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WEDNESDAY 11TH OCTOBER

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Lympne C&P School Weekly Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past term I have been trying to understand the school merit system. For me a merit system should be in place to acknowledge good work/ behaviour/ attitude etc and should be an opportunity for children's' achievement to be recognised and for me to see what wonderful things the children in the school are accomplishing. Unfortunately, because of the way the current merit system works I find myself snowed under just trying to write the merit slips – on average I am spending probably 3-4 hours a week writing merits, collating them and generating Headteacher awards, book awards, Red Teds etc. Rather than looking at children's accomplishments I end up just writing merit slips – which is not what I feel is important.

So, in the short term we will be making some changes to the system with a view to making some larger scale changes long term. I will say at the outset that any existing Book Awards will be honoured and we are currently in the process of ordering the book tokens.

- Merits in their current form will go. Classteachers will use House Points to reward children for good work and Dojos will be given for good behaviour.
- Really excellent work/ attitude/behaviour – children will be sent to myself with their work so I can spend some time looking at it with them. I will then give them a sticker and they will receive a Headteacher's Certificate in the Rewards Assembly on a Tuesday.
- Red Ted milestones will be kept 25/50/75/100/150 etc and children will continue to receive their Book Token/ Red Ted Bear. Children reaching these milestones will receive a Red Ted Certificate.
- A new reward I will be introducing at the end of Term 2 is the Headteacher's Tea Party. This will be down to the classteacher to decide and will be for a child from each class who always works hard, always tries their best, cracks on with their work and is a pleasure to have in class. We will have tea and cake and they will get a certificate and a small

present. This will hopefully reward those children who can sometimes be ignored, or missed out.

Longer term, there are plans afoot to amend the whole merit/reward system. Mr Leech will be taking the lead in terms of his role looking after Behaviour in school so if you have any ideas please pass them on to Mr Leech. The aim will be to have a totally new system in place for either Term 5 or the new school year.

Mr Owen

Harvest:

Thank you so much for the generous harvest donations received yesterday. Our representatives from Age UK and Operation Sunshine were delighted with the contributions which will make such a difference to people living in our locality as well as further afield in Zambia, Zimbabwe and Lesotho. Our Charity Committee did a wonderful job; advertising the event with posters, collecting and displaying the produce as well as helping to pack the goods and carry them out for transportation. Well done!



100 Club – Congratulations to: Mrs A Bosley who wins £38.00 in the October draw of the PTFA 100 club. Well done!

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning please collect a form from the entrance hall! A quick and easy way of supporting your PTFA!

Congratulations to:

It is always lovely to hear of the varied interests of children outside school hours and to celebrate their achievements. This week our congratulations go to...

- Freddie and Bea Bosley who ran 5km in Hyde Park on Saturday to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital.
- Freddie Bosley who achieved a distinction in his Grade 4 Musical Theatre exam. He also had excellent comments made in his Piano Prep exam. Wonderful news!



Winter Uniform:

A reminder that after the half term break, all children should return to school in their winter uniforms.

Girls:

Winter:

- Grey school trousers
- Grey tunic or skirt (of a sensible, safe length)
- White blouse and school tie
- Green sweatshirt or cardigan

Boys:

Winter:

- Grey school trousers
- White shirt and school tie
- Green sweatshirt or jumper.

PTFA Notices:

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported at the PTFA Disco on Friday, they raised in excess of £700! A fantastic amount and lots of happy faces from lots of happy children!

Christmas Fair – a reminder that the date for the Christmas Fair is now Friday 8th December 2017 5.00-7.00pm

The PTFA would like to request donations of Jam jars please, please bring any empty jars to the reception – thank you.



School Dinners:



We are here for 7 weeks and 3 days next term.

If your child (in years 3,4,5,6) will be having a school dinner every day, the total price will be £77.90

For children having a school dinner on a Friday only, the total cost is £14.35. Thank you.

Clubs:

- Spaces are still available for **Multi-Skills** starting after the half term break.
- Teacher led clubs will be starting in school on Mondays for 4 weeks beginning 6th November 2017 and running for the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Forms to sign up for clubs will be in the entrance hall from Monday 30th October at 8:30am. This is on a first come, first served basis. If your child's name is written in a slot, then they are successful in gaining a place at the club.



Club	Led by	Year group	Maximum number
Pottery	Mrs Manktelow and Mrs Ladd	4	10
Computing	Mrs Cave	2 and 3	10
Lego	Mrs Sharp and Mr Leech	1,2,3 and 4	20
Cooking	Miss Powney and Mrs Woods	5 and 6	10
Famous Artists	Mrs Jackman and Mrs Rix	3	12
Gardening	Mrs Funnell	3, 4 and 5	10
Netball	Mrs Hayes	5 and 6	14
Junk Funk	Mr Owen	4 and 5	10
Wednesday Year 6 Maths Booster	Miss Gee	6	Invite ONLY – to follow
Elite Football	Elite	1 and 2	FULL



Please can we ask that parents/ carers refrain from smoking at the school gate, Many thanks.

Prospective New Year R Pupils: Intake September 2018. We will be holding some open afternoons for prospective new Year R parents on the following dates: Tuesday 7th November, Wednesday 15th November and Monday 20th November at 1.30pm. Please phone the school or book in at the office if you would be interested in coming to look around.

Secondary Transfer 2018

Please see the following website to view or download the booklet for information about the secondary transfer process:

www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Secondary school applications can be made either online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola or by a paper SCAF which can be downloaded from the website. Closing date for applications is **Tuesday 31st October 2017**.

Parents of Kent pupils complete a Kent application, even if they are applying for a school outside Kent. Parents of pupils with a Statement of Special Educational Needs or EHC Plan should not complete a SCAF, but go to the local SEN Office for more information.

Notices:



The Beacon
Folkestone

Park Farm Road
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Tea, Coffee and biscuits will be available!

Combat stress with a little support from STLS

Parent Drop-In



Wednesday 29th November
10:00am—12:00pm
at The Beacon School Folkestone.

Join us for a tea or coffee in a friendly environment to share ideas and look at resources that may support you.

SUPPORT

All parents and carers welcome.

To book a space please contact Michelle Lemar via e-mail: michelle.lemar@thebeaconschool.kent.sch.uk or telephone 01303 847555 option 3.

Co-ordinated by:
Shepway Specialist Teaching and Learning Service (STLS)

Designed by Alyson Geary & Michelle Lemar - STLS The Beacon School Folkestone 2017



Sure Start Children's Centres

Shepway



Every Thursday afternoon 1 – 2.30pm starting on Thursday September 14th at New Romney Children's

A NEW group aimed at supporting parents and carers with children and young people (aged 0-25) with additional needs – including Autistic Spectrum Conditions, ADHD, Special Educational Needs and those awaiting diagnosis.

Shepway Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Support Group (SEND)

Do come and join us for these friendly and informal sessions where you can chat with staff and other parents within a supportive environment

Children are welcome to come along with you—this is a drop in session so no need to book, just turn up!

For further information please contact Nicky at New Romney Children's Centre on 03000 420000



DIARY DATES—Terms 1 and 2:

October:

- Weds 11th Year 6 Parents' Meeting for PGL 4:30pm (Parents and children invited)
Thurs 12th Year 6 parents to receive PESE decision (Secondary education)
Hythe Hub Heads Governors meeting 7:00pm
Fri 13th Year 6 meetings with Mr Owen if required
Fri 13th End of Term 1

Half Term Week beginning Monday 16th October & Week beginning 23rd October

October:

- Mon 30th Term 2 starts
Mon 30th Clubs forms out 8.30am

November:

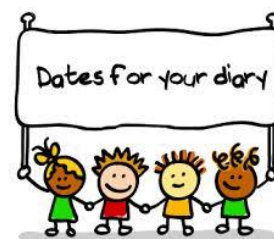
- Week beg 6th Year 6 Residential trip
Mon 6th School Nurse Clinic
Teacher led clubs start – session 1: 3.10-4.00pm
Tues 7th Open Afternoon for prospective Year R parents 1.30pm
Fri 10th Year 6 return from Residential trip approx. 4.00pm
Mon 13th Teacher led clubs – session 2: 3.10-4.00pm
Weds 15th Open Afternoon for prospective Year R parents 1.30pm
Thurs 16th Governors meeting 7:00pm
Fri 17th Children In Need

Mon 20th Open Afternoon for prospective Year R parents 1.30pm
Teacher led clubs – session 3: 3.10-4.00pm
Tues 21st Parents' Evening Years R-6 3.30-6.30pm – appointment sheets available to sign up nearer the time
Weds 22nd Parents' Evening Years R-6 3.30-6.30pm – appointment sheets available to sign up nearer the time
Mon 27th Teacher led clubs – session 4: 3.10-4.00pm
Tues 28th Own clothes in return for a Christmas fair donation
Weds 29th Last swimming session

December:

- Fri 8th Nativity Dress Rehearsal 1.30pm
Fri 8th PTFA Christmas Fair 5pm- 7pm
Mon 11th KS1 Nativity pm
Tues 12th KS1 Nativity pm
Thurs 14th Governors meeting 7:00pm
Fri 15th Christmas Jumper day (Save The Children)

Mon 18th SEND meetings with S. Cave am
Tues 19th SEND meetings with S. Cave am



Other useful information/Dates

Year 1/2/3/4/5/6 test week – **15/1/18** for update

Reports to parents – **9/3/18**

Year 6 Bike ability – dates in Term 3

Week beg **14/5/18** SATs/formal testing week

Week beg **11/6/18** – Year 1 Phonics Screening check

Parent's Evening (Years 1-6) - **14th March** KS2 1:30 – 7:30 KS1 3:30-7:30

Parent's Evening (Years 1-6) - **15th March** KS1 1:30 – 6.30 KS2 3:30-6.30

KS1 SATs parent's meeting – **25/4/18 2pm** MB/JJ - followed by KS2 parents meeting **4.00pm** AL/LG

PESE parent's meeting – **13/6/18 4.00pm** - JR

Years 1/3/4/5 Test week – **11th June**

Parent's appointments (Year R) – **3/7/18**

World book day – **Thursday 1st March**

Book week – **Monday 26th February**

New Year R entrants in **5th July**

Walkabout – **16/7/18**

Achievement sheets home - **13/7/18**

Sports day – **22/5/18** followed by Trayshare **3.15-4.30pm**

Governors Meetings : - 16 November 2017, 14 December 2017, 8 February 2018, 22 March 2018, 24 May 2018, 5 July 2018

Term dates for the year September 2017 - July 2018

Term 1	Monday 4 th September to Friday 13 th October 2017
Term 2	Monday 30 th October to Wednesday 20 th December 2017
Term 3	Thursday 4 th January to Friday 9 th February 2018
Term 4	Monday 19 th February to Thursday 29 th March 2018
Term 5	Monday 16 th April to Friday 25 th May 2018
Term 6	Monday 4 th June to Tuesday 24 th July 2018

Advertisements

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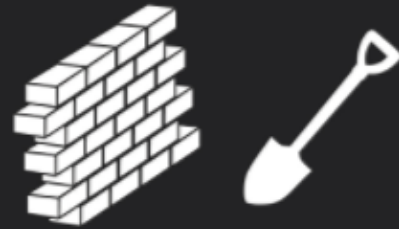
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