

# Newsletter

## Friday 9th October 2020

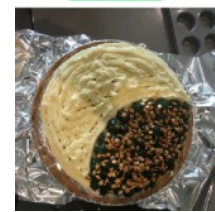
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**Dear Parents and Carers,** Welcome to this week’s newsletter and I hope this finds t you well. The children have been amazing this week and have been focussed on their learning and making progress. Thank you to all the families who are keeping up with the homework and reading. Reading is the most important daily activity children can undertake. This can be you reading to your child “sharing a book “ or they can read to you. Remember to record this on class dojo.



**Macmillan Charity** A huge thank you to everyone who has donated towards Macmillan charity . We will share how much we have raised in next week’s newsletter. A massive thank you to our creative staff who have once again risen to the challenge of trying to keep everything as normal as possible. Instead of a coffee afternoon with cakes.

Reception made scarecrows which families had to try and guess their names, Year 1 and Year 2 for a donation were able to bring in something to show and share, Year 3 and Year 4 have provided a film night for their classes, Year 5 have used World War 11 era knitting techniques to sell (watch out for these Year 5 families! ) and Year 6 were helped by Miss White, Mr Duncan's mum and Miss Mallon to raffle three of their home made bubble cakes ( star, moon and sun).

**Parents evenings** In light of covid –19 restrictions we are planning to have our invaluable Autumn term parents evening sessions after half term. We know that these are a very important way for families to meet with class teachers and for teachers to discuss and share children's’ successes and targets for the next term. These will be conducted via zoom or by telephone (if internet access is a problem). A booking system will be shared with families in the next few weeks. Class teachers are looking forward to meeting you then.

**Reports** We will be providing school report cards towards the end of Term 2. This is to allow for all children to have settled back into school and for class teachers to have a holistic view of your child including their well-being and how they have settled back into their new year groups and the expectations associated with this.

**Reception 2021 tours** If you or anyone you know are thinking of joining our wonderful school next year please read below ... This year due to covid-19 guidelines and our school risk assessment to ensure everyone’s safety, we will be offering parents a tour of the school with one of the Senior Leadership Team. These tours will be after school (from 4.00pm) to ensure parents can see all of the school. The tours will take place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We ask that children do not attend these and that adults wear a mask. We will be releasing a virtual tour of the school on the website in due course. If you would like to book a small group tour please contact the school office on 01892 722929 or email [office@brenchley.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@brenchley.kent.sch.uk) We look forward to welcoming you and showing you our amazing school.

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Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**‘SHOW AND SHARE’**

KS1 are holding a one-off show and share in aid of Macmillan.



## BRENCHLEY AND MATFIELD PTFA NOTICEBOARD

Stock up on your autumn & winter spares at our School uniform sale! To be held on **Tuesday 13th October**. The sale will be set up ready for **drop off** and will remain outside for the **morning only**. Due to space & current safety measures it will not be feasible to keep it open for pick up too. All items £1 or less.

### \* \* \* SCHOOL DISCOS POSTPONED \* \* \*

We have, in consultation with Miss Mallon, made the decision to postpone the school discos until we feel it is absolutely safe to have this kind of event in school. Thank you for your consideration and support with this decision. If you have already purchased a ticket a refund will be on its way to you.

If you would like to contribute to our Harvest Festival collection, please see below which item each class will be collecting. Donated items will be collected in classrooms until **Friday 16th October**.

Reception - Washing Up Liquid

Year 1 - Shower Gel

Year 2 - Shampoo

Year 3 - Kitchen Roll

Year 4 - Toilet Roll

Year 5 - Deodorant

Year 6 - Washing Powder / Laundry Detergent



### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

[kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

A simple, fast and secure way to apply for a secondary school place. Applications must be made by midnight on Monday 2nd November 2020.

### SCHOOL DINNERS

Lisa will resume serving her delicious hot school lunches to children in KS2 from Monday (12th October). Meals are £2.25 each payable in advance - either by cash, cheque (made payable to Caterlink - Brenchley & Matfield School) or online. To set up a Caterlink online account you will need your child's UPN - please ask Mrs Highgate for this.



### GOLDEN BOOK ENTRIES



We are celebrating the achievements of:

Reception: Harry & Aurelie; Yr 1: Reuben & Alex; Yr 2: Lewis & Aggie; Yr3: Dougie & Darcie (H); Yr 4: Sam & Ava; Yr5: Alessia & Enzo and Yr6: Archie & Amelie.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE



Attendance for last week - 98.2%

Class with best attendance - Year 1 (100%)

Late Entries - 16 (8 pupils)

*For information, the whole school weekly attendance is expected to be 98%.*

### DIARY DATES

End of Term 1—Friday 23rd October

INSET Day—Monday 2nd November

Term 2 starts—Tuesday 3rd November

Monday 9th November—Photographs  
(Individual/Sibling)

Term 2 Ends—Friday 18th December

Nasal Flu Immunisation  
Programme—18th November

