

## Key Dates

5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening  
7<sup>th</sup> Feb – Parents Evening  
13<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3CK Class  
assembly  
15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Blue Theme Tag  
Day  
26<sup>th</sup> Feb – Club Scout  
Founders Day  
7<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day

## Term Dates 18/19

### 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

## Term Dates 19/20

### Term 1

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September  
until  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

### Term 2

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
until  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Headline

In July 2017, the Department for Education produced new advice for parents on cyberbullying. Here is a summary of that advice.

Cyberbullying is bullying that takes place using technology. Whether on social media sites, through a mobile phone, or gaming sites, the effects can be devastating for the young person involved.

There are ways to help prevent a child from being cyberbullied and to help them cope and stop the bullying if it does happen. Parents and carers need to be aware that most children have been involved in cyberbullying in some way, either as a victim, perpetrator, or bystander.

By its very nature, cyberbullying tends to involve a number of online bystanders and can quickly spiral out of control. Children and young people who bully others online do not need to be physically stronger and their methods can often be hidden and subtle.

Young people routinely access social media and much of their social lives are online. This can create a false sense of security; for example chatting online feels different from chatting face to face. It can be easier to say and reveal things that wouldn't be said face to face; be cruel, aggressive or flirtatious.

It is important for young people to

remember that there are offline consequences to online behaviour. Comments intended to be funny can often be misinterpreted online whereas if said face to face they could be acceptable as facial expressions, body language, tone of voice and context all help to ensure that comments are taken the right way. This is not the case online. We also know that increasingly younger children are signing up to social network sites and may not have the maturity to handle their online identity in a safe and responsible way. Social networking can increase existing social pressures and reinforce a sense of isolation; for instance by people purposefully not liking a young person's status update or photo so they seem unpopular, or by excluding them from group chats. Online bullying often involves a large audience and this increases the pressure.

Parents and carers need to understand the way young people communicate with others, and the potential risks. Asking your child simply not to use technology is not a realistic way to prevent or react to cyberbullying.

Parents and carers have a challenging job. You need to know what your children are doing online and help them to do it in a safe way. With technology changing on a day-to-day basis, the best way to stay informed is for parents to be involved. The 'Thinkuknow' website provides helpful tips

## 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.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

## 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.

on letting your child teach you. In school, we teach being safe online every time we use technology. The children learn about cyberbullying as part of their PSHE work. Mr Chantler is our e-safety co-ordinator. It is his responsibility to investigate any issues or concerns and discuss these with parents or carers if appropriate.

Mr Carthy

## News

### Tag Day

Friday 15th February is a Blue Themed Tag Day. Children who pay £1 will be able to wear their own clothes for the day. The theme is Blue as chosen by the children to celebrate our school.

### Year 5 Swimming

There will be no Year 5 swimming on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### Polling Station

We are delighted to announce that following almost 5 years of campaigning by Mr Carthy, the Board of Governors and parents, Medway Council have announced that the school will no longer be used as a Polling Station for local and national elections. This avoids the need to close the school when elections take place and the unnecessary disruption this causes families. Thank you all for your support through this campaign.

If you previously used the school as your Polling Station, you will now use St Augustine's Church.

## Reminders

### Logo Uniform

Tesco, our current supplier of logo uniform will cease to supply uniform from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Logo uniform can instead be purchased from our new supplier, My Clothing. There should be no change to the price or quality of the products purchased. You can purchase uniform from them commencing Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Their website is [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

## Pat On The Back

The class with the best attendance for the week beginning the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 was 3CK with an amazing 100%! 3CK and 3/4T only had 3 late pupils each during this week, and a fantastic 97.5% of children arrived on time.

## Also Coming Home

- Year 4 Residential Attendees - Meeting and Permissions Letter
- Year 6 Mock SATs letter
- Dental Care leaflet