



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 16 October 2020

### Message from the Headteacher

#### School Photographs

Best hairdos and shiny faces for Monday morning as it is school photograph day! Due to our current working restrictions we will not be able to have sibling photographs this year.

#### End of Term 1

Term 1 finishes for the children on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The last three days of this term are staff training days and children are not to attend school. Term 2 begins on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

#### Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Parent/carers consultations will be happening by telephone during Term 2. Look out for a letter coming out next week inviting you to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

As we were not able to hold our termly Open Afternoon this week staff are preparing a video of work which has been completed this term – look out for the parentmail next week informing you when these are available.

#### Covid-safe arrival and dismissal

Thank you for your ongoing support with the measures we have in place for arrival and dismissal. As I hope you all know the overriding principle is to enable families, the children and the staff to maintain social distancing. The bubbles of children and staff are kept very well protected throughout the school day and we need this to continue at drop-off and collection.

Accompanying your child to the school gate in the morning, as requested, ensures all children are supported in maintaining safe social distancing. At the end of the day when you have collected your child please leave promptly so that the next group of parents can come on site. Please also ensure that social distance is maintained between families – at arrival and dismissal.

#### Free Virtual Learning Courses for Parents

Kent Adult Education are currently offering **FREE virtual learning courses**. The courses are all scheduled for November & can be accessed from home.

Please follow the link below if you would like to book a place or call 03000 415888/03000 414025

<https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/?pageNumber=2&pageSize=10&sortOrder=StartingSoonest&alreadyStarted=No&category=Family%20Courses>

#### Reception Class 2021

Applications open for Reception Class September 2021 on **Thursday, 5th November**. If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places). Applications close on 15th January 2021.

Families are welcome to make an appointment to view the school during Term 2. Appointments will last for 15 minutes, will be after the pupils have gone home and will be limited to one family at a time. Please spread the word to anyone you know.

#### School Applications

If your child is in Class 6 remember that you need to submit your Secondary Application Form by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



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## Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid: a new continuous cough; a fever; a change in taste or smell are to stay at home and isolate, as must the rest of their household.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms.

If the person with the symptoms has a Covid test result which is negative they, and the rest of the household, may return to school or work.

If you do not get a test then the child or member of the household with symptoms must stay at home for 10 days and the rest of the family for 14 days. Following this time if they are well they can return to school or work, if still unwell they are to follow health professional advice.

We recommend that you get a test – you will most likely need to try a number of times to book a test. People who keep on trying are successful in getting one.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) OR <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

OR Telephone 111

Helen Comfort

## Star Awards

w/e 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Class R – Isabelle S

Class 1 – Clem

Class 2 – William F

Class 3 – Rupert & Anastasia

Class 4 – Rosa

Class 5 – Emmie

Class 6 – All of Class 6



## School Photographs

Individual pupil photographs will take place on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October.



## Secondary School Applications

Deadline to submit your Secondary Application Form is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Apply at

[www.kent.gov.uk/secondary-admissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/secondary-admissions)

## The Week Ahead!

### Weeks commencing 19<sup>th</sup> October & 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> October – Individual School Photographs

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> October – Last day of Term 1

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October – INSET Day – pupils not required in school

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October - INSET Day – pupils not required in school

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - INSET Day – pupils not required in school

### Lunch Menu

w/c 19<sup>th</sup> October – Week 3

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Week 2

Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Start of Term 2

-Secondary School Application deadline for Class 6

