



Newsletter 4 23rd November 2018

Our amazing school!



Reception have enjoyed visits from a nurse, fire fighters and a chef to compliment our People who help us topic. We baked cookies, sat in a fire engine and practiced how to use bandages. Role play areas including a fire station, baby clinic and a police station have further enhanced our understanding of how these fantastic people keep us safe during our lives.



Off to Gravesend we must go.....

Class 5 & 6 got to visit Gravesend for the school trip. Unfortunately the weather still wasn't on our side, but luckily we managed a bus tour instead! We got out of the bus and saw the Pocahontas statue and it was much bigger than we expected! From the bus we also saw the Clock Tower, Fort Gardens, and the Thames.



Year 2 have been looking at the book 'The man on the moon' by Simon Bartram. We looked at a picture of the character Bob and enjoyed guessing what his job might be. Then we have looked at a picture from the story and thought of all of the expanded noun phrases (tall buildings, scary aliens) we could think of in preparation for a descriptive piece of writing.

School Improvement Update

As part of the mental health agenda our school continues to support our children in their day to day interaction.

Mrs Sangha is currently leading on mental health and has introduced the following:-

Incy independence—the children and staff continue to work together on promoting independent skills

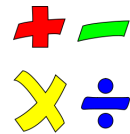
Pair and Share—penguins—who promote working with a friend, building up relationships, to be able to share worries and find solutions.

Reflective Robin—who promotes thinking about our actions and thinking of ways we could behave differently to ensure everyone is happy with the outcome.

If you would like to know more, please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher—they will be more than happy to help you.



Parent Workshops



Our Year Group Leaders would like to say a massive thank you to the parents who attended our recent parent workshops.

It was great to see you all and share our practice with you.

Please see below some of the feedback we received :-

- * Very informative workshop
- * Reading toolkit very useful, it opened up new ways for me to encourage my son
- * Absolutely fantastic—valuable session, delivered well and teachers were thorough and concise
- * Workshop was helpful
- * Really good to understand alien words

Community news

We raised an incredible £303.44 for Children in Need on Friday 16th November. Thank you!



Each year we support The Royal British Legion 'Poppy Appeal' - we raised an amazing £408.38 for them to continue with their vital welfare and benevolent work. Thank you!



Day to Day

- Thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we have our new exercise equipment being installed in the playground. We are hoping, weather permitting, that it will be completed by the middle of next week.
- We welcome Mrs Barden to our team as Teaching Assistant in Class 4.



Pupil Premium

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. Your child may be able to get assistance with trips and other items if you receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please go to the following website: www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals. If you need any assistance or do not have access to a computer then please contact Mrs Cash, Family Liaison Officer at the school who will be able to help you.

If your child is eligible then the school receives £1320 under the Pupil Premium scheme. Details on how this money is used can be found on our website or a copy can be obtained from the school office.

Parent Questionnaire

Our parent questionnaire results and feedback are available on our school website under 'About Us' section. Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Diary Dates

Term 2

- 26.11.18 Opening morning for new reception parents 2019
9.30—10.30
- 27.11.18 Year 2 rocket making afternoon
- 3.12.18 Opening morning for new reception parents 2019
9.30—10.30
- 11.12.18 Year R Christmas performance 9.15
Year 1 Christmas performance 2.15
- 12.12.18 Year 2 performance 9.15
Year R performance 2.15
- 13.12.18 Year 1 performance 9.15
Year 2 performance 2.15
- 14.12.18 Christmas Fayre and Christmas Jumper Day
- 17.12.18 Blunderbus and pyjama day
- 18.12.18 Christmas dinner day
- 19.12.18 Christmas Parties
End of term

Term 3

Children return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019



Many congratulations to our class winners for the last two weeks for the best attendance :

Whole School attendance: 95.27%
Whole school target: 97%

Year R: 94.85%
Year 1: 95.65%
Year 2: 95.29%



Week beginning: 05/11
Attendance: Class 7—99%

Week beginning: 12/11
Attendance: Class 9—98.67%