



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 9th November 2018

Message from the Headteacher

Year R applications – September 2019

Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2019. If you have a child born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

Applications close on 15th January 2019. **Families are welcome to make an appointment to view any time.** Please spread the word to anyone you know.

Children in Need

Our School will be supporting the BBC Children in Need fundraiser on Friday, 16th November. Children are invited to wear odd socks in exchange for a donation of £1. Children in Need wristbands and pin badges will be on sale from Monday, 12th November at a cost of £1.

Attendance

w/e 9th November 2018

- Class R – 95.9%
- Class 1 – 94.1%
- Class 2 – 96.2%
- Class 3 – 95.9%
- Class 4 – 96.2%
- Class 5 – 96.1%
- Class 6 – 97.6%
- Whole school – 96%



We Will Remember Them....

Year 6 children spent the day at Dover Castle on Wednesday participating in a special World War 1 Remembrance event involving children from across the district. The children took part in a storytelling session, they learnt about nursing, illness and disease during the war. They took part in a poetry session and experienced the firing of the big gun. All children were given the material to make a poppy and an invitation to attend the Castle on Remembrance Sunday with their families to lay the poppy.

This was a wonderful experience for the children, fully funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Rachel Hudson, Education Officer at Dover Castle, sent me an email in which she said *'All of the Dover Castle staff and performers have fed back how fantastic your students were – well behaved, polite and engaged, with such interesting and considered answers and questions. A true credit to all the staff and the school!'* This is super praise for our amazing children!

Back to the Future

The children and staff were treated to a live musical concert on Monday when we were visited by the musicians from the Bach to the Future Roadshow. The three musicians each represented one of the instrument family (brass, strings and woodwind) and gave a varied show including music from film, TV and musical theatre, as well as a range of different styles from classical and jazz to popular music. There was also plenty of opportunity for audience participation and the children wholeheartedly joined in. This was a great experience for our pupils and one which we hope will have given them an understanding of just how valuable music is to our world and to our everyday lives.

Our Values – what do we stand for?

As part of our training day in October the teaching staff revisited and reviewed our school values. We decided our collective responsibility is to strive to promote within all children and staff the following: resilience; resourcefulness; respect and tolerance; responsibility and reflection. We will take a value each term as the theme for our school assemblies and PSHE work in class. This term we are focusing on respect and tolerance. Look out for the new corridor display when you come to your parent/carer consultation meeting next week.

Class 5 Family Assembly

Our Year 5 children presented to the school and their families an assembly reflecting on their recent residential trip. The children told us about how they felt about being away from home for a week and about their visits to Bodiam Castle and Chatham Dockyard as well as the village of Cranbrook. In addition they wowed us with information about, and photographs of, wall climbing, abseiling, raft building and archery. A super assembly about an amazing trip; well done to all involved.

Helen Comfort



Please bring in your 'Love In A Box' before Friday, 16th November. Many thanks.



Star Awards

w/e 9th November 2018

Due to the Class 5 Family Assembly this morning Star Awards will be given out next week. Names will appear in next week's

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu: Week 1

Week commencing 12th November 2018

Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week

- Monday, 12th November** – School Nurses in for Flu vaccinations – Children in years R, 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 who have returned from
 - Children in Need wristband and pin badges on sale from today
 - Football tournament – selected pupils
 - 3:30pm to 6:30pm Parent Consultation Meetings Year R to 5 (by appointment)
- Wednesday, 14th November** – 3:30pm to 6:30pm Parent Consultation Meetings Year R to 5 (by appointment)
 - Class 6 response deadline to register interest in residential trip
- Friday, 16th November** - Love In a Box – deadline for boxes to brought in to school
 - Children in Need –wear odd socks for £1 donation

