



Newsletter



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Proud to be ... forever Pilgrim.

Jesus said, "I have come in order that you might have life—life in all its fullness." (John 10:10).

This is the precept upon which our Pilgrim School is founded. We are committed to enabling each member of our community to flourish. Following the role model of Christ, we constantly strive to be His pilgrims.

Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing way to end term 1! Once again we all loved our Pilgrim Explores Life in All its Fullness Week and our Farmer's Market was a big hit. I would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who helped in so many different ways from contributing items for the children to use during the week, to putting up gazeboes in the wind! The money raised is being counted and we will let you know the grand total as soon as possible. We are now busy planning our Christmas Market on Monday 16th December. Watch this space for further information!

We look forward to seeing you at our Parent Interviews in the first week of November. Please make the most of the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and enjoy exploring the classwork in their books.

I would like to take this opportunity to send our very best wishes to a member of our Pilgrim Team as they set out on an exciting adventure. On Friday 1st November Mrs Wadlow will be heading out to Belarus to work with Friends of Chernobyl's Children, for a week. Mrs Wadlow has worked with the group since 2017 and as a school we are eager to develop our link with this amazing charity. We hope to use our reverse advent calendar at Christmas to provide much needed items for the families involved and we look forward to a visit from a member of the charity on Monday 25th November. Please read the article included in this newsletter which has been written by Mrs Wadlow to give you an insight into her and her husband's work with the charity. We look forward to hearing all about their trip when they return.

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Worship

We would like to invite our parents/carers to our whole school celebration worship on a Friday afternoon at 2.40pm. The following dates are open for families to attend:

8th November
15th November
22nd November
29th November
6th December

Photographs of those children who have received certificates at our Friday celebration appear on the school website each week for you to enjoy in full colour!



Courteous Parking

It has come to our attention on our CCTV, that a small number of our parents are not only parking in the school car park but using it as a pedestrian walk way. We cannot stress enough how dangerous this could be for adults and especially our children. Under NO circumstances should any parent/carer be using the school car park. Therefore, please use the correct pedestrian access to and from school when collecting and dropping off your children.

School Uniform

Please can you ensure that anything belonging to your child is named clearly i.e. school uniform, P.E. kit, Forest school clothing, packed lunch bag etc.



Dates for your Diary November and December 2019

Monday 28th October
Start of term 2

Wednesday 30th October
2.45 pm Year 6 Residential Meeting

Friday 1st November
TAG Day (non-uniform day)
Family Trust Visit
PTFA Bright and Light Disco

Tuesday 5th November
Parent Interviews Years 3 & 5

Wednesday 6th November
Parent Interviews Years 4 & 6

Thursday 7th November
Mini Youth Games Basketball
Parent Interviews Years R, 1 & 2

Friday 8th November
9.30 am New Parents Show Round

Tuesday 12th November
2pm The Pilgrim Welcome Service
@ St Matthew's Church

Thursday 14th November
Oak Trees Parent's Lunch

Friday 15th November
Children in Need

Monday 18th November
The Pilgrim Multi Academy Trust Rugby Games

Wednesday 20th November
KS2 Cinema Visit

Thursday 21st November
Mini Youth Games Badminton
2.00 pm New Parents Show Round

Wednesday 27th November
Friends of Chernobyl's Children Visit

Wednesday 4th December
2pm FS Nativity

Thursday 5th December
9.30pm FS Nativity

Friday 6th December
PTFA Secret Santa

Monday 16th December
2pm Christmas Market

Tuesday 17th December
1.30pm The Pilgrim Multi Academy Trust Christmas
Service @ Rochester Cathedral

Wednesday 18th December
Christmas Lunch

*MORE DATES FOR DECEMBER TO FOLLOW –
PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE!*

Wednesday 18th December 2019
End of Term 2 @ 1.30pm



Friends of Chernobyl's Children (Medway)

In 2017, I became involved with this charity which supports children from disadvantaged social backgrounds in areas of Belarus that continue to be affected by the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

My husband and I are a host family for a little girl called Polina. Polina arrived for her first visit, along with 15 other children, carrying nothing but a plastic bag with one pair of knickers in. She had never had a bath, seen a flushing toilet or even eaten a strawberry. Spending a month with us eating fresh food and breathing uncontaminated air can increase her general health and life expectancy. During her visit, she receives general health checks, eye and dental checks, which are carried out by professional volunteers. Each day the children get to do fun activities; a day at the beach, a day at Lower Grange Farm Scout Centre, a trip in a London cab to Margate and many more exciting days out.

On November 1st, my husband and I will be visiting Belarus for 1 week, on behalf of the charity, to visit Polina and the other children on the programme. We will be meeting new families and inviting more children to come to the UK to join the programme in the future. This is all dependent on people's generosity and fundraising.

For any more information, please feel free to ask me, or look us up on Facebook or visit our website www.focmedway.org

Mrs Wadlow

