



## Key Dates

11<sup>th</sup> October - Y6 heights and weights  
12<sup>th</sup> October - whole school tag day (£1)  
16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October - Parent consultations  
19<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Festival  
8<sup>th</sup> November - Individual school photos  
12<sup>th</sup> November Years R - 5 - nasal flu vaccine

## Term Dates 18/19

### Term 1

Tuesday 4th September until

Friday 19th October

### Term 2

Tuesday 30th October until

Tuesday 18th December

### Term 3

Thursday 3rd January until

Friday 15th February

### Term 4

Tuesday 26th February until

Friday 5th April

### Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April until

Friday 24th May

### Term 6

Tuesday 4th June until

Tuesday 23rd July

## Headline

### Harvest Festival

Friday 19th October is the date we have set for our school-based harvest celebration.

The children will perform readings, songs, poems and prayers to give their thanks for harvest time. Everyone is welcome to join us in the school hall at 9 o'clock. Space will be limited and it maybe standing room only! This year, as last, we are collecting food donations which will go to 'Caring Hands,' a registered charity that runs a day centre for homeless people in Chatham. Caring Hands takes a three-step approach to changing lives for the better – giving sustenance (which we need your help to do), re-building self-confidence, and empowerment.

Caring Hands are totally dependent on the generous donations of Harvest Festival canned and dried food from Medway schools. This has provided vital basic food items from which Caring Hands supplies 40,000 meals and snacks annually - three times a day, five days a week, FREE to those who are homeless and most in need. They could not continue to operate without such donations, which are sorted into categories and stored onto shelves for use throughout the year and we feel that our donations make a really valuable contribution to our local community.

Here is a list of the food Caring Hands need to replenish their stocks:

Tinned items:

- Beans
- Soups (any flavours)
- Tuna
- Vegetables (any variety)
- Tomatoes
- Spaghetti /Ravioli
- Hot dogs
- Potatoes

- Fruit
  - Rice Pudding
  - Custard (tinned or powdered)
- Dry items:

- Pasta
- Lasagne sheets
- Rice
- Smash
- Tea and coffee
- Sugar
- Powdered milk
- Noodles
- Savoury rice
- Cooking sauces
- Pasta sachets (eg mug shots)



Forest School fun

### Holiday Forest School

We are excited to announce that Miss Staples will be running Forest School taster sessions in our lovely outdoor area over half term. Places will be limited and sessions will need to be paid for in advance. Please express your interest at the office so we can get an idea of demand.

## Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan for Years 1 - 6. Royal blue for FS1 and FS2 (Nursery and reception). Navy, black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or dress/navy and white checked dress. A white or blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse. Flat plain black shoes or trainers (no heels or open toes). Uniform can be ordered from

[www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)

## Key Staff

**Mrs Mason** *Headteacher*

**Mrs Price** *Deputy Head FS & KS1*

**Mr Presneill** *Deputy Head KS2*

**Mrs White** *Chair of Governors*

**Mrs Prentice** *SENCO*

**Mrs Lewis** *FS Leader*

**Mrs Price** *Y1 Leader*

**Mrs Byrne** *Y2 Leader*

**Mrs Marie** *LKS2 Leader*

**Mr MacDonald** *UKS2 Leader*

**Mrs Liddle** *Family Liason Officer*

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This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

We operate a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff.

## News

### Would you like to be a teacher?

If you or anyone you know interested in training to become a teacher, Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School is the lead school in the Medway Teaching School Alliance and offers the opportunity to train to teach through salaried and non-salaried School Direct courses. For more information see the attached letter.

### Family Friday for FS2 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Parents are invited to come into your child's classroom to look at their books and folders and take part in activities from 09.00am-10.30.

### Requests

With Christmas fast approaching, we would like donations of clean soft toys for our "adopt a teddy" stall please. We are also looking for some nice, large pine cones to make Christmas decorations. Any donations can be given in at the office or to your child's class teacher. Thank you for your support.

### Years 5 and 6 trip

The children in Years 5 and 6 will be visiting the Kent Life museum on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Please see attached letter for more information.

## Reminders

### Name labels

Please remember to put your child's name on anything they bring into school. Now it is getting colder, there will be winter coats and jumpers that may need new labels. If you look on the school website we have a link to "Stikins" labels. The school will also receive funds if you use our code (2902) when ordering. (See website for more details under "Welcome - FAQ")

## School council news

School council have decided that the money raised from next Friday's tag day will be donated to the Indonesian Earthquake Crisis Appeal. The minimum donation for your child to wear their own clothes is (as always) £1 but if you would like to give more for this worthwhile appeal, please do so. Thank you for your support.

## Pat On The Back

3/4B - Samara for her impressive and well-presented home learning and topic work on Ancient Egypt.

Joshua W for his excellent gymnastic skills and sequence work in PE lessons.

3/4F - Mia for her hard work in creating fact files on pharaohs in history this week and Alex for his writing in read write inc on a setting description

3/4M -Kehinde for her enthusiasm with reading and Gabriela for supporting her peers in computing lessons.

3/4P - Lucy for her simile work in RWI and Zimnani for excellent topic work

5A - Casey for her hard work and perseverance in history and science this week and Tegan-Lily for participating in P.E. and working well with her team.

5/6S - Cameron for giving a presentation about a theory of evolution and Rares for his initiative in French and being a role model in PE

6T - Georgia for her improved stamina in her writing and for her focused application, which has resulted in some very pleasing pieces of work. Charlotte for her outstanding achievement of coming first in the Regional Sailing Competition that she took part in at the week end.

## Coming home.....

- Medway Teaching School Alliance information letter
- Year 1 trip letter
- Year 5/6 trip letter



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