



Newsletter 7 12th January 2018

Our amazing school!

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to Term 3! We hope all your wishes and dreams come true this year. As always we look forward to working with you now and for the rest of the academic year.

Our children have been discussing new years resolutions and how we can persevere when things become a challenge. If any of you have set yourself a challenge we wish you all the best and hope you succeed!



'Discover and Do' for our reception children this week.....measuring the circumference of trees to help with their numbers!

In Math's Class 5 have been solving problems to do with length. We found out how tall a T-Rex was (12m) and then discovered that this was the same length as 10 children. Wow!



Year 2 have been creating their own medicines as part of their Plague topic!

School Improvement Update

Following data analysis in term 2 we continue to focus on:-

- Ensuring children in Year 2 focus on achieving their phonics.
- Developing writing across the school.
- Enhancing opportunities to explore greater depth learning. We are pleased to say at this stage the gap between vulnerable and non vulnerable children in attainment is closing (which is an ofsted target) and there is consistency across all classes for children to make the rapid progress they are capable of.

This is all down to the hard work and support from children, parents and staff. So well done everyone—let's keep up the great work as we enter term 3.

- We were very successful with our QES award on Wednesday 20th December. The assessor has now asked us to re submit our evidence for the Advanced award rather than the established one. Exciting news for everyone. We will keep you up to date with this.
- We have ordered the Ipads following the successful sponsor event run by the PTFA. Our children will soon have more opportunities to use them for everyday learning.
- Our school tours for new parents have been very successful and the parents have complimented the school on the children's learning and environment as well as their exemplary behaviour. Well done everyone!
- As we start the new term we will continue to focus on attendance. Please ensure your child arrives by 8.55am everyday and you collect by 3.15 pm for reception and 3.20pm for KS1 classes. Holidays will not be authorised and if taken may be subject to a fixed penalty notice. Our next attendance sweep is on 30th January 2018.



Community news

As part of our ongoing aim to support parents we will continue to advertise courses and support—Please let us know if you find this helpful.

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the relationship people

PARENTS APART
for divorced or separated parents -

Are you having issues over child contact with an ex-partner?
Are you worried about telling your children about the split and struggling to deal with their reaction?

Do you need help with coping in the future as a single parent?

Relate is offering a short free workshop for parents to help protect them and their children from the pain of separation and reduce parental conflict.

The course is to take place from 9.30am—1.30pm on Wednesday 21st February
AT

Fusion Healthy Living Centre Fusion Maidstone, 2 & 3 Cobb Way, Maidstone, ME15 9XF

To find out more or to book a place, please contact: Lynne Murphy on 01302 347749 or lynne.relatekent@gmail.com

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Day to Day

- Please remember we are always here to help you. We do operate an open door policy whereby you can speak to us with any queries/concerns you may have. Please use your child's contact book/email system/letter/phone/face to face to make contact with us.

I appreciate social media is used by many to share thoughts and feelings but as a school we treat communication with individuals as confidential. It is becoming more apparent when parents are using Facebook in particular to air their views, they haven't in fact made contact with us to solve issues raised.

Please communicate with us rather than using social media.

- You will have received your child's curriculum letter for this term and the homework grids. Please let teachers know if you require any further information or support with these to help with your child's learning.

Year R—Traditional Tales

Year 1—Jaws and Claws

Year 2—Horrible Histories

Diary Dates



Date	Event
15th January	Astrodome in school to see Year 1
18th January	Census Day—statutory return to DFE
25th January	Reading afternoon from 2.45pm
*7th February	Parents Evening 3.30pm—8.30pm
*8th February	Parents Evening 3.30pm—8.30pm
9th February	Last day of term 3
19th February	Children return to school—start of Term 4
1st March	World Book Day—dress up as your favourite character

* Your child's class teacher will block times not available on these two dates—please ensure if you have a child in a different class you check both teachers availability if you would like to see them on the same day. Booking information will be distributed nearer the date.

We would all like to thank everyone for the kind generosity shown at the end of last term. The number of cards and gifts we all received was truly overwhelming.



Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks:

Week beginning : 11.12.17
Attendance: Class 6 - 98.06%
Walk on Wednesday: Class 12
Disney Points: Sulley
Buster Book Club: Class 6
Week beginning: 18.12.17
Attendance: Class 12—96.39%
Walk on Wednesday: Class 8
Disney Points: Sulley
Buster Book Club: Class 4

Whole School attendance: 94.59%
Whole school target: 97%

