



Pilgrim News



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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 / Carers

A very exciting delivery came to the school at the end of last week – our brand-new Chromebooks! We now have 18 new Chromebooks which will be used to support your children's learning. This purchase could not have happened without your overwhelming generosity. You donated a grand total of just over £4000, an amount far beyond anything we ever thought possible. IT has always been hugely important to us at Pilgrim and, in the current climate, it is vital that we are able to train your children to access remote learning. We now have the technology to make this possible. Please take a look at our photos on the school website.



As the children continue to wash their hands frequently throughout the day, we have been very grateful for the donations of soap that many of you have given. As you can imagine, our budget for soap was pretty much spent within the first term, so your ongoing help with this has been fantastic, thank you!

Finally, I also want to thank you for following all of the guidelines during this second period of lockdown. I'm sure, like me, you are desperate to visit friends and family but hopefully, if we all play our part by keeping our distance and not visiting others in their homes, it will have the impact of reducing this virus and we will soon, once again, be able to spend time with those we care about.

Remembrance has been the focus for our worship this week. As we reflected on our hopes for a peaceful world, we shared a blessing from the Bible which I would like to send to you all:

*The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace.
Numbers 6: 24 -26*

Thank you all for your continuing support.

Mrs Mepsted

Drop Off and Collection Points

We would like to encourage you to walk to school whenever possible and to avoid driving along the road outside the school. Please ensure your child is safely with you at all times. In recent weeks, we have had three different situations where a child stepped out into the road in front of traffic, without a parent being aware.

Please remember to maintain social distances with other households when waiting with your child both outside of the school gates and on the playgrounds and carpark slope.

If you need to notify us of a different adult collecting, please can you do this before 2.30pm as all office staff are out opening the gates at the end of the day – thank you.

The Pilgrim Community

We appreciate that circumstances have changed for many families since March 2020 when lockdown measures were first introduced. Many of our families have a parent who has been furloughed or who are self-employed. Several parents have incurred job losses resulting in a reduction of income.

As a school community, we would like to make you aware that we have several sources of support that we can offer during these difficult times. Please feel free to make yourself known to us – don't be afraid or feel embarrassed, you can email a private message if you prefer. We will try and help with food, Christmas gifts etc.

Throughout the periods of lockdown, we have been so grateful for your ongoing donations of food for our Pilgrim Food Cupboard and kind offers of help. During Covid, if you would like to send in a donation of food or toiletries, please send it with your child and the staff will happily take it to the Pilgrim Cupboard. All the staff are supporting this initiative and I'm sure many of you would be happy to help too.

By working together as a team, we can make sure that no one has to worry unnecessarily.

Allergies

Just a reminder that we are a 'nut free' school! Home packed lunches should not contain any products with nuts as we have children who suffer with nut allergies. If you haven't already done so, please make sure the office has up-to-date information on any allergies or dietary requirements for your child.

Flu Vaccine

The Nasal flu vaccines are available in school for your children on Thursday 23rd November. All the information on how to apply is on our School Jotter App. The e-consent portal closes on 23rd November and KCHFT cannot accept late e-consents on the day. Please visit <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/> to complete the e-consent form if you would like your child to receive the vaccine.

Children in Need

Friday 13th November, is Children in Need and we would like to support this special charity by asking the children to wear something spotty (socks, hairbands, t-shirt etc) and dress in non-uniform. Please feel free to make any donations to the charity online or if you would prefer you can send a donation into school and we will bank it with Children in Need on your behalf. Thank you for your support.

End of Term 2

Just a reminder that term 2 ends at **1.30pm** on Friday 18th December.