

Head Teacher's Message

16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we only have one week left before half term; this term really has just flown by! Let's make next week equally as positive and productive which I'm sure it will be. Thank you as always for your continued support, ensuring children are in school, on time and attending the catch up sessions which have been very successful.

On Friday 9th October, we dressed up in yellow/something bright to raise money for Young Minds - a mental health charity which supports young people and their families. We successfully raised £356 for this wonderful cause which is fantastic! Next week, your children will be participating in a sponsored run/walk to raise money for MacMillan. I look forward to updating you all on your children's achievements and the total raised to support MacMillan. We will be taking photographs of children (if you have given consent in your data forms) during the walk/ run and I hope to include them in next week's newsletter.

You should have all received the diary dates that were sent earlier this week. Please can I draw year 6 parents' attention to the Secondary School application deadline - 2nd November is the deadline for Kent Secondary admissions; however, for Medway admissions, the deadline is 30th November. Mrs Nott (Year 6 Teacher and KS2 Leader) has kindly produced a document with further information about the admissions process. If you are a year 6 parent that has yet to receive it, please let us know and we can ensure that we resend to you.

As mentioned last week, Mrs Beeching will be starting in the office on Monday 19th October. She is very much looking forward to meeting you all and working with the Halling staff team. Ms Edwards will also be starting next week in year 2 (Kenya class). Ms Edwards had the opportunity to meet some of the lovely year 2 pupils last term and I know she is very much looking forward to joining the team and working very closely with our wonderful year 2 families! 😊

I would like to apologise to parents and carers as Phone Call Fridays were not made today, but I will be making the calls on Monday and the website will be updated accordingly following the calls. Making the calls are always a very enjoyable part of my week as I love sharing children's successes regularly with home; I know that several parents have also expressed how much they love receiving the phone calls and how much their children enjoy receiving certificates too.

Next term, we will be continuing our catch up clubs but instead of focusing on English, we will be focusing on Mathematics. I will ensure that a letter is sent out to all parents next week so that you can sign up and be ready to hopefully start the catch up session the second week back. I would like to say thank you to all staff who have supported with the catch up sessions, ensuring our children are given support to close the gap and make progress. In addition, thank you to all of you at home for your support and working very closely with the school for the best interests of our children.

Finally, as mentioned a couple of weeks ago, if you are interested in hiring our school hall/ know anyone who may be interested in hiring the hall, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on the gate on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Selmi
Head Teacher

Celebrations!

Highest number of correct answers on TTRockstars over the last 7 days
(week commencing 12th October):

Year	Name	Correct Answers
2	Jesse	1,537
3	Felix	3,421
4	Mubashira	2,207
5	Troy	6,931
6	Isabelle	2,025

Spelling Shed:

KS1 Superstar Speller - Elivia (Kenya Class) - 11,468,182

KS2 Superstar Speller - Felix (India Class) - 11,462,732

Top 3 Classes:

1st - Kenya - 36,446,858

2nd - India - 30,648,344

3rd - Venezuela - 13,703,438

Keep up the hard work 😊



CORONAVIRUS STAY ALERT TO THE SYMPTOMS

**HIGH TEMPERATURE
OR NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH
OR LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL?**

No one in your household should leave home if any one person has symptoms.

Find out how to get a test, and how long to isolate, at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES



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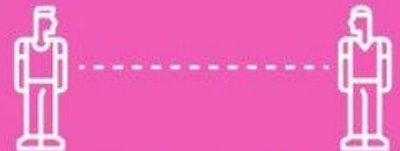
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