

Headline

Now the summer term has started I want to remind you about our sun protection policy. We have developed this with the help of parents, teachers, pupils and local health professionals and it is based on SunSmart "SMART" cancer prevention programme. This guidance should ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

Stay in the shade between 11.00 and 15.00

Make sure we don't burn

Always cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses

Remember that children burn more easily

Then use Factor 15+ sunscreen

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but sadly it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we make sure that:

- Children learn about sun protection
- Shade in and around the playground is used
- Pupils are encouraged to wear hats and suitable clothing when outside
- We encourage pupils to use sunscreen

Your support is very important if our policies are going to work. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home
- Sending your child to school with a wide brimmed hat, buying a legionnaire style hat or putting long-lasting sun screen on them before school

•Returning the sunscreen permission slip at the bottom of school trip letters

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe summer.

Mr Carthy

News

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Next week, children in Year 1 will take their Phonics Screening Check. It will also be taken by children in Year 2 who previously did not meet the standard of the check when they were in Year 1.

This is a short, light-touch assessment to confirm whether individual children have learnt their phonic decoding. The checks consist of 40 words and non-words that your child will be asked to read one-on-one with a teacher. It will identify the children who need extra help so they are given support by their school to improve their reading skills. They will then be able to retake the check so that schools can track children until they are able to decode.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Next week, children in Year 4 will take an online Multiplication Tables assessment as part of a national trial ahead of the official roll-out of this new national assessment in 2020. This assessment is very similar to work the children have been doing on TT Rock Star Maths.

Summer Fayre Thurs 11th July

We would like to make this year's Fayre bigger and better than ever.

Key Dates

- 14th June – Tag Day
- 18th June – KS2 Sports Day
- 25th June – FS2 Sports Day
- 27th June – KS1 Sports Day
- 27th June – Year 6 Bowling
- 4th July – Year R Minnis Bay Trip
- 8th July – FS to Y1 Transition Meeting for Parents
- 9th July – Y2 to Y3 Transition Meeting for Parents
- 10th July – Y4 to Y5 Transition Meeting for Parents
- 11th July – Summer Fayre

Term Dates 18/19

Term 6
Tuesday 4th June
until
Tuesday 23rd July

Term Dates 19/20

Term 1
Tuesday 3rd September
until
Friday 25th October

Term 2
Tuesday 5th November
until
Friday 20th December

Term 3
Tuesday 7th January
until
Friday 14th February

Term 4
Monday 24th February
until
Friday 3rd April

Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. Navy, black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or dress/navy and white checked dress. A white or blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse. Flat plain black shoes or trainers (no heels or open toes). www.myclothing.com

Key Staff

Mr Carthy *Headteacher*

Mrs Langthorne *Deputy Head*

Mr Chantler *Deputy Head*

Ms Gould *Chair of Governors*

Mrs Hill & Miss Knight *SENCO*

Miss Masters *FS Leader*

Miss Scudder *KS1 Leader*

Mr Chantler *LKS2 Leader*

Mr Atkins *UKS2 Leader*

Mrs Vella *Family Liason Officer*

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

We operate a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff.

We need :

- Your old toys that are in good condition
- Any unwanted Teddies
- Adults that would be willing to do Henna Tattoos
- Talented adults who are hiding a skill eg, balloon modelling

Please could toys and teddies be brought in as soon as possible. If you are able to help, please contact the office.

In The Community

Rochester Big Band

St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham are hosting Rochester Big Band on Monday 24th June at 8pm. Tickets are available in advance or on the door. Tickets cost £8.00. For more information, please call 01634 850288

Christians Against Poverty- Thanksgiving Service and 6th Anniversary Party

On Sunday 9th June the Christians Against Poverty are holding a Thanksgiving Service and 6th Anniversary Party. The event will be held at Gillingham Baptist Church, Green Street, Gillingham at 10:15am.

Please contact Ruth (07796936353) or Luke (07756006642) to book a place.

Blood Donor Sessions

The NHS will be holding a donor session at Priestfield Stadium, Gillingham on Tuesday 18th June. There are appointments available between 13:30 – 16:30 & 17:30 – 20:00. For more information and to book an appointment please visit: blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23.

Places of Welcome

Places of Welcome are run by local

community groups who want to make sure everyone in your area has a place to go for conversation and a cup of tea if and when they need it. Your local Place of Welcome is at St Augustine's Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham. It is open on Wednesdays from 9am – 11am.

For more information please visit www.placesofwelcome.org.uk

Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 20th May 2019 was 2K with an amazing 99.3%! 1D and 6C had only 2 late pupils each during this week, and a fantastic 98.3% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Year 6 - Post SATs Bowling Letter
- Year 5 - Year 6 Residential Letter
- Year 3/4 - Mosque Trip Letter
- Cancer Research UK fundraising letter
- Year 5 Girls - The Rochester Grammar School Taster Evening Letter
- Friday Clubs Term 1 and 2 options Letter