



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 3rd November 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to Term 2 which has certainly started with a bang! As I write this on Friday morning the sun is shining and the air is still – a very sharp contrast to this time yesterday. I thank Darren Marsh our new Site Manager who started with us this week for his efforts in assessing the site today and clearing up the debris. Thank you also to Dominic Castle for his invaluable help whilst we were between site managers and for continuing to support us this week as Mr Marsh settles in.

Staff Training

Staff training on Monday was about ways in which we can continue to support all of our children with their behavioural needs, including those who, for whatever reason, find aspects of life – including school - more challenging.

Some really important messages for us all to think about:

1. All behaviour is a form of communication and is often an attempt to control the environment in which we find ourselves.
2. No child comes to school with the sole aim to deliberately disrupt.
3. Children that need the most love often ask for it in the most unlovable of ways – we all need to be their hope, to be their change and to be there for them.

As a staff team we work tirelessly to meet the needs of all member of our school community. We recognise that when a child presents with challenging behaviour at school this will have an effect on other members of the school community. We therefore work to keep everyone safe, to minimise the impact of challenging behaviour, to avoid crisis, to help the child to return to a calm state and to learn to self-regulate their behaviour where they can.

We work with the whole class to help children who do not struggle with managing their own behaviour to understand that we are all different. Each of us has a variety of needs and therefore things need to be done differently for some people – and that is ok.

Issues around behaviours which challenge can be emotive and there is work to be undertaken with the whole school community in coming to a greater understanding about why some people behave as they do and how as a school community we support them, whilst also meeting the needs of *all* of our learners.

Class 5 Family Assembly

Year 5 had an amazing time on their recent residential trip to Bewl Water. Today in their assembly they explained to their parents/carers and all the school, staff and children, what made it just so amazing. We learnt about their archery, axe throwing, climbing walls, canoeing and sailing adventures; about a pirate ship, football, films and popcorn. It was delightful to hear how many memories they made at Bewl Water; memories of friendship, teamwork and water (they did appear to fall in a few times!) which we hope will stay with them throughout their lives.

Well done, Year 5, this was a super assembly and I am so pleased that you had a great time at Bewl Water.



Royal British Legion

Poppies and other fundraising merchandise from The Royal British Legion will be on sale again next week.

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.

Have a lovely weekend!

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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Message from Class 6

Year 6 have returned for term 2 full of determination and enthusiasm which has been wonderful to see. The children have been reading and retelling the story 'Kidnapped' through storymapping, book talk and drama. Next week they will be using the model text to inspire their own writing.

In maths, the children have been getting to grips with fractions and their equivalents, as well as comparing and ordering fractions by numerator and denominator.

Our new science topic is 'Light' which means we make our classroom very dark in order to carry out our practical experiments with torches - this week's weather has been perfect for making a dark classroom! The children proved how light travels in a straight line this week.

We're all keeping our fingers crossed for better weather for Forest School next week!

Miss Brett

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in November.

Eden	Year 2
Lydia	Year 5
Cassie	Year 3
Kieran	Year 5
Alfie	Year 2
Logan	Year 4
Luna Rose	Year 2
Oliver	Year 5
Blake	Year 1
Emily	Year 3
Aarohi	Year 2
Charlotte	Year 1
Emily	Year 3
Annabelle	Year 4



Reception Class 2024

Applications open today for Reception Class September 2024. If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 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 2024**.

Star Awards

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Due to Class 5 Family Assembly taking place this morning Star awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.



'Love In A Box'

Please bring in your 'Love In A Box' by Wednesday, 8th November.



Whole School Attendance

31/10/23 - 03/11/23
96.6%

05/09/23 - date
96.1%

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 6th November 2023

Monday, 6th November

- Class 6 Forest School Sessions this week – please see letter for details

Wednesday, 8th November

- 'Love In A Box' - deadline for boxes to brought in to school

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 6th November 2023

£2.41 per day

[October-23.pdf](#)
wholeschoolmeals.co.uk

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

