

LENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2017



WORRY PLAQUE

Samantha Craddock and some other parents made the suggestion to buy a worry plaque for the school. It is a great idea which the school has fully supported by buying it. If you have any other ideas which you would like to share, please let us know.

SCHOOL MEAL PAYMENT Principals has moved to a cashless system. In order to pay for junior meals please go onto their website at www.principals-catering.com.

Peter Pan competition

A quick reminder that we are trying to win a trip for the whole school to see the pantomime Peter Pan at the Maidstone TV Studios We would like you (and your family and friends!) to collect as many tokens as possible and send them into school. The tokens will appear in the Kent Messenger each week until the week ending 24th November 2017, when we have to submit our entry. The school with the most entries (pro rata to the size of the school) will win tickets, free travel and ice cream — so please get collecting, as this would be an amazing trip for our whole school!!



POPPY APPEAL

We are collecting donations for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Look out for our year 6 sellers in the playground, and please give generously.



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX APPEAL

All shoe boxes must be in by this Friday 3rd November.



Phil the Bag Textile Recycling

What happens?

Items that get donated will raise money towards more resources for the school. The textiles collected will be distributed to people in developing countries which not only benefit them, but also save our environment from further landfill.

What should you do with your unwanted textiles?

Please bring the items you wish to recycle to the textile Recycling Bank located at the end of our school car park, making yourself known at the school office as you pass. Our opening hours are 8am-4pm Monday to Friday during term time. Please take any school uniform with the Lenham Primary School logo down to the Heart of Kent Hospice shop in the village, where they will be happy to sell on to families in need.

We **accept** all types of clothing, hats, pairs of shoes, belts, handbags, sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers, curtains and towels. We are **unable to accept** blankets, duvets, pillows, sleeping bags, carpets, tent canvas and wet items.

This recycling opportunity is open to all members of our local community, so please share this information with your family, friends and neighbours.

MINI BUSES



The lease on our 2 minibuses runs out at the beginning of November. After initially being told we would be able to purchase one, or both of the buses, we were informed by the lease company in July that we could no longer do this. The buses were costing us approximately £1,000 per month. When the school's entire curriculum budget is currently £5,000, it is a luxury we could do without. The school's Business Manager and Governors looked into various alternatives, but unfortunately none involved the savings which were needed.

We will investigate alternatives, including: leasing minibuses on a visit-by-visit basis, leasing over a different period of time, comparing different coach companies and any other suggestions you may send our way. Our aim is to set aside time before the 2018-2019 budget needs to be set, in order to compare the alternatives, so we can put aside any funds, should it be deemed necessary. We have enjoyed having our own minibuses and it would be great to think that this is something we could do again in the future, but with many 'upgrades' needed within school - especially with IT - the breathing space of the lease costs may now give us a space to get moving on some exciting projects.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Year 3 has just taken part in an intensive swimming course with Ewe Swim in Smarden, going for a half hour lesson every day for four weeks. Despite some initial concerns about how they would cope with this much physical exercise, this was not a problem. The children grew in confidence, adapted easily to their new timetable and all of them achieved a swimming badge. Thank you to our parents for their support, but don't forget we need to practice any new skills we learn. So if you can, please include swimming as a regular activity.



CLUBS TERM 2

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

GOVERNOR CORNER

On Friday 13th October, Mrs Porter, one of our governors, attended the KM Charity Forum at the Great Danes Hotel. She received our Platinum Literacy Mark certificate on behalf of Mrs Martin, our Literacy Co-ordinator. This is a reward for our school commitment to improving home reading with Buster's Book Club and the completion of the Summer Reading Challenge.

Every Minute Counts!

8.45am Your child has arrived in time to settle well and has the best start possible.

9.00am Your child has probably arrived just after most children as the school day starts at 9.00am.

9.01am Your child is late and has missed the beginning of the school day, being a few minutes late often unsettles children.

9.05am 5 minutes late a day means 3 lost days a year.

9.10am 10 minutes late a day means 6 lost days a year.

9.15am 15 minutes late a day means 9 lost days a year.

Arriving after the register closes is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

If your child is late they are missing out.

If your child is regularly late it will affect their learning at school.

Give your child the best start to the school day by arriving at 8.45 am.

EVENTS 2017-18

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. Year 5 parent consultations 2:00-4:15 pm

7th Year 5 parent consultations 10:30 am-3:15 pm. Parents Evening 3:30-7pm. Five minute meetings will focus on induction into new class.

13th-17th Anti Bullying Week "All different. All equal"

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

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

10th Open afternoon for children starting September 2018 1:30-2:30 pm

17th Hate Crime Workshops years 5-6

23rd Family Trust assembly

24th Warburtons Bakery Visit year 3

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

10th Class photos

14th-17th KS2 SATs

21st Book Look 2:30 pm. PESE (secondary school entry) meeting year 5

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. Book Fair

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