

LENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our new look slimline newsletter! This will be issued to you monthly and is designed to keep you up to date with what is going on in the school on a day to day basis, and what is coming up in the next couple of months. You will still receive your weekly news from your child's class teacher, and there will be further information on our website www.lenham.kent.sch.uk and our twitter feed @lenhamprimary. We endeavour to give you as much notice as possible about events, but please contact the office if you need clarification about anything.

READING ALOUD

We encourage our pupils to read broadly and avidly, sharing with them our own love of reading and the impact it has had on our lives as individuals. Frequently we are asked how these behaviours can be encouraged at home. Educationalist and more importantly, parent Doug Lemov, has provided some top tips for reading with your child.

Reading aloud to your child builds their vocabulary. You can read far more words per minute to your child than they can read themselves. Slightly 'older' books contain more challenging and more new words than in the books your child is able to read on his/her own. Reading to children is like feeding them a nutritious meal; it's a long term investment in a strong brain.

Reading aloud also builds "sentence vocabulary" . Children need to be able to understand a wide range of words in changing settings to succeed. Like words, sentences can be complex and feel overwhelming. You have to learn to make sense of the shifting forms they take. And as with vocabulary, written words are more varied than spoken words in their sentence structures. By listening to a story, children develop an ear for how sentences work.

More than a need for good literacy scores in exams, we all want the children we love and care for to find their own voice and have the ability to articulate themselves as fully as possible in life, be that in a job interview, in a professional environment or in their personal relationships. We hope you will join us in encouraging our children to appreciate the beauty of language and the loveliness of being able to express themselves as fully as they can.

BREAKFAST CLUB Please note that this club does not open until eight, and we cannot admit children before this time. Thank you for your understanding.

Events coming up soon ..

October

3rd-6th Bikeability Year 6

6th-7th Individual pupil photos

6th Special House Lunch

19th Book Look 2:30

21st Term 1 ends

November

1st Term 2 starts. Flu drops years 1-3

3rd Open afternoon new intake 2-3

9th -10th Parents evening 1:30-7:30

18th Children in Need

30th Open morning new intake

ASPIRE—AIM—ADVANCE Please let us know if your child has an achievement to celebrate outside school. We will be happy to feature on this page. Just email into the office on office@lenham.kent.sch.uk with some copy and a photo if possible!

Would you like to be a Reading Volunteer?

We would really like kind and patient helpers to support the reading in the junior classes. This is a lovely opportunity to help develop the fluency and understanding of the children as they begin to tackle longer books. If you have an hour or two per week and this appeals to you, please contact the office who will take your availability details.

Many thanks, Mrs Martin

UNIFORM All of our uniform is available to order online from www.kent school uniform.com. The only exception is our water bottle which you can buy from the office for £1.50—yellow top for infants, green for juniors. Spare bottle lids are also on sale for 50p each.

We regret that we are unable to accept any old school uniform due to lack of space. The Heart of Kent Hospice in the village is always grateful for donations, and we also have a clothing recycling unit in the school car park. If you have spare football boots or shin pads however, we aim to keep a small quantity in our PE cupboard, so we would be happy to accept these.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FH6JCBM> Kent CHFT have devised a survey in order to help them understand the needs of school-age pupils and their families. The link directs you to the survey where you can express your views about services available to you.

TERM ONE	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8 am	Breakfast Club Fees payable	Breakfast Club Fees payable	Breakfast Club Fees payable	Breakfast Club Fees payable	Breakfast Club Fees payable
8:30 am	Year 6 Maths Club with Mr Flood by invitation				
8:30 am	Exercise Challenge - field		Exercise Challenge - field		Exercise Challenge—field
Lunch	Choir Club with Mr Harding				
Afternoon	Year 5 Ukelele lesson				
3:15—6:00 pm	Toastie Club Fees payable	Toastie Club Fees payable	Toastie Club Fees payable	Toastie Club Fees payable	Toastie Club Fees payable
3:15—4:30 p.m.			Football Club Years 3-4 Mr Jarvis Years 5-6 Mr Mace		
3:15—4:00 pm			Musical Theatre Club - Mr Davison Fees payable		