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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors

Staffing Update

Today we said farewell to Georgina Collins who has used all her experience over the last five years to step onto her next adventure - good luck to her from us all. Next term we welcome back a past member of staff, Angela George, who will be joining us two days a week to take on the school SENCO role; we look forward to seeing her again and know that she will lead this area further forward from the strength that Jane Clement left the post in.

We currently have an advert out for an additional mornings office support role. We will also, again, be advertising for a caretaker so please do keep a look out for someone that be interested in this; the needs of this post are largely being met by the school leadership at present, which impacts on the main focus for the school for all of your children.

100 Club

The 100 Club draw took place this afternoon in assembly. A child was once again selected at random to choose a ball and we can announce that the winner of the October draw is Jack Webb with **ball 96. Congratulations! Your £50 cheque will be on it's way to you shortly!**



PTFA Quiz Night and Disco

Last Saturday, the PTFA arranged a the quiz night at The Queen's Head pub which was a fantastic evening and a total of £667 was raised from the event.

As well as this, yesterday was the Halloween Disco which was very well attended and lots of fun was had by all. A special mention must go to Miss Southern for her superb entertainment with the children and help on the evening, not to mention her spooky outfit!

Thank you once again to all of the PTFA team and their continued efforts to raise funds for the school ad provide events that all pupils can enjoy.

Parental Survival Guide - Behaviour Management

Bower Grove Support offers assistance for the wider community and for families of children with special needs. On Friday 16th November, 10.15am-11.40am, Bower Grove School are hosting a talk about behaviour management. All are welcome; if you feel you may benefit from attending or would like support or advice regarding behaviour management, please do go along.

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Most Improved Mathematicians and Writers

Our most improved mathematicians and writers from Term 1 are:

Hedgehogs	Class R	Mathematician - Frankie Writer - Aimee
Rabbits	Class 1	Mathematician - Milenna Writer - Madison
Foxes	Class 2	Mathematician - Molly Writer - Olivia
Woodpeckers	Class 3	Mathematician - Henry Writer - Sam
Owls	Class 4	Mathematician - Emily Writer - Priscilla
Squirrels	Year 5	Mathematician - Ella-Rose Writer - Ryan
Moles	Class 6	Mathematician - Jaiden Writer - Jack W

Well done to all of you for your hard work.

Attendance Ted

This week Attendance Ted has been awarded to Foxes class for their much-improved and best in the whole school attendance of 99.21%. Well done to all in Foxes class and keep it up!!



Also awarded to Foxes class this week is Punctuality Pup as a result of the class only having one late between all pupils all week! An excellent week for Foxes class!



Donation to Year 5 from Jollyes Pet Superstore

Mr. Armstrong, Squirrel Class, Winnie and Trixie (the rats) would like to say a great big thank you to Emma from Jollyes in Tonbridge, who donated an enormous cage, 12.5kg of rat food, a climbing assault net and treats to our much loved class pets. It really has made a difference to them and the class enjoy interacting with both Winnie and Trixie any time that they can. They are even managing to convince some staff to warm to them, with their inquisitive nature

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and cuteness!

Emma also spent two hours of her own time with the class and was happy to answer all of the children's questions. Thank you Jollyes! You're fantastic!



Wraparound Care

After listening to feedback from parents, we are increasing the capacity in after school club to 26 spaces on a Wednesday and Thursday only, starting from Monday 29th October. The system, however, does not currently allow us to offer a different number of spaces on different days. As a result, if you find Wednesdays and/or Thursdays to be fully booked and would like to enquire about the availability of these additional spaces please do email the school office. Places will be offered to parents on a first come, first served basis and will need to be paid for as soon as they are booked by us.

Maidstone Cricket Academy

Maidstone Cricket Academy will be running its winter coaching programme Part 2 starting in November 2018 for boys and girls who are in year 2-6. The course is designed to give fun and enjoyment while learning how to play cricket with the basic skills needed to kwik cricket. The session will introduce some players to hard ball cricket in the nets. To express and interest or to register your child for the course, please complete the application form which is available at www.maidstonecricketacademy.org.uk

Rugby Taggers

Carrying on the sporting theme, we have been asked to create awareness of non-contact rugby sessions for children aged 3-10 years old. Rugby Taggers runs on Saturday mornings at

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the Marden Scout Hut (TN12 9DP) and sessions are the perfect opportunity for children to burn off energy whilst learning a sport that promotes teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. At Rugby Taggers, children play games, learn new skills and co-ordination, make new friends, grow in confidence and most importantly, have fun.



We would just like it noted that some of the items we choose to include in the weekly newsletter are activities that we have been asked to share with you in the hope that they may be of interest to you or your child(ren). We are in no way recommending them and it is up to parents and carers to check safety and suitability.



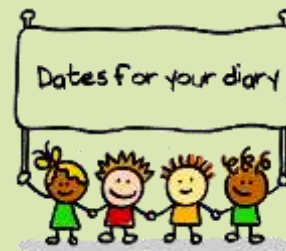
PTFA Corner

The date of our next PTFA meeting is Thursday 1st November, 1.30pm at the school.

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

Diary Dates

31st October	Open Day
1st November	PTFA meeting, 1.30pm at the school
2nd November	Year 5 trip to Science Observatory
7th November	Open Day
13th December	Pantomime for the whole school, funded by the PTFA



Have a great half term break everyone. See you on Monday 29th October 2018.

Miss Terry
Headteacher



Term 2 Clubs

Day	Club Details	Age group	End time	Spaces	✓
Monday	Homework Club	Years 1-6	4.15pm	20	
Monday	Multi Skills	Years 1, 2 and 3	4.15pm	20	
Tuesday	Painting and Drawing Club	Years 3 and 4	4.15pm	20	
Tuesday	Science Club	Years 4, 5 and 6	4.15pm	16	
Wednesday	Cake Decorating Club Provided by external party - please pick up a form from the school office (5 weeks, starts week commencing 5 th November)		4.25pm	10	
Thursday	Cookery Club Cost for Term 2 is £30.00. Payment to be made at time of booking please	New group	4.45pm	8	
Thursday	Football Club (Provided by our in-school sports coach Mrs Brown)	Years 4, 5 and 6	4.15pm	Full	
Friday	Funky Feet Provided by external party - please contact Fern on 07793 076174 to book a place	All years			
Friday	Chess Club Provided by external party - Sign up on website admin@learnchess.co.uk to book a place for your child				
Wednesday Lunchtime	Makaton Club Sign up in class				
Thursday Lunchtime	Orienteering Club Sign up in class	Year 4			

All clubs are after school unless stated otherwise.

All clubs will run from the following dates unless stated otherwise:

**Term 2 - week commencing Monday 29th October
to Friday 7th December 2018 (6 weeks)**