

Key Dates

20th Nov – Grandparent
Event (2:45pm)

21st Nov – 6S class
assembly

5th Dec – KS1 Production
to Parents (09:15 & 14:30)

12th Dec – Year R Nativity
to Parents (09:15 & 14:30)

13th Dec – Christmas Fayre

17th Dec – Christmas
Dinner

Term Dates 18/19

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

As you know, on Monday 12th November we were visited by an assessor from UNICEF to look at the work the pupils and staff have been doing on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

I am delighted to announce that following this visit, we have achieved the Silver UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award.

We were able to clearly demonstrate how the rights of a child are at the heart of our school, creating a safe and inspiring place to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured, and they are able to thrive. The embedding of these values has given children the best chance to lead happy, healthy lives and to be responsible, active citizens.

During his visit, he spoke to leaders about their commitment to this work and its impact on school improvement.

He had a detailed discussion with pupils, including those on our UNICEF Steering Group, finding out what they know about the Rights of the Child and how this is influencing what happens in school.

Some of the children took him on a tour of the school, looking at relevant displays of work, exploring learning in classrooms and discussing the use of the playground and the hall. Throughout, he was looking for

examples of how the physical environment reflects a commitment to promoting children's rights.

He spoke with a group of staff to discuss how the Rights of the Child was introduced into the schools and the impact it has had.

He also spent time looking at policies, plans and communications.

The focused work the children have completed has had a real impact in school and I would like to thank all the children for their hard work.

Mrs Kelly, with the support of Mr Chantler, has led this development over the past few years was also delighted and very proud. She is now planning our work towards the Gold Award.

Mr Carthy

News

Grandparent Event

On Tuesday 20th November we will be holding our 3rd Grandparent Event. Grandparents are invited to come to the school office at 2:45pm to be signed in and will then be able to see the classrooms of their grandchildren and share some of the learning that is taking place. This event has been really popular

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

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.

since it started in 2016 and we very much look forward to it again next week.

KS1 Production "I-Spy Christmas"

Parents of Year 1 and 2 children are invited to come and watch this years KS1 production on Wednesday 5th December at 9:15am or 2:30pm. A letter is coming home this week for you to book your tickets for the production.

Reminders.

UNICEF Toy Sale Reminder

On the afternoon of Friday 23rd November the UNICEF Steering committee are organising a Toy Sale to raise funds for The Oliver Fisher Trust at Medway Maritime Hospital and Motor Neurone Disease. We are asking children to donate good quality pre-used toys that we will sell, just send in pre-loved toys in a bag to your child's class from Monday 19th. Children that are staying for clubs can then bring their pocket money, to catch a bargain on the day! We hope it will be a huge success!

Y6 Wales Trip

A reminder that all medication and pocket money for the Year 6 residential trip to Snowdonia must be handed over to Mr Atkins by Friday 23rd November.

In The Community

Gillingham Christmas Lights

On Friday 23rd November, enjoy some carol singing and dancing with the Switch on of Gillingham's Christmas lights. The fun starts at 3:45pm and then at around

5pm, the Mayor of Medway and Catboy from PJ Masks will be switching on the lights. For more information please visit www.medway.gov.uk/christmas

Medway Local Author Fair

On Saturday 17th November Chatham Library is hosting a drop in to meet local Medway authors who will be showcasing their work. The event will be running from 11am until 3pm. One of our governors, Mr Tim Parsons, will be in attendance promoting his books about Paramedic Chris.

Pat On The Back

The classes with the best attendance for the week beginning the 5th November 2018 were 2K and 6S with an amazing 99.3%! 1/2S had only 2 late pupils during this week, and a fantastic 97.7% of children arrived on time.

Also Coming Home

- Christmas Lunch Letter
- KS1 Production Ticket Letter