

Newsletter

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“Love each other as I have loved you”, John 15 v 12

Integrity, Humility, Compassion, Forgiveness and Grace

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to this weeks newsletter .

Celebrating Harvest In Collective Worship on Thursday morning, each class shared something that they had done to celebrate Harvest. It started with Mrs Sparkhall playing the flute as the children came into the hall. Reception showed their ‘Thankful’ tree that they had made. Everyone in the class thought about what they were thankful for. This included the sun, trees, seeing tractors through binoculars, picnics at the beach, cats, rainbows, hearts, favourite dinners, dragons, balloons, dragonflies, eggs on waffles, pokemon books and satsumas! Hugo, Maisie and Clara in Year 1 then read us their wonderful Harvest poems and showed us paintings of fruit and vegetables. Year 2 had thought about what the best things in the world were. “I think nature is fun because every time I go somewhere that is nature I run around and collect some sticks.” – Hazel, “Thank you for our trees that give us oxygen.” – William. Then Year 3 read us their poems with rhyming couplets, alliteration and repetition. Year 4 pupils whose families worked or lived on farms shared what was going on at their farm. It was very interesting! They also shared their still life drawings of apples which were very impressive. Year 5 talked to us about the importance of scarecrows for harvest. They made some very scary looking scarecrows that sat on the stage at the front! Year 6 designed and made bird boxes. This actually inspired Reception to make their own after the assembly! Oscar – “Birds fly in there

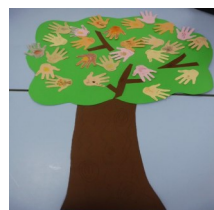
and I made a roof.” Key Stage 2 choir delighted us with their singing of ‘The Harvest Samba’ and ‘For the Beauty of the Earth.’ Well done to everyone for sharing their creativity and thoughts at this reflective time, thanking God for what we have and sharing with others who have less than us.

Celebrating Swattenden Residential

This morning Year 5 shared their experiences of their trip to Swattenden outdoor Centre , it was lovely opportunity for parent, families and the whole to hear about all the exciting opportunities the children had to enjoy , face their fears and try something new. Thank you to year 5 and the staff team for sharing this with us.

Half Term Wishing you and your family a restful and peaceful half term .

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER in WINTER UNIFORM**



NATITIVES/CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Reception Class

Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am

KS1 (Years 1 & 2)

Tuesday 10th December at 9.30am &
Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

**Whole School Christmas Church Service at
All Saints Church, Brenchley**
Friday 20th December at 2pm

Further details will be sent home in due course.



REMEMBRANCE

Monday 11th November 2019

Don't forget to wear your Rainbow, Brownie, Guide, Beaver, Cub, Scout or Cadet uniform.

Brenchley & Matfield PTFA

Thank you to all those who have supported & enjoyed this term's Apple Day & Big Cheese events! As a result of your support, we hope your children are now looking forward to their Forest School sessions which begin next term, one of the many things funded by the PTFA.

We also hope that you are looking forward to our Fireworks night on Friday 1st November! Tickets are now on sale & selling fast in Grays, Hammonds & Brenchley Post Office aswell as online at bmtfta.org Please bring along your family & friends for what promises to be another amazing display! BBQ, bar, hot & cold drinks & glow/LEF stall also available to keep all entertained! Tickets £3.50 aged 4 & above or family ticket (up to 5 people, max 2 adults). On the night £5.00pp. Please remember to park respectfully on the night.

Finally we wish you a very happy half term & look forward to your continued support next term with our planned school disco, Christmas Craft day & Christmas Gift day, but starting of course with Fireworks!

Diary Dates

- 28 Oct: INSET Day
- 29 Oct: Start of Term 2
- 31 Oct: Open Afternoon for Sept 2020
Reception Intake - 2pm
- 1 Nov: PTFA Fireworks
- 4 Nov: Individual/Sibling photographs
(Braiswick Photographic)
- 5 & 7 Nov: Parents Evenings
- 13-20 Nov: Travelling Book Fair
- 15 Nov: Children in Need Day
- 5 Dec: NHS Flu Immunisation details to follow once we receive them from School Nursing Team
- 13 Dec: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 20 Dec: End of Term 2



Whole School Attendance

Attendance for last week - 97.1%

Class with best attendance:
Year 1 - 99.2%

Late Entries: 7 (3 children)

Golden Book Entries

Rec: Lola & Oscar; Year 1: Audrey & Aggie;
Year 2: Kenny & Emily; Year 3: Hugo & Eddie;
Year 4: Thomas S & Harry W; Year 5: Zac & Ryan and Year 6: William & Emily.