



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 20th October 2023

Message from the Headteacher

It hardly seems possible that we can already be at the end of Term 1 but we are! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all children, staff and families for their hard work and commitment over the last seven weeks. I know we are all looking forward to a week's break and then will be back ready to embrace all that Term 2 brings us!

Class 3 trip

Year 3 had a fantastic time at the Kent Mining Museum in Betteshanger Park on Monday! Mr Ayers reports: 'We were given a tour of the museum, had the chance to meet some miners and made our own replicas of fossils. The highlight of the day was our fossil hunting session in the afternoon, where we came away with enough fossils to take home one each! Well done to all of Year 3 for your excellent and very responsible behaviour during the whole day.'



Class 4 Food Tasting



This week, Class 4 learnt about some foods that Romans ate, including a burger! They also enjoyed a Roman banquet and tasted grapes, figs, bread, oil and honey. The spread looked amazing and very tasty.

Key Stage 2 Spelling Bee

We held two Spelling Bees in the school hall on Thursday; one for Years 3 & 4 and one for Years 5 & 6. Words were chosen from the statutory spelling lists and the children were tasked with working in their house teams to compete against each other. The standard of spelling across Key Stage Two was very high. Very well done to Nicholas, Camille, Jasper and Lilia who won for Pines in the Years 3 & 4 competition and to Belle, Madeleine, Zara and Zander who won for Bay in the Years 5 & 6 competition.



PTFA Disco

Many thanks to all those volunteers and staff who helped to run the PTFA disco this week. The children had a super time.

School Applications

If your child is in Class 6 remember that you need to submit your Secondary Application Form by 31st October.

New Lunch Menu

Whole School Meals have issued their new menu starting when the children return to school following the half term break. A copy of this has been emailed out with this newsletter to parent/carers. We return to school on Week 1 of the new menu. Whole School Meals have advised that on Tuesday, 31st October they will be serving Monday's menu and jacket potatoes may not be available due to delivery times on that day.

Reception Class 2024

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2024. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Term 2

Term 2 begins on Tuesday 31st October and we look forward to all children returning on that date. In the meantime I wish you all a good half term- break.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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Message from Class R

Reception have settled in beautifully to their new classroom and friendships have blossomed with their new classmates. We have learnt all about the Little Red Hen, repeating patterns and have made a fantastic start with our phonics and reading. We have visited the church for our Harvest Festival with the nursery where the children took part in craft activities, had a sing-a-long, and had a snack. We look forward to learning about The Gingerbread Man, Little Red Riding Hood, and enjoying the festive season in Term 2.

Miss Owen

Star Awards

w/e 20th October 2023

Class R – Demyd

Class 1 – George

Class 2 – Zoe

Class 3 – All of Class 3

Class 4 – Leah

Class 5 – All of Class 5

Class 6 – Henry



New Lunch Menu

Look out for the new lunch menu starting w/c 30th October 2023. Please note Whole School Meals will be serving Monday's menu on Tuesday, 31st October and there may not be the jacket potato option available. The menu will continue as usual on Wednesday, 1st November.



Royal British Legion

Poppies and other fundraising merchandise from The Royal British Legion will be on sale from **Wednesday, 1st November 2023**. If children would like to bring in some money these items will be sold during morning breaktime. A separate letter with pricing details has been sent via parentmail.



Start of Term 2

Children return to school on
Tuesday, 31st October 2023



Whole School Attendance

16/10/23 - 19/10/23

94.9%

05/09/23 - date

96%

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 30th October 2023

Monday, 30th October

- **Staff Training Day** – children are not required in school

Tuesday, 31st October

- **Start of term 2** – children to return to school
- **Class R Forest School Sessions this week** – please see letter for details
- **Secondary School Application deadline for Class 6**

Friday, 3rd November

- **Class 5 Family Assembly** – 9am in the school hall
- **Applications open for Reception Class September 2024**

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 30th October 2023

£2.41 per day

See new menu with this newsletter

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

