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Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

Battle of the Bands



This week has been the big Times Table Rock Star's "Battle of the Bands"!

The competition has been fierce all week and it has been amazing to see how enthusiastic and determined Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have been. This was the first battle that has taken place and, due to the success of this week, it will not be the last!

The scores were tight, but Woodpecker class were victorious when they faced Owl class on Monday, while Squirrel class was victorious in their battles against both Owl and Moles class! Well done to all the children that took part and worked hard for their band! The next battle will commence in the last week of half term so make sure you practise! Who will win the battle **next time?? Watch this space...**

Travelling Book Fair Competition

The travelling book fair will open week commencing 11th March 2019. We are launching a writing competition for the children to win a £5 voucher which they will be able to spend at the book fair.



The deadline for entries is Wednesday 6th March and details for year groups are as follows:

Year R - design a book cover featuring your favourite character. Make it look colourful!

Years 1 and 2 - Create your own character and draw a picture of it. Write an interesting description of your character around your picture. There will only be one winner out of the two year groups. Make your picture look bright and colourful, and include lots of interesting words in your description.

Years 3 and 4 - Write a story on any subject or theme of your choice. You can type your **story or write it by hand. You won't be judged on the length of it, but on it's quality!** There will only be one winner out of the two year groups.

Years 5 and 6 - Write a poem on any subject or theme of your choice. You can type it or **write it by hand. You won't be judged on the length of it, but on it's quality!** There will only be one winner out of the two year groups.

Overall prize - a £5 voucher will also be awarded to a child, out of all the year groups, for the creativity of his or her project.

Good luck!

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Staff Update

Most of you by now will have met Mr Ben Harding, our new site manager. If you haven't met him you will have noticed already that the appearance of the school has improved. Mr Harding walks around the school with tools and gadgets attached to him, tackling all the small (and large) jobs left since Mr Bunting was here as caretaker. Mr Harding has shared how polite the children are, and how they have welcomed him and his role within the school.

After the half term we will be joined by Mrs Liz Holland who will be taking each class for a music session on Wednesdays. We hope to work towards a music event on the school field one Friday in June - we will see how things go!

I would like to share with you that Mr Roger Sawyer will be leaving our school at the end of this half term. Mr Sawyer worked with our Year 6 pupils; we wish him all the best in his next venture. We also say goodbye this week to Mrs Lizzie Godden, who covered classes and ran intervention groups - we hope all goes well for her too.

Leeds Castle - 900th Birthday

This year, Leeds Castle is celebrating its 900th birthday. As part of this, children have been invited to write a short story, from 1200 to 900 words, about Castles and Time-Travel. The two winning stories will go into a time capsule to be buried by the winning children and only opened again in 100 years time! The deadline for entries is 5th March 2019 at 12pm.



Guide Dogs Maidstone



We have been asked to pass on information regarding an annual Guide Dogs Maidstone Open Day on Sunday 19th May from 11am until 1pm. Please see further on in this newsletter for further details.

Dyslexia Interest

For anyone who has an interest in Dyslexia, or would like to know more about this, there was a really interesting and useful conversation with regards to Dyslexia on BBC Radio 4 this week on Tuesday 12th February. The programme is called Word of Mouth, is presented by Michael Rosen who is a well-known children's author and poet, who spoke with a Dyslexia specialist on air. **This programme is released on a podcast; please do listen in as it's useful to have a**

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specialist's view on current thinking around Dyslexia.

Most Improved Mathematicians and Writers

Our most improved mathematicians and writers in Term 3 are:

Hedgehogs	Class R	Mathematician - Charlie Writer - Victoria
Rabbits	Class 1	Mathematician - Ronnie Writer - Joey
Foxes	Class 2	Mathematician - Emily Writer - Maggie
Woodpeckers	Class 3	Mathematician - Nell Writer - Bridie
Owls	Class 4	Mathematician - Darcie Writer - Harrison Cra
Squirrels	Year 5	Mathematician - Shayleigh Writer - Alfie
Moles	Class 6	Mathematician - Lennie Writer - Isabella



Parents Evenings and Pupil Conferences

Tonight, every child went home with a paper copy of a form for parent's evenings or pupil conferences. Please do try and respond to this during the first week back after half term so that you are assured of an appointment time that suits you.

PTFA Corner

The next PTFA meeting is going to be held on Thursday 28th February at 1.30pm in the meeting room at the school. Please join us if you can - all are welcome.

Tickets are also now on sale for the Bingo night on Wednesday 27th of March. Tickets are £6.00 each which includes Fish & Chips! Bingo cards will be on sale on the night and there will be plenty of CASH prizes. Ticket requests via the PTFA post box please.



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Other upcoming PTFA events for your diary:

Thursday 4th April, 3.15pm - Easter Egg Hunt

6th June, 3.15pm - Outdoor Disco

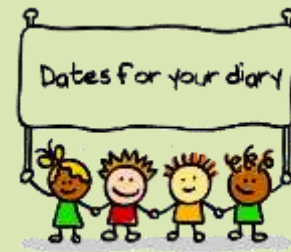
6th July - Summer Fair

14th/15th September - Welcome Back Camping

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year!

Diary Dates

25th February	Back to school
4th March	Year 3 - Rocks Activity Day
5th March	Years 4, 5 and 6 - Thames Barrier workshops
7th March	World Book Day
11th-15th March	Book Fair in school
11th-15th March	Science Week
15th March	Year 5 - Parents welcome to share in pupil learning, 2.30pm
15th March	Red Nose Day!
18th March	Year 3 Pupil and Parent Conference
19th March	Year 4 Pupil and Parent Conference
19th March	Years R, 1 and 2 - Parents Evening
20th March	Year 5 Pupil and Parent Conference
20th March	Years R, 1 and 2 - Parents Evening
22nd March	Year 6 Pupil and Parent Conference
26th March	Year 5 - Medieval drama workshop



Thank you for your ongoing support this team - it has been a really busy one. The children and staff deserve a rest; all have worked hard this term! I hope that everyone manages to relax for a while, we will see you again on Monday 25th February 2019.

Miss Terry
Headteacher

Happy
Half Term!

Newsletter Friday 15th February 2019

Guide Dogs Maidstone

Annual
Open Day

In aid of Becky & Charlottes 25km London Bridge Walk for Guide Dogs

Sunday 19th May



Come & meet some of our puppies in training, learn more about our services & enjoy a cake or two!

Time: 11am - 1pm

Address: 6 James Whatman Court, Turkey Mill, Ashford Road, Maidstone ME14 5SS

For more information

email maidstone@guidedogs.org.uk

or call 0118 983 8711

Please note – pet dogs are not permitted