



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Friday, 27 September - Year 4 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

Parents, carers and other family members of children in Year 4 are welcome to attend.

Friday, 27 September - MacMillan Coffee Morning at 9.45am in the New Meeting Room - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

Parents, carers and family friends are invited to our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday, 27 September. (Please note this is in addition to our cake sale detailed below and therefore donations of cakes are not required for this event and will be supplied by the school)



PARENT/CARERS EVENTS

Friday, 27 September - Dress as Heroes & Cake Sale at 3.25pm on the School Playground

Harvest is a time in the calendar where we celebrate and give thanks for all the good things we have and to help celebrate harvest time this year, our school is taking part in **Heroes Against Homelessness** to raise funds for Porchlight, Kent's local homelessness charity. Further information about this charity was sent home with children last week. **We will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 27th September on the school playground (or in the school hall if the weather is wet). For a small donation we invite the staff and children to come to school dressed as heroes.** The money raised will help rough sleepers and vulnerable people across Kent. **So rather than providing a harvest food box this year please donate cakes or biscuits for our sale.** Donations should be taken to your child's classroom today at the end of the school day, or tomorrow morning.

Wednesday, 2 October - Harvest Festival at St. Mary's Church at 9.15am

Our Harvest Festival takes place on Wednesday, 2 October at 9.15am at St. Mary's Church, Eastry and we hope you will be able to join us.

Wednesday, 2 October - Year 3 Forest School

As we have our Harvest Festival on 2 October children are asked to come to school in their school uniform. Children in Year 3 should bring a change of clothes for Forest School which will take place for the remainder of the day. Please bring old clothes, long trousers and boots (such as Wellingtons).

SCHOOL DIARY - Cont'd

Thursday, 3 October - SCHOOL CENSUS

School Census Day is on Thursday, 3 October. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or is in Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 and has 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. Whole School Meals are having a fun change of menu on this day which will be Burgers in a Bun or Vegetarian Sausages. 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 your child is in Fledglings, Year 1 or 2 and receives 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.

Thursday, 3 October - Year 3 Swimming

Friday, 4 October - Year 3 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

Parents, carers and other family members of children in Year 3 are welcome to attend.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Photo Consents

Please can we remind parents to return the consent form attached to the red letter sent home with children on 10 September. Without this consent your child will be unable to have their school photograph and class photograph taken next term.

Letters from the School

Please be advised that routine letters such as Newsletters, School Trip letters and most other communications will be sent via email and not a paper copy from Term 2. Please ensure you are receiving an emailed copy of the School News each Thursday and let the school know if you change your email address or are not receiving these.

Raincoats Please!

With the change in weather please can you make sure your child brings a raincoat to school each day as we still like go outside where possible, even if there is light rain.

INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

Do you know where to go for help?

Although you may be the adult they trust the most, some children struggle to talk about what happens online due to confusion or embarrassment. Because of this they may struggle to approach the normal people who would help, such as yourself or a teacher. Have a chat to your child about exactly where they can go for help, and how they can report any activity that they believe is inappropriate online.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Goalposts in the Gun Park

We have been asked to let parents know that children are jumping and hanging on the goalposts in the gun park, making them very wobbly and dangerous. In order to prevent a possible accident or further damage, please can you ensure your child or children refrain from doing this in the future. Thank you for your co-operation.

PTA NEWS



BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS NIGHT

That time of year has come around again! Our annual Bonfire and Fireworks Night will be held on Friday, 1 November. This is our most profitable fundraising event in the calendar and is only possible by your kind support and help. We are busy planning for this event and to assist with this planning we are asking for the names of any volunteers. We need help in the morning, afternoon, before, during and after the event. We would therefore be extremely grateful if you would complete the form below and return it to the school office as soon as possible, thank you.

PTA Bonfire and Fireworks Night, Friday, 1 November - Volunteering

I can help during the following times:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up - 9.00-11.00am | <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up - 3.30- 5.00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Help on a stall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be a Marshall - 5.00 to 8.00pm | <input type="checkbox"/> Help to tidy up - 7.30 to 8.30pm | |

Name _____

Contact Telephone or email address _____

Advance Warning - 'Bags2School'!

We hate to mention the 'Christmas' word, but as some of you may decide to have a clear out over the half-term break ready for Christmas we thought we would let you know that we will be having a 'Bags2School' on Monday, 9 December. Unfortunately the school doesn't have room to store items but please hold on to them ready for our collection on 9 December. You can use your own bags or use the bag we will send home nearer to the date.

★ CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ★	
★ 'STAR OF THE WEEK' Friday, 13 & 23 September ★	
Fledglings	(starting this week)
Year 1	Rowan Broadfield & James Pirt
Year 2	Bella Fraser & Joshua Johnson
Year 3	Neve Lloyd & Symphony-Rose Gibbons
Year 4	Eve Gothard & Joey King
Year 5	Indianna Skinner & Liam Laker
Year 6	Jayden Drewitt & Hamish Honan

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 30.9.2019	
MONDAY	
Cooking Club	Yes
Dance Club	Yes
TUESDAY	
Golf Club	Yes
Fun, Indoor Games	Yes
Netball	Yes
Science	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
Multisport Club	Yes
Running Club	Yes
Art Club	Yes
Football Team Practice	Yes
FRIDAY	
Football Club	Yes

If you are interested in joining any of our After School Clubs, please ask at the school office – thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Espley
Headteacher