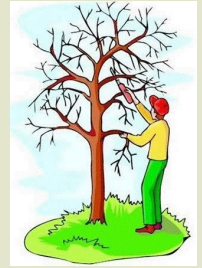


# LENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2017

### APPEAL FOR HELP

We are in need of help in taking over the nature garden and pond at school—liaising with the teachers to see how they use the area, cutting down nettles and weeding, plus a yearly cut of the willow tunnel. If this is something you would like to help with, please contact the school office in the first instance on 01622 858260 or [office@lenham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@lenham.kent.sch.uk)



### Year 6 residential



This month the children in Year 6 visited Kingswood outdoor activity centre in Ashford for their residential trip. They had the opportunity to experience sleeping in tents and to challenge themselves with the activities. These included High Equilibrium (a seesaw suspended high into the air), a climbing wall, making fires, problem solving and a 3G swing. George Ostler said this about the trip: 'I really enjoyed the trip. It was an amazing experience!'

### ONLINE SAFETY:

According to Ofcom research published in November 2016, 55% of 3-4 year old access the Internet using a tablet or mobile device, with 16% of them owning their own tablet device. It is therefore vital that families know how to keep their children safe. Please ask for advice from school or check the links listed at the back of our Online Safety Policy, which can be found on the school's website.

Each term, we try to have at least one assembly and a lesson in class, which mentions Online

Safety, and is age-appropriate. We recently shared a couple of the clips on the CBBC website. Follow

### The Rainbows are coming to Harrietsham and Lenham



Just in case you don't know who Rainbows are—they are the youngest members of the Girlguiding family for girls aged 5-7 who meet together to 'Look, Learn, Laugh, Love' and generally have fun with their friends.

Unfortunately, our Rainbow Unit had to shut suddenly earlier this year but we are delighted to tell everyone that we are re-opening on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the Booth Hall at Harrietsham Community Centre. Meetings will be from 4.30pm until 5.30pm on alternate Thursdays to start with, but Hopefully, if there is enough interest, we can expand into Lenham on the other Thursdays and maybe even open two units eventually.

If your daughter will be aged 5 or 6 when we start and would like to join the fun, please email her name and date of birth and a parent/guardian name and contact details and we'll get back to you to let you know what's happening. Or you can register via the Girlguiding website [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk). We look forward to meeting you and your daughter soon.

Kate, Jane and Gill [beaukate@btinternet.com](mailto:beaukate@btinternet.com)

## BOOK LOOK

Every term, we offer parents' the chance to spend some time looking through their child's work with them. We call these sessions Book Looks. In response to parent feedback, this year we are running the six Book Looks on separate days, to help those parents who work.

This term's Book Look is on Monday 16th October at 2.30pm. Please arrive at school at this time via the main office, where you will be asked to sign in. Please make sure all mobile phones are off and out of sight when you come in to school.

As you can imagine, with a whole class of pupils and many parents, the room can get quite cramped, so please be mindful of others.

A bell is rung at 3pm as a signal for the parents to leave the school building and move to the play-ground, to meet their children in the usual fashion, and for the children to pack up and tidy their classroom before the end of the day. You will not need to sign out.



### RAFFLE PRIZE

You may have noticed this much coveted raffle prize in the school office. The ticket has what looks like 'Baulf' written on it, and an unobtainable phone number. If you think you know who it belongs to please contact the school office by Friday 13th October, otherwise the ticket will be re-drawn.

### TROUSERS

We have found a pair of trousers aged 5 from Tu, marked up for Connor Taylor-Weston. Again, please claim at the school office. They are in the lost property box.

## CLUBS TERM 1

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Breakfast Club</b> 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child	<b>Breakfast Club</b> 8-8:45 am £2.50 per child
<b>Football</b> 3:15-4:30 Years 3-4 Mr Jarvis Years 5-6 Mr Mace	<b>Cross Country</b> 3:15-4:30 Years 3-6 Mr Mace & Mrs Beer		<b>Choir</b> 3:15-4:15 Years 1-6 Mrs Black, Ms Richardson, Ms Mace	<b>Rugby</b> 3:15-4:15 Years 4-6 Mr Norey
<b>Toastie Club</b> 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	<b>Toastie Club</b> 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	<b>Toastie Club</b> 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	<b>Toastie Club</b> 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only	<b>Toastie Club</b> 3:15-6:00 pm Fees payable. Advance bookings only

## EVENTS 2017-18

### October

**3rd** Family Trust Assembly

**4th** Year R Forest School

**5th** Rock and Pop Assembly

**9th** Year 6 Library trip

**12th** Year 6 11+ results available online after 4pm

**13th** Year 5 Parents' meeting 9am-10am re: residential trip

**16th** Book Look 2:30 pm

**16th-20th** Bikeability Year 6. Letters sent out for parent consultations.

**19th** Years 1-4 NHS Flu vaccinations (for those who have completed forms)

**21st-30th** Half Term

**30th** INSET day. School closed to children

**31st** Term 2 begins

### November

**1st** Open Morning for children starting September 2018 9:30-11:30 am

**2nd** Open afternoon for children starting September 2018 1:30-3:00 pm

**6th-10th** Book Fair

**7th** Parents Evening 3:30-7pm. Letters will go out at end of term 1, and you will hear back re: appointment time by Fri 3rd Nov. Five minute meetings will focus on induction into new class.

**13th** Year 6 Height and weight measurement

**14th** Family Trust Assembly

**17th** Children in Need

**20th-24th** Road Safety Week

**26th** Choir to sing at Lenham Lights, Lenham Square

### December

**1st** Family Trust Panto

**5th** Choir to sing at Sing around Christmas, All Saints, Maidstone tbc

**6th** Year R Forest School

**11th** Year 6 Magistrates Workshop

## **December (continued)**

- 12th-13th** Years 1 & 2 Nativity play
- 14th** Year 5 Little Shop of Horrors, The Lenham School (afternoon)
- 14th-15th** Year 5 Little Shop of Horrors, The Lenham School 6-8pm
- 15th** Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper day
- 18th** Year R, 3-6 Carol Service, St Marys, Lenham 1:00-2:30 pm tbc
- 19th** Book Look 2:30 pm. School Disco 4-6:30 pm
- 20th** Christmas Film. Term 2 ends

## **January**

- 4th** Term 2 begins
- 23rd** Family Trust assembly

## **February**

- 7th** Book Look 2:30 pm
- 9th** Term 3 ends
- 19th** Term 4 begins
- 21st** Year R Forest School

## **March**

- 2nd** World Book Day
- 6th** Alice in Wonderland travelling theatre Years R-6
- 14th** Year R Forest School
- 22nd** Book Look 2:30pm
- 26th** Year 4 Bikeability
- 28th** Easter Bingo 3:30-4:30pm. End of Term 4
- 29th** INSET day. School closed to pupils

## **April**

- 16th** Term 5 begins
- 17th** Family Trust Assembly

## May

- 4th** INSET day. School closed to pupils.
- 7th** Bank Holiday
- 8th-11th** Year 5 Relationships and sex education week
- 9th** Year R Forest School
- 14th-17th** KS2 SATs
- 21st** Book Look 2:30 pm
- 22nd** New Intake Parents meeting 6-7 pm
- 23rd** Parent consultations 3:30-7:00 pm

## June

- 6th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2.30 pm
- 13th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2.30 pm
- 15th** Year R Forest School
- 20th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2.30 pm
- 26th** Family Trust Assembly
- 27th** New Intake Stay and Play 1:30-2:30 pm
- 29th** INSET day. School closed to pupils

## July

- 2nd-6th** Sports Week
- 4th** New intake taster lunch 11:45 (tbc) with Stay and Play until 2.30 pm. Year 7 taster day (tbc)
- 6th** Sports Day. Kitchen closed—only school packed lunches for those eligible for free meals.  
Book Look 1:30 pm. Children dismissed 2pm
- 11th** New intake Stay and Play 1:30- 2.30 pm
- 16th** KS2 theatrical performance dress rehearsal. Parents and pre-schoolers invited. 1:30-3 pm tbc
- 17-18th** Years 3-6 theatrical performance. Parents invited. NO pre-schoolers. 6-7 pm
- 24th** Year 6 Leavers Assembly. Parents invited 1:30-3pm followed by a cream tea 3-4:30

**Welcome back to a new school year! The governing body met recently to revisit where we finished as a school in July and look at where we aim to be this year. Over the summer we have been looking at how we can raise funds to purchase an outdoor classroom to support the school's paperless days and working outside of the classroom. This term we are looking at how the school helps children with special needs and how interventions are delivered. We are reviewing safeguarding to make sure that all the children at Lenham are safe and know how to keep themselves safe online.**

**Next term we look forward to meeting the new children in reception and plan to meet regularly with the children through the school council. Mrs Porter will be meeting the school council and talking to them about what is important to them at Lenham throughout the year.**

*Ceri Norey. Chair of Governors*