



Key Dates

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

Class assemblies:

3/4B - Wednesday 6th
February

3/4F - Wednesday 13th
February

3/4M - Wednesday 27th
February (new date)

Y6 Parents' SATs briefing
5th February at 2.30 and
5.30pm

Parent Consultations
Tuesday 12th February and
Thursday 14th February

27th February - Final PGL
briefing

Headline

Road Safety

We have had yet another accident on the roads nearby school in the last week. This time it was a dog that was knocked down by a car. Thankfully the dog was OK but this could easily have been a child and / or easily been much more serious.

Road safety around the school is becoming more and more problematic and as the school grows the issue of road safety around the school becomes more of a cause for concern. In the last 5 years the school roll has grown by 75 pupils as we move from a PAN (Published Admission Number) of 45 children in each year group to 60 children. Currently our PAN is 60 up until Year 4. In the next 2 years the PAN will grow to be 60 in Upper Key Stage 2 which will mean we have another 30 children in school. Unfortunately there is no means of extending parking or changing the road layout so we have to crack this problem before it becomes untenable. The current 'stop and drop' system works reasonably well providing that people DO NOT PARK ON THE ROUNDABOUT or park inconsiderately near to the school gates and entrances. There really is plenty of parking in the MOD roads nearby the school only a few minutes walk away. This also gives you and your child the chance to walk and chat together, meet friends on the way and get some fresh air and exercise. Many parents do this and it has simply become part of their morning routine.

The School Council and the Eco Committee are planning to meet to review the issue and see if they can come up with a plan of action. Whilst we are loath to make any major changes to our current system, there has been previous discussion with the MOD around having restricted access to the roads around the

school if road safety does not improve. Let's make sure that this is not required! The roads around the school belong to the Ministry Of Defence and therefore Medway Council parking enforcement team have no jurisdiction in the local area and will not support our cause. The MOD help as much as they can and PC Helen Binning can often be seen around the school gates when she is available.

On a brighter note, Half Term is fast approaching and Medway Library service are offering a range of magical themed workshops for local families. Please see the attached timetable to see if there is anything you are keen to attend.

School Uniform

Tesco online will no longer be supplying our school uniforms after 12th February. We have managed to source an alternative online supplier - they are My Clothing Limited and the customer link is www.myclothing.com

My Clothing Limited is the UK's largest provider of school wear. With access to the finest school wear manufacturers, they produce branded uniform from a varied and large range of high-quality garments.



Year R learning about Nigerian culture

Uniform

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan for Years 1 - 6. Royal blue for FS1 and FS2 (Nursery and reception) . 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). Uniform can be

ordered from
www.tesco.com/ues

Key Staff

Mrs Mason *Headteacher*

Mrs Price *Deputy Head FS & KS1*

Mr Presneill *Deputy Head KS2*

Mrs White *Chair of Governors*

Mrs Prentice *SENCO*

Mrs Lewis *FS Leader*

Mrs Price *Y1 Leader*

Mrs Byrne *Y2 Leader*

Mrs Marie *LKS2 Leader*

Mr MacDonald *UKS2 Leader*

Mrs Liddle *Family Liason Officer*

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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.

News

Gillingham District Scouts

22nd February is Founder's Day when Scouts throughout the world remember Robert Baden Powell - the founder of Scouting - on his birthday. As this date falls in half term, all scouts, beavers, cubs, brownies and guides are invited to wear their uniforms to school on Monday 25th February.

Reminders

Head Lice

If your child has head lice, please inform their class teacher so that letters can be sent home. Remember, it takes up to 10 days to eradicate these little pests and twice daily combing with a fine toothed comb, combined with treatment or conditioner and the use of hair gel and hair spray if required, can help.

Home School Agreement

Part of the Home School agreement that all children have signed states that ***I will Arrive on time with the things I need (ready to learn)***

Please remind your children of this agreement as, every day, parents are bringing forgotten PE kits, packed lunches, musical instruments and water bottles to the office. This is unfair on parents and interrupts the children's learning to go and collect their things from the office. Thank you for your support.

Medication

If your child is taking regular medication but is well enough to be in school, please bring the medicine to the main office and complete the required paperwork. Children must not have medication in their school bags as this is a hazard, and we are unable to administer medicine without the correct paperwork being fully completed.

If your child has an ongoing medical condition you need to update their healthcare plan. Please make an appointment with Mrs Allen to review the plan. Thank you.

Pat On The Back

3/4B - Upile for knowing all the times tables and answering them at speed and Chibueze for his fabulous Picasso inspired portrait

3/4F - Kiana and Neavanna for their teamwork and cooperation skills shown when creating a fact file for a region in Spain.

3/4M - Sidney for improved presentation in his work and Siwon – for his Picasso style drawing in art

3/4P - Everyone from 3/4P has been chosen for speaking loudly, clearly and with confidence during their class assembly

5H - Jake for settling into our class, being a fantastic role model and trying his hardest in all areas of the curriculum.

5/6S - Harry for his work in numeracy and Amelia for her Mini Youth Games medal in breaststroke

6T - Cianne for working hard in all areas and consistently producing good learning – keep up the good work! Emmanuel for consistently producing work of an excellent standard and trying hard in all areas of his learning – Well done!



Nepalese delicacy

Coming home.....

- Library timetable

