

## Key Dates

31<sup>st</sup> Oct – School  
Photographs  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Year R Favourite  
Colour Dress up day  
8<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu Vaccination  
Day  
20<sup>th</sup> Nov – Grandparent  
Event (2:45pm)  
5<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Production to  
Parents (09:15 & 14:30)  
12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year R Nativity to  
Parents (09:15 & 14:30)  
13<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Fayre  
17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner

## Term Dates 18/19

**Term 2**  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
until  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Term 3**  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
until  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February  
until  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 5**  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April  
until  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6**  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
until  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

## Headline

We have reached the end of the first term of the school year. It has been a very busy one. It was lovely to see so many of you at parent consultation meetings last week. Moving appointments forward a week from last year appeared to work very well.

The children have really enjoyed the new topics they have studied this term. Our youngest children have learned all about themselves and made lots of new friends. The superhero costumes in KS1 really inspired creativity in the children. In Year 3/4, modern art engaged the children in plenty of debates and discussions. Whilst in Years 5 and 6, it was the fake rats in the classroom that got the children talking!

Next term, the topics are Colours and Celebrations (Year R), Memory Box (Year 1 and 2), Gods and Mortals (Year 3 and 4) and Time Travellers (Year 5 and 6). I look forward to discussing these topics with the children throughout November and December. The governors will take a close look at the new topic curriculum as part of their day in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Next term sees the start of this year's class assemblies. Please see the message under the News section of this newsletter for further details.

Whatever you are doing, I hope you have a pleasant week and that the weather is good. Children return to school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October. The day before is a staff training day.

Mr Carthy

## News

### Smoking Outside the Gates

The children and staff kindly request that you do not smoke or vape outside the gates at the beginning and end of the day. It is not very nice having to walk through the smoke on the way into or out of school. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

### Class Assemblies

Over the course of the school year, each class from Year 1-6 will put on an assembly to their parents and carers. These begin next term. Parents and carers of children in the class are invited to come and watch. The assembly will start at 08:55 so anyone wishing to attend should be outside the main office a few minutes before this.

The assembly dates for Term 2 are below:

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5/6A

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – 6C

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Nov – 6S

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – 5L

## Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan. 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). [www.tesco.com/ues](http://www.tesco.com/ues)

## Key Staff

**Mr Carthy** *Headteacher*

**Mrs Langthorne** *Deputy Head*

**Mr Chantler** *Deputy Head*

**Ms Gould** *Chair of Governors*

**Mrs Hill & Miss Knight** *SENCO*

**Miss Masters** *FS Leader*

**Miss Scudder** *KS1 Leader*

**Mr Chantler** *LKS2 Leader*

**Mr Atkins** *UKS2 Leader*

**Mrs Vella** *Family Liason Officer*

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.

### Attendance

Attendance for the whole school rose in Term 1 compared with last year to 96.2%.

Below are the top 5 classes for attendance this term.

1<sup>st</sup> 3/4T (97.9%)

2<sup>nd</sup> 6C (97.8%)

3<sup>rd</sup> 5/6A (97.7%)

4<sup>th</sup> 5S (97.4%)

5<sup>th</sup> 2S (97.0%)

## Reminders

### Ink Cartridges

Please remember that we collect used ink cartridges. Bring them along to the school office. So far we have raised £218 from cartridge recycling.

### Robot Wars

Following our success of being placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition last year, we plan to enter again this year for, hopefully, an even better result. The competition is open to all Juniors and we hope to see lots of exciting designs. Please could any completed entries be handed in to Mr Seaward no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

## Health & Wellbeing

### Dealing with the Common Cold

Children can catch around 6/8 colds a year – that's twice as many as adults. The common cold can cause a sore throat, cough, congestion, a raised temperature and sneezing. These are all irritating symptoms but they should go away on their own after a week or so. It is best to try and avoid taking your child to the GP for treatment unless your child:

- has a temperature of more than 38.5 degrees
- **develops a rash** which does not go away
- symptoms do not improve after a number of days

The best advice is to stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water and keep warm to help see off the cold.

The common cold is usually caused by viruses which are spread easily between people, especially small ones.

You can avoid catching a cold by washing your hands regularly in warm water and soap and always use tissues to trap germs and bin them as quickly as possible.

## In The Community

**Spooky Pumpkin Trail, Rochester Castle**  
20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Oct. Take part in a spooky heritage trail around the keep for a chance to win a small prize. Running from 10am - 4pm. For more information please visit [www.visitmedway.org](http://www.visitmedway.org)

## Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 was 6C with an amazing 99.4%! 5/6A and 3CK had the least late pupils during this week with only 1 each, and a fantastic 96.7% of children arrived on time.

## Also Coming Home

- Themed Menu - Autumn/Winter Menu Favourites
- Year 4-6 Mini Youth Sports Camps Leaflet
- Juniors – Robot Wars Competition Entry Form