thank you for shopping with them. There are over 7000 retailers registered with Easyfundraising. For further information and to register please visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/eastryprischpta/>

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

### Class Blogs

Each class has their own 'Class Blog' on the school website. You can see what your child has been learning and activities they have been enjoying in school, not only in their current year, but previous years too! The class blogs can be found under the 'Parents' tab and are as follows;

Year 6 - **Class of 2024**

Year 5 - **Class of 2025**

Year 4 - **Class of 2026**

Year 3 - **Class of 2027**

Year 2 - **Class of 2028**

Year 1 - **Class of 2029**

Fledglings - **Class of 2030**

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Week commencing 4.3.24

MONDAY	
Cheerleading & Dance (3.30-4.15pm)	YES
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	YES
TUESDAY	
Ballet (3.30-4.10pm)	YES
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.35am)	YES
Multi-Sports Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	YES
THURSDAY	
Football Club (3.30-4.30pm)	YES
FRIDAY	

Kind regards



Mr Neil Garvey  
Interim Headteacher

### SCHOOL MEALS

Please can I remind parents that school dinners must be paid for in advance or on the day. I have been contacted by Whole School Meals as we have a number of parents who owe money for school dinners. If you receive a letter from them via your child's school bag please make payment or your child may need to bring a packed lunch to school until this is settled.

Thank you for your support.