



Key Dates

16th and 18th October -
Parent consultations
19th October - Harvest
Festival
8th November -
Individual school photos
12th 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

Parent Consultation Evenings

Next week, on 16th and 18th October we will be hosting our term 1 parent consultation evenings. By now, you will have returned your reply slips to request your preferred time. We had an amazing 83% response rate to request a specific appointment time this term so thanks for that!

These sessions give you a chance to formally meet with your child's class teacher and discuss your child's learning, progress and performance in school. We recommend that you bring your child with you so they can share the discussion and contribute their thoughts and ideas too. As you know, appointments are allocated for 10 minutes and should you require a longer session please call the office who will be able to arrange an alternative appointment time for you.

During these sessions our Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Mason, Mr Presneill and Mrs Price), Inclusion Team (Mrs Prentice, Ms Thomas) and Family Liaison Officer (Mrs Liddle) are also available for any queries, questions or ideas you may have. They are always pleased to catch up and chat so please feel free to join them.

We will also have some Governors available from 5.00 - 5:30pm on Thursday 18th October should you wish to chat with them.

We are also hoping to have a couple of interactive whiteboards set up to showcase our new website and an exciting new home learning resource called Times Table Rockstars. Times Tables Rock Stars is a carefully sequenced programme of daily times tables practice. Each week concentrates on a different times table, with a recommended consolidation week for rehearsing the tables that have recently been practised every third week or so.

This format has very successfully boosted times tables recall speed for hundreds of thousands of pupils over the last 8 years in over 12,000 schools - both primary and secondary - worldwide. We are excited to offer this to support our children with their times tables learning.

Survey

We would be really grateful if you could take a few minutes before / after your appointment time to complete an **Ofsted 'Parent View' online survey**. There will be ipads and laptops set up for this purpose and we have arranged some guest accounts if you have not already set up your Parent View account. Mrs Price, Mrs Liddle and Mrs Boatwright will be able to help you log on! This survey only takes a few minutes and it is the website that Ofsted use as a starting point to find out what parents think of the school.

The weblink is here if you would prefer to complete the survey at home:
<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

Many thanks!



Y 3/4 children using the new times table grid

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

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

Year 1 visit

Year 1 children are visiting Mid Kent College on 16th October. Please return the acceptance form sent home as soon as possible. Thank you.

Book Fair

The book fair will be here next week, Monday 15th Thursday 18th in the school hall after school. It will also be there during parent consultations so why have a look whilst waiting to speak to your child's teacher?

Flu vaccine for Years R - Year 5

Please see the information sent home with this newsletter and return the form to us as soon as possible. Thank you.

Timekeeping

Every minute really does count. School mornings can be hectic. When your child is late for school this means that they are losing out on vital parts of their education. Being as little as five minutes late each day is the equivalent of missing three full days of school in one year. The table below shows just how many days your child loses of their schooling by being late:

Minutes late per day	Days lost per year
5	3
10	6.5
15	10
20	13
25	19

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING

Reminders

Medical needs

If your child has a medical condition, food allergy or dietary requirement please contact the school office to make an appointment with Mrs Allen to complete a healthcare plan.

Stikins clothes labels

Don't forget to use the school code (2902) when ordering your clothing labels from Stikins. At the same time, please make sure your child has not brought someone else's clothes home by mistake. Thank you for your support.

In the community

On Saturday 28th October, there is an event called "Mucky Buck" at Buckmore Park. This is a muddy run being held to raise funds for the Gillingham Scouts. They have been invited to attend the World Scout Jamboree in America in 2019 and as a group, need to raise £21,000.

A significant portion of the fee from each UK Scout is used to assist scouts from developing countries who would otherwise not be able to enjoy this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Pat On The Back

FS2C -Freddy for his immersion in role play and James for his enthusiasm for number

FS2L - Alecia for imaginative role play and Royce for always being ready to learn

FS2S - Isaac for his helping hands in the classroom and Grace for being a kind friend in her playtime

1B - Tiba for her progress in maths this week, learning numberbonds and Hania for her continued enthusiasm in all her learning

1W - Demi-Lee for her stamina in writing this week and Harrison for his determination during numeracy this week

2B - Florence for adding 10 to a number confidently using a 100 sq and De'Andre for showing great enthusiasm in all areas of his learning

2M - Riley D for his excellent and creative similies writing in topic and Alicja for fabulous colour mixing and creating a variety of shades

Coming home.....

- Primary Times
- FS2 Time to Read pack
- YR - Yr 5 Flu vaccine information

