

Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers ,

Welcome to this weeks newsletter . This week our newsletter is all about the enrichment opportunities which have taken place this week. Next weeks Newsletter will focus on reading in Key stage 2.

Year 5 Trip to Kent Life

On Monday our year 5 children took part in a trip to Kent life to learn all about the home front, they wrote letters home as an evacuee, learnt about rag rug making, learnt about the RAF and using bearings on a protractor, they found out about rationing and saw what a WW2 house and shop would look like.

Forest School

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Lorna back to school to deliver Forest school to year 3 and year 2. Unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions the activities had to take part indoors.

Year 3 were able to work on the construction of a stone age house , which involved lots of clay (instead of dung) and very messy hands. The results were very impressive.

Year 2 used clam shells to construct shell books and everyone enjoyed drilling holes into the shells. Thank you to the parents who supported with these sessions.

Road Safety Thank you to Mrs Sisson, the lollipop lady, who came in to talk to Reception class on Wednesday about how to cross the road safely as part of Road Safety Week. Everyone in the class had fun trying on her hat and holding the 'Stop' sign. The pupils had lots of interesting questions and observations. Oscar - "Your coat's shiny." "How can it glow in the dark?", Joey - "When it's night-time it glows in the dark.", Jude- "Why does the lady spread her arms out?"

Fire Service Talk

Vernon from Kent Fire and Rescue came in to talk to all the children about fire safety.

Years 1 and 2 have been asked to check their smoke alarms once a week. In the case of a fire they know the most important and only thing they need to take with them is themselves Year 3 and 4 were told the importance of an escape plan and have been asked to discuss this at home.

Years 5 and 6 were also reminded about the importance of an escape plan (and have the same homework) but also the danger of leaving phone chargers on overnight and electrical fires .

Police visit

A big thank you to Zach B's dad who came in to talk to Reception children about his work as a policeman. The class were really interested in seeing his special uniform and equipment that helps to protect him and keep others safe. We had such a fun time seeing the police car and sitting in it - all the lights, cameras and special features! We are really grateful for the time he took to visit us, thank

Reverse Advent Calendar

This Christmas, we are proud to be supporting The Community Storehouse in Paddock Wood. Each class will be putting together a Reverse Advent Calendar, where we collect one item each day, to give back to the food bank at the end of term, to help support local families. We warmly invite children to bring in one item to contribute to their class' advent calendar, between now and the end of the school term. Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

PE Kit

Please can you check at home if you have any PE kit from school. We would welcome any outgrown kit to support with ensuring everyone can take part in PE . Thank you



STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2020 -

The Kent County Council Primary Schools Admissions 2020 online application window opened on 5 November and will close on Wednesday 15 January 2020. Please remember to complete the school's separate supplementary application form, which is available from the office.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

To assist Lisa with her preparations, please return the slip by end of school on Monday 2nd December. Please note that if the slip is returned after this date, Lisa will be unable to provide a meal so a packed lunch will be required.



Christmas Jumper Day.

Remember to wear your jumper on Friday 13th December not forgetting your donation of at least £1



Year 6 - Residential Trip to Hilltops, June 2020

Thank you to parents who have sent back the permission slip and paid the deposit. If your child would like to go, please return the permission slip and deposit by Monday 2 December. Thank you.

Don't forget THURSDAY 5th DECEMBER the School Nursing Team will be in school for the NHS Flu Immunisation Programme.



Whole School Attendance

Attendance for last week - 95.6%

Class with best attendance:

Year 5 - 96.7%

Late Entries: 24 (10 children)

Golden Book Entries

Rec: George & Alex; Year 1: George & Maddie; Year 2: Albie & Dexter; Year 3: Faron & Ewan; Year 4: Harry (R) & Enzo; Year 5: Robert & Amelie and Year 6: Archie & Lois.

Brenchley & Matfield PTFA

2019 Christmas Gift Day - Friday 6th December

Our gift day is a special day within the school calendar when our children can buy gift for up to 5 members of their family and friends. These gifts are chosen by the children before they are wrapped and labelled by volunteers. The children are then able to put their own gifts under the tree and experience giving to others.

In order to make this happen we need your time and generosity. We ask that each child donates 5 gifts (not till the week commencing 2nd December) which are brought into school and left in the collection spot in their classrooms.

The gifts can be large or small, handmade or shop bought and do not need to be expensive. Please do not donate any alcohol, knives, or used second hand goods, however, unwanted gifts are very welcome.

Other ideas: toiletries, candles, books, socks, toys, picture frames, pens, car cleaning kits, pet toys and treats, empty jam jars filled with delicious treats and knitted items. We are often short of presents for men and teenage boys so please think carefully about the variety of gifts you donate.

On Friday 6th the children may bring in a maximum of £5, a bag to carry the gifts home in, a list and labels showing who the gifts are for and from. We ask for volunteers on the morning of Thursday 5th to help sort presents and prepare for the day and also on Friday 6th to help wrap the presents. If you are able to help with this fun festive event please email charlotte@mdsisson.co.uk with which day, lunch request and your details. Please contact your class reps or Charlotte for any more information.

Second Hand Uniform Sale Wednesday 4th December before and after school.

Diary Dates

- 10 Dec: KS1 Nativity 9.30am
- 11 Dec: KS1 Nativity 2pm
- 13 Dec: Year 6 Class Assembly, 9.05am
- 13 Dec: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- 17 Dec: Reception Nativity 9.30am
- 18 Dec: Christmas Lunch
- 20 Dec Christmas Service 9.30am
- 20 Dec: End of Term 2
- 6 Jan 2020: Term 3 Starts
- 14 Feb 2020: Term 3 Ends

