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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors

## Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for supporting this charity today. So far, the school have collected £163 in donations towards further work into treating children with genetic health problems. In school today all classes have had sessions, appropriate to their age group, focusing on the types of disorders that their contribution will support to enable another child to experience improved treatment for their condition. Please chat with your child about what they have learned in **class today about this special charity and it's work.**



Wraparound Care

If you are a user of this service offered by the school then you will be aware that, on some days, the provision is hard to book due to sessions already being full. Sadly it does not state this online, you are just blocked from booking a session, but ultimately the session you are trying to select is full. A couple of parents have brought this up as a worry because this has a knock on effect on their ability to work and know that their child(ren) can be booked onto our after school service.

During the last summer term, parents were asked to email the office informing us of the days when they had particular difficulty in booking the service due to it being full. If there was a regular day then, as a school, we would have looked to increase the capacity by employing further staff for that day. The feedback we received, however, showed that it was random days here and there and nothing regular. Now we are in September and more people are using this fabulous service, we may need to review this again. Therefore, please do email the office if there is a regular day where you are consistently unable to book your child(ren) into as a result of the provision being full. If you could do this across the next couple of weeks it would be appreciated so that we can potentially put something in place to support you.

In addition the school office staff, under my instruction, are no longer completing the admin of this booking service for parents. Mrs Jack was spending an inordinate amount of time making changes to dates, times and payments. This should all be administered by the user - the parent. The only element where Mrs Jack should offer admin support is if a genuine refund needs to take place.



## Cashless School

Thank you to parents that are now enveloping and labelling the odd bits of money coming into the school. As a reminder, please ensure you are set up for the online School Gateway service

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As no cash will be accepted in school by the end of this calendar year. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are happy to offer support and training with this to enable you to confidently access and use this service.



## Grandparents Day

You will have noticed on our website the date for this much-loved day - **it is the children's favourite Open Day. This year, Grandparent's Day is being held on Friday 5th October.** Further down the newsletter is a booking form that can be completed and returned to the school office if there is a Grandparent that wishes to join us. Please have a chat about this with Grandparents. The booking form needs to be returned to school by Monday 1st October at 9.00am, school drop off time, in order to allow time for the Risk Assessment to be written and for teachers to plan their day knowing visitor numbers. This is always a popular day and each year we have late requests - we always try to be as flexible as possible but cannot keep changing our plans around to accommodate late visitor numbers. Therefore this year, after the stated deadline, we will not be accepting further requests. I know the day will be a great success; the Grandparents support this so that it is just that - a success. We look forward to welcoming back some previous Grandparents and hopefully meeting a few new ones too.

## Support for Mrs Bell

Just a reminder that on Saturday 29th September Mrs Bell will be taking part in The Wolf Run, which stands for Woods, Obstacles, Lakes and Fields (WOLF), completing this 10km run to support our chosen international charity Awami. All money raised will go to help vulnerable children in the slums of Kampala, Uganda. Mrs Bell has already raised £555.00 in donations which is truly amazing! If you have not yet pledged your support and would like to do so, please go to <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/tara-bell4>. Mrs Bell would like to thank everyone for their support so far.

## Family Friendly Open Day - Pennard Vets

Pennard Vets, based in Langley Park, are holding an Open Day on Saturday 29th September from 12pm until 4pm. They are fundraising for their charity of the year, Medical Detection Dogs, and are offering lots of family friendly activities to take part in.



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## PTFA Corner

Our aim over the last year has been to run fun events for the children, parents and carers at the school - **it's about helping to build great memories for the children, not just fundraising.** With all of your support over the last year we have raised £10,851 and spent £5,833 on the following - class Kindles, croissants for Bastille Day, RE books, Writing on the Wall theatre workshop, Christmas crackers, Numicon maths equipment, year 6 leavers hoodies, and ice poles for Sports Day. **Our events have been the Craft & Movie Night, Halloween, Valentine's and Summer Outdoor Disco, Bingo Night, Summer Fair, Welcome Back camping weekend** and we also have our Quiz Night and Halloween Disco to look forward to later this term (see dates below).

We held our AGM on Thursday 20th September and the team for the year ahead is:

Chair	Elizabeth Kilby
Treasurer	Amanda Clarke
Secretary	Sally Weaver



Class Representatives have been elected as follows:

Year R	Talie Deer	Year 1	Emma Mackelden
Year 2	Jo Hockley	Year 3	Lucie Turnlund
Year 4	Sarah Boorer	Year 5	Sally Weaver
Year 6	Sophie Pemble	Facebook Admin	Nikki James

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 4th October at 1.30pm at the school. Please do come along and join us as we always need more helpers and ideas, and can do more for the school the more of us there are.

Quiz Night - Saturday 13th October at the Queens Head pub. Tickets are £7 each and include a meal of sausage and mash. Maximum team size is 8 people and there are only 65 places available due to capacity limitations in the pub.

Halloween Disco - Thursday 18th October. KS1 disco is 3.15pm-4.30pm, and KS2 disco is 4.45pm-6pm. Fliers will be in book bags soon - please return via the PTFA post box.

Christmas Craft and Movie Night - TBC. Watch this space!

Thank you for all your continued support!



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## Vacancy for School Caretaker

There is currently the need to recruit a new school caretaker to join the team and assist in **the effective management, organisation and supervision of all matters relating to the school's** premises including maintenance, security and cleaning. If you would be interested in applying, or know of someone else that may be interested in the role, please refer to the Kent Teach website [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com), reference KCC886-2193-104S, for details and full job description or contact the school office directly. The post is subject to an enhanced **disclosure check as part of the school's safeguarding procedures.**

## Diary Dates

4th October	Drop-In Thursday
5th October	<b>Grandparent's Day</b>
9th October	Parents Evening
10th October	Trip to The Royal Albert Hall, Years 4 and 5
11th October	Parents Evening
13th October	PTFA Quiz Night at The Queens Head pub
18th October	Halloween Disco
31st October	Open Day
7th November	Open Day
13th December	Pantomime for the whole school, funded by the PTFA



Have a great weekend.

Miss Terry  
Headteacher



# GRANDPARENTS Day



Friday 5th October 2018

	Session	Time	✓
1	All Morning Session	9:10am - 11:55am	
2	Session 2	9:10am - 10:15am	
	Morning break / coffee for grandparents on site	10:15am - 10:40am	
3	Session 3	10:40am - 11:55am	
	Lunchtime - Grandparents off site please		
4	All Afternoon Session	1:20pm - 3:10pm	
5	Session 5	1:20pm - 2:15pm	
	Afternoon break/tea for grandparents in during the afternoon	2:15pm - 2:30pm	
6	Session 6	2:30pm - 3:10pm	

Please indicate which times would best suit you. Please tick all if you can offer that flexibility - this would be great as we can better arrange numbers. We will inform you by Tuesday 2nd October, via book bags, of your confirmed time(s).

Grandchild's Name ..... Class

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Name of Grandparent attending .....

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(also important for numbers please. Please print names)

Please return this form by Monday 1st of October at 9.00am to support our plans  
**for a successful Grandparent's Day at Sutton Valence Primary School.**

# Quiz Night



Ticket £7 (includes Sausage & Mash)

Round 1 @ 7.30pm

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**QUEENS HEAD PUB**

**SAT 13TH OCTOBER**

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Max team size 8  
Raffle on night





# HALLOWEEN DISCO

18th October

**£3** (Ticket includes  
hot dog, ice pop  
& disco)

KS1: 3.15-4.30pm

KS2: 4.45-6pm

