

# **School News**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## Friday, 3rd November to Tuesday, 7th November - Book Fair visiting the school

We are pleased to announce that we have a book fair visiting the school between 3rd and 7th November. The book fair will be open daily from 3.25 to 4.00pm in our School Hall or Nurture Room next to the school hall. It will also be open on Monday 6th November from 2.30 to 5.00pm. At the book fair you will be able to purchase and take away a large selection of books for all ages. We hope you will visit the book fair while it is in school, and may be pick up a Christmas present or two!

## Friday, 3rd November - Year 1 Class Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall

Parents, carers and family are invited to join us for our Year 1 class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

## Friday, 3rd November - PTFA Fireworks Night

The wind is expect to drop by tomorrow so our Fireworks display is still planed to go ahead. Tickets can be purchased in advance from the school office or at Bickers post office. Gates open at 5.30pm. 'Push the Button' raffle tickets costing 50p can be purchased from the school office until 9am on Friday morning. Please see the PTFA section below for full details of the evening's events.

## Monday, 6th & Wednesday, 8th November - Year 1 to 6 Parent's Evenings

We will be holding our parents' evenings on Monday, 6th and Wednesday, 8th November for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. Ten minute appointments can be made between 2.30 and 5.00pm on Monday, 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. Miss Gillmore will also be available to discuss any Special Educational Needs on both evenings.

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

Wednesday, 8th November - Year 6 and Fledglings National Child Measuring Programme

Friday, 10th November - Worship Linked to Remembrance Day



Friday, 10th November - 10 children from Year 6 will visit the Memorial and St. Mary's Church for a special Remembrance Day service

Friday, 10th November - Boy's Crickson Cup Home to St. Mary's School, Deal Kick off at 3.30pm

## **OPEN EVENING & SCHOOL TOURS**

**Open Evening** 5.30pm

Parents of children who are due to start school in September 2024 are 13<sup>th</sup> November warmly invited to attend our Open Evening on 13th November and School Tours week commencing 20th November. For further information and to book a tour please call 01304 611360.

**School Tours** 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> November

## **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**



## Poppy Appeal

The school will again be supporting this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. The office are selling various items including:- slap bands, wrist bands, reflective zip pulls, fabric zip pulls, pencil sharpeners and rubbers ranging from 50p to £2.00 during lunchtimes. Paper poppies are also available for a small donation.

## **PTFA News**

### **Fireworks Night**

Our annual Fireworks night will take place this Friday, 3rd November. This is an extremely popular event that is always well attended. Please note there will not be a **bonfire** but there will be a wonderful fireworks display, stalls and refreshments.

Tickets are on sale now costing £7.00 per adult (£8.00 on the gate), £3.00 per child (£4.00 on the gate) and under 5's free. Tickets can be purchased at the school office or Bickers Post Office in the village.

### Gates open at 5.30pm with the fireworks display starting at 7.00pm

**Teddy Hoopla** - We would very much welcome donations of teddy's or soft toys for our teddy hoopla, please bring to the school office by Thursday.

Jars with lids - We also require jars with lids for one of our stalls, please hand to the school office.

## **Dates for your Diary**

Thursday, 23rd November - Bags2School, please keep any clothes, shoes and other items for our next Bags2School.

Week Commencing, 27th November - Christmas Gift Shop open all week in the library from 12noon until 1pm, further details will follow nearer to the time.

Friday, 1st December - Christmas discos, further details to follow.



## **OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS**

## Love In A Box 2023

We are very pleased to announce that we are collecting items for this year's 'Love in a Box' appeal. 'Love in a Box' is run by the charity Mustard Seed Relief Mission. Each year they show love in action by sending shoe boxes wrapped and filled with presents for children in Eastern Europe who won't receive anything this Christmas. If you would like to take part you can either fill your own shoe box or can donate items that can be used to make up a shoe box. Things that can be included in your show box are;

Boys or Girls 3-5 years Toy cars Ball Jigsaw Chocolate Crayons/pencils/Paper Boys or girls 6-11 years Dolly Skipping rope Jewellerv Sweets Pens/papers/pencil case Boys or girls 12-15 Years Marbles **Travel Games** Baseball Cap Sweets Pens/Pencils Pens

No clothes other than hat, scarf or gloves please. You may like your child to be involved when choosing items for a box and explain where they are being sent. Please wrap lids separately to the box as these are checked before being sent. A personal message can be included but please do not include your address. Please also include payment of £5 per box to help with shipping costs and hand to the school office by Monday, 6th November, thank you.

For further information please speak to Miss Bowers or Mrs Sampson in the school office.

#### Kind regards

Mr Neil Garvey Interim Headteacher

## **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

#### **School Prospectus**

Our 2023-24 school prospectus is now available to view on our website and paper copies are available from the school office. If you know anyone who's child is starting school in September 2024 do let them know and ask them to contact the school to arrange a tour—thank you.

## E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use the

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal.

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



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more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit w.kent.police.uk/road-safety

## **INTERNET/ONLINE SAFETY**

## SECTION

### **Five Nights at Freddy's**

Last week saw the release of a cinematic adaptation of Five Night's at Freddy's (FNaF) – a suspenseful series of horror games which, despite their 12+ age rating, have gained significant popularity with younger children.

Please see the attached information leaflet explaining why the game should not be played by children under 12, and things you might want to consider before allowing older children access.

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 6.1.23	
MONDAY	
Home Learning Club (3.30-4.00pm)	Yes
Creative Station (3.30-4.30pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
Netball Club (3.30-4.15pm)	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	

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

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