



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Friday, 1 November - Fledglings Class 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, 1 November - PTA Bonfire and Firework's Night

The PTA's annual Bonfire and Firework's night is this Friday. If you have been before you will know this is the biggest event of the year organised by the PTA and is always extremely popular. There will be stalls, refreshments, a bottle and chocolate Tombola, Teddy Hoopla and more. Tickets in advance can be purchased from the School Office or Eastry Post Office. Gates open at 5.00pm, the bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm with the fireworks display at 7.00pm. (All those who have kindly agreed to help during the evening are requested to arrive at 4.30pm).

In order to save congestion around the school and in the village please can we ask that, if possible, you leave your car at home and walk to the school. If you are driving please be mindful of our neighbours, ensure the access to the school and surrounding area is kept clear for the emergency services and

consider using the car park in the village.

Please can we also remind you that sparklers and alcohol must not be brought on to the school premises.

Guy Competition

Make an amazing Guy for the fireworks night bonfire - the winning entry will receive £10 amazon voucher. All entries to be in by 9.00am on 1 November.

Teddy Hoopla

Do you have any teddies that need a new home? We would love to find them a new cuddle! Please bring them to school on the morning of 1 November for our Teddy Hoopla.

Cake Donations

Please bring these to school on the morning of 1 November.

Push-the-Button

Tickets costing 20p are available to purchase from the school office. The winning ticket will be drawn after lunch on Friday.

FOOTBALL CLUB WILL NOT RUN ON FRIDAY BECAUSE OF THE FIREWORKS NIGHT.

REMINDER – Parent's Consultation Evenings & Book Fair – Monday, 4 and Wednesday, 6 November

Ten minute appointments can be made on either evening between the times of 3.30 to 6.30pm. All consultations will be held in the school hall. Appointment sheets for each class and Mrs Plant are outside the school office. If you are unable to come into school to make an appointment, please telephone the school (after 9.00am) and an appointment will be made for you. We will let Year 2 parents know when a new date has been arranged for their parent's evening.

Book Fair

We are pleased to inform you that we will also be running a book fair again during parents evening. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase books with every £10.00 spent generating £6.00 in free books for the school. Amy Batchelor, from Usborne, will be available to chat to, if you wish, about your child's interests with the aim of finding that perfect book!



SCHOOL DIARY - Cont'd

Monday, 4 November - Individual and Sibling Group Photographs

Family photographs for children with pre-school brothers, sisters and/or parents will be at 8.30am in the school hall. **ALL** children will have an individual photograph and one with their brothers/sisters during school time. These could make an ideal Christmas present!



Tuesday, 5 November - Year 3 Stone Age Day

Further details will be sent home by the class teacher.

Wednesday, 6 November - NSPCC in School

On Wednesday, 6 November, we have arranged for the NSPCC to visit the school to deliver their 'Speak out. Stay Safe' programme. This programme aims to make sure the children have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. During the day the children will take part in an interactive assembly or workshop appropriate to their age. Having had this programme in school before we are confident that this will be of great benefit to the children.

Thursday, 7 November - Year 5 Forest School

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

Thursday, 7 November - Year 3 Swimming

Friday, 8 November - Year 6 Worship at 9.00am in the School Hall - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

Parents, carers and other family members of children in Year 6 are welcome to attend.

Friday, 8 November - PTA Meeting at 2pm in the New Meeting Room - PARENT/CARERS EVENT

Parents and carers are welcome to attend the PTA meeting on Friday, 7 November.



Fond Farewell to Mrs Fox

As you may be aware Mrs Fox has been unwell and has decided to take early retirement at Christmas. I know she will be greatly missed by all the staff, children and parents and we wish her well for the future.

Poppy Appeal



Lest We Forget

We will again be supporting The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal this year. Poppies and other items will be available to purchase in the school playground at the end of the day tomorrow and most days next week.

OPEN MORNINGS

We have 3 Open Mornings on 18, 19 & 20 November at 9.30am for parents of children who are due to start school in Reception 2020. If you know of any families who have children starting school next year, please let them know. We also have spaces available in other year groups and so are able to take older children or families. Prior booking is not required and we very much look forward to welcoming anyone who can attend.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Is Your Child Due to Start School Next September?

Applications for a place in Reception in September 2020 open on 5 November and can be made by visiting www.kent.gov.uk/schooladmissions. Applications close on 15 January 2020. 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. If you have any friends or family with children due to start school next year, please do let them know about our school. They would be very welcome to visit us during our Open Mornings as mentioned above.

Parking Near the School

Please can we encourage parents to walk to school wherever possible to avoid congestion in and around the school. Please be considerate of our neighbours, particularly at the beginning and end of the day and ensure that they are able to access or leave their properties at all times. Thank you for your co-operation.



PLASTIC AWARENESS

On Monday Year 3 counted all of our single use plastic in our snack and lunch boxes.

Unbelievably we had used **85** pieces of single use plastic in one day. This means that if everyone had that many pieces of single use plastic in Key Stage 2 between now and Christmas we would be putting nearly **24000** pieces of plastic in landfill.

What can Year 3 do to help?

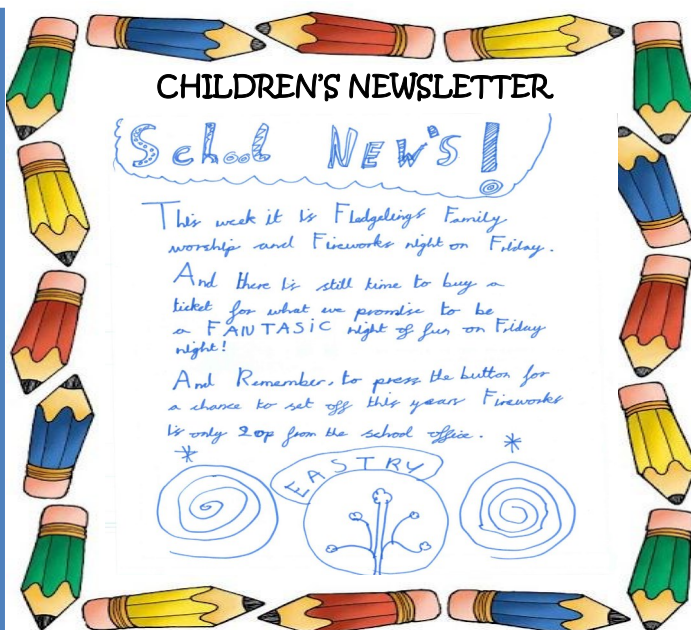
We took bees wax wrappers home and are trying to reuse them every day for snack or our sandwiches.

Maybe you could join us too!

From the children in Year 3

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Espley
Headteacher



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 4.11.2019

MONDAY	
Cooking Club	NO
Dance Club	NO
TUESDAY	
Golf Club	Yes
Fun, Indoor Games	NO
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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - FURTHER INFORMATION

Please note there will be no after school clubs on Monday because of Parents Evening. There will also be no Fun, Indoor Games on Tuesday as Mrs Mellett is unavailable.

Please see the attached flyer from Gareth Bailey who runs our Golf Club.

INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

Your child may already know what their personal information is but they might not think about how it can be shared. Have a conversation about what personal information is and how this can affect them if it is shared beyond the intended recipient. It is important that your child understands the dangers of sharing contact details or photos, as information such as this can spread quickly online.



GARETH BAILEY GOLF PROFESSIONAL

DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

I am excited to offer indoor golf tuition at your school through the winter months. I am a P.G.A. qualified Golf Professional at Canterbury Golf Club.



I have designed lots of fun games to play as well as teaching your children the key fundamentals of the game. I also offer weekend junior lessons at the Golf Club to continue their progression into the game. For further information or to book your child a place please contact me using the details below.



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