



The Weekly Bulletin

23rd July 2019

NOTE FROM MRS MCCLUSKEY

Wow! What a Year...

I cannot believe it was only in January that I joined the school. Thank you to everyone for making me feel so welcome. I am so proud to be a part of the Lenham Primary School family. We have had a fantastic year with lots to celebrate and be proud of.

Firstly we received money from KCC which had to be used to improve our IT; therefore we purchased new boards for every classroom and 64 Chrome Books. The PTFA very kindly funded the final trolley. All the children are enjoying using the new technology and finding out all about Google Classroom.

We carried out a full review of our spending. Instead of out sourcing our IT support, Mr Smith joined our team providing in house support for our new technology. We also celebrated Mrs Carter being promoted to HLTA and two apprentices joining our team.

We have lots of people in our local community we need to say **THANK YOU** to for all their support. I would especially like to say thank you to Handpicked Chilston Park Hotel, Ashford International Hotel, Len Valley Football Club, Maidstone United, Mr Jarvis , the PTFA and our reading volunteers, especially Mrs Metcalfe and Mrs Phillips, who are always available to help us at the drop of a hat. Another special thank you to everyone who attended the Summer Fayre and to the PTFA who raised over **£2 000** for the school, after costs!

We had a great visit from our Olympic Athlete- Zeeks, followed by a great Sports Week and Sports Day.



We have used our Sports Premium to help fund swimming, buy PE resources, assessment materials and to train all our Year 5 children to be First Aiders.

Class assemblies returned and were really well attended by families.

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Parent, Staff and Pupil Voice have all been really positive, below are some examples:

I am proud to be a member of staff- 100% of staff agree

The school is well led and managed- 98% of parents/carers agreed

I enjoy learning at this school- 93% of pupils agree

I feel safe when I am at school- 95% of pupils agree

My child is well looked after at this school- 98% of parents/carers agreed

My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds & treat everyone equally- 98% pupils agree

From Parent Voice I gave myself some actions. Here is an update:

1. To talk to staff and outside agencies about offering more after school clubs.

A few clubs were added (Zumba and painting), but more are being discussed for September.

2. To look at meeting times and make sure meetings, if offered, are available after 6pm.

Any important meetings will be offered with a later slot.

3. To organise more workshops as requested by parents/carers on core subjects and how we teach things now.

A Grammar workshop is planned for Tuesday 8th October at 6pm.

The date of our Maths workshop is to be confirmed.

4. To talk to Target Tracker who helps us develop mid-year reports and see what changes can be made to mid-year format; new attitudes pro-forma developed.

We implemented a learning behaviours sheet to share more about your child.

5. To sign up to an online booking system to book parents evening appointments and after school clubs.

Parents evenings are now booked online. Clubs will start in September.

To produce for the next academic year a trip planner, with rough costs and when trips are for the year.

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The Trips planner went out to parents, but is attached again with this bulletin.

To discuss fundraising with the PTA

Debbie and the team are hoping to populate information so you can plan for September.

6. Reviewing uniform, homework and behaviour policies, as well as reviewing parents evening.

Uniform, behaviour and homework have been reviewed and will be sent out in September as well as being available on the website. Uniform has already been shared with parents.

7. Communication- to try and get dates out as soon as possible and limit emails to Bulletin where possible.

I feel we have improved with this and from parent voice 90% of you agree.

8. Updating website

The new website is live, but still under construction, I am aiming for it to be ready for September.

Unfortunately we are saying goodbye to two members of staff, Mrs K Martin and Mr Flood. We are sad to say goodbye but wish both of them the best of luck. Neither will be strangers I'm sure.

I would like to thank all the staff, parents, children and volunteers for their support and hard work. I wish everyone a great summer and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 3rd September.



ANTIBIOTICS

It's important to take all of the medication, even if you are feeling better. If treatment stops too soon, the drug may not kill all the bacteria, and you may become sick again. Worse, by not finishing, you might contribute to the dangerous rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

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Kent Libraries 2019 Summer Reading Challenge

Taking part in the Challenge is simple – when your summer holidays start, you can **sign up for free at your local library**.

You'll receive your very own Space Chase mission folder to get you started.

Read six library books (or more!) over the holidays to collect special stickers to add to your folder.

Collect all the stickers to find the aliens, save the missing books and complete the Challenge.

Grab your space suit and take a giant leap into the library this summer!



Chilston Park family fun day

Sunday 11th August 2019

12.30pm – 4pm.

Free entry and drink on arrival

Bouncy castles, BBQ plus a chance to see the new outdoor gazebo. and win some great free prizes.

Chilston Park Hotel, Sandway, Lenham, ME17 2BE

Calling young primary school cooks for a free foodie fun day!

Tuesday 20th August 2019 10 am – 3 pm
Macknade Food Hall, Faversham, ME18 8XF

The day will be hosted by Macknade and the KM Charity Initiative Young Cooks to include pizza making, pickling and cheese tasting.

A full timetable of sessions will be published in early August at
www.macknade.com



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ATTENDANCE

| Attendance Data | | Punctuality % |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|
| | Attendance% | |
| Year R | 91.7 | 99.7 |
| Year 1 | 94 | 98.7 |
| Year 2 | 94.3 | 99.3 |
| Year 3 | 98 | 97.7 |
| Year 4 | 94 | 99.3 |
| Year 5 | 96 | 99 |
| Year 6 | 95.7 | 98.3 |
| Whole School | 94.8 | 98.86 |

Attendance Data is collated at the end of the previous week



To be continued in September

| | Number of children who met their reading target | Number of children who exceeded their reading target |
|--------|---|--|
| Year R | | |
| Year 1 | | |
| Year 2 | | |
| Year 3 | | |
| Year 4 | | |
| Year 5 | | |
| Year 6 | | |

Data collected the previous Thursday from completed Buster's Book Club bookmarks.

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School Clubs Term 1

| MON | TUES | WEDS | THURS | FRI |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| Breakfast Club Fees payable | Breakfast Club Fees payable | Breakfast Club Fees payable | Breakfast Club Fees payable | Breakfast Club Fees payable |
| Homework Years 3-4 12:30-1:00 Miss Parry (and T2) | | | | |
| Lingotot French KS1 3:15-4:15 Michaela Fees payable | Lingotot Spanish KS2 3:15-4:15 Miss N Fernandez Fees payable | To book Lingotot call 0191 308 55545 and ask for Sara | or email info @lingotot.com | or visit www.lingotot.com |
| Toastie Club Fees payable | Toastie Club Fees payable | Toastie Club Fees payable | Toastie Club Fees payable | Toastie Club Fees payable |

After School Club Pupil Selection

Clubs are never allocated on a first come, first served basis, as this is unfair to the children who are collected by childminders or who go to the Toastie club. We always allocate places on the deadline date. If clubs are oversubscribed preference is given to those who have not attended clubs recently.

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What is Maths-Whizz?

- Virtual tutor for your child online
- Adapts to your child's unique needs
- Works like the best tutors
- Fun, interactive lessons full of animation
- Builds confidence, enjoyment and ability



www.whizz.com



We are pleased to be able to offer a free maths activity pack that can be completed over the summer holiday. This pack has been created by the whizzers at Maths Whizz and is intended to consolidate the knowledge covered in the year group the children have just finished. The purpose of these activities is to try and ensure that 'maths sticks' over the summer break and that they are raring to go in September. You will be able to access these resources by clicking on the link on the class page of the website relating to your child's current class. i.e If they were in year 1 please look at year 1. *Happy Whizzing!*

Rye Arts Festival
Saturday 14th to Sunday 29th Sept

National Youth Jazz Orchestra
Bumper Blyton
Martin & Eliza Carthy
Pink Singers
Sir Max Hastings

World class entertainment
A taste of things to come!

BigWOW Rye Arts Festival

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South East Reusables CIC and Ashford Vineyard Compassion will be teaming up this summer to offer a town-wide school uniform exchange on Thursday 15th August at The Warehouse, Ashford Vineyard, Ashford Works, Brunswick Road, Ashford, TN23 1EH to provide free preloved school uniform to as many families as possible.

With the summer holidays just around the corner you may not have started thinking about your child(ren) going back to school in September, however, if you have any outgrown uniform, PE kit, lightly worn school shoes and basic stationery needed for secondary school in good condition that you would like to donate they can be dropped at the address above in the lead up to the events or just bring them along with you on the day!

There is no obligation to donate uniform items, we invite all families to come along and take what they need. There will be tea, coffee and cakes available and the opportunity to find out more about what support we offer in the community. If you have any questions please email us on compassion@ashfordvineyard.org or you can find out more about us at www.ashfordvineyard.org/compassion and www.facebook.com/pg/SouthEastReusables



**Our established group is coming to Lenham Primary School
as an after-school club for years R, 1 & 2!**

We combine themed, hands-on cookery with energetic, physical activity "Encouraging a balanced attitude towards food and exercise"

Our initial block of 4 sessions will take place between
3.15pm and 4.15pm on Wednesdays -
18/9, 25/9, 2/10 and 9/10 in the school hall.

Each session costs £5 per child, bookable per block of 4 sessions. (This includes all ingredients, equipment, activities and a weekly recipe card.)

 **Book online via our website www.makeandshake.co.uk**

 **Make & Shake**

 makeandshakekent@gmail.com

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LENHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL KEY DATES 2019-20

| Term 1 2 nd September 2019 to 18 th October 2019 | Term 2 28 th October 2019 to 18 th December 2019 |
|---|---|
| <p>Key Dates: 2nd September - INSET Day 10th Family Trust Assembly 12th September – Kent Test Day 13th September – Year 2 Small Steps road safety training 17th September – individual school photos 18th to 20th September – Year 6 Residential 20th September - Year 2 Small Steps road safety training 27th September - Year 2 Small Steps road safety training 3rd October – New intake tour 1pm 4th October - Year 2 Small Steps road safety training w/c 7th October – Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability w/c 7th October – Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability 7th October – Parent Voice 2pm 8th October – Grammar Workshop 6pm 11th October - Year 2 Small Steps road safety training 14th October – Book Look Term 1 17th October – Kent Test Results Day 17th October – Parent Consultations from 2pm 18th October - Year 2 Small Steps road safety training 31st October – Last date for secondary school applications</p> | <p>Key Dates: 28th October – INSET Day 1st November – Macmillan coffee morning for new intake 5th November - Family Trust Assembly 5th December – Family Trust Panto 2pm 9th December – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 10th December – KS1 Nativity Performance 11th December – KS1 Nativity Performance 17th December – Book Look Term 2</p> <p>Dates to be confirmed: Parent Voice Interim Progress Report for Parents Christmas Dinner Carol Service</p> |

| Term 3 6 th January 2020 to 14 th February 2020 | Term 4 24 th February 2020 to 1 st April 2020 |
|---|---|
| <p>Key Dates: 6th January – INSET Day 14th January - Family Trust Assembly 12th February – Book Look Term 3</p> <p>Dates to be confirmed: Parent Consultations</p> | <p>Key Dates: 27th February – Parent Consultations from 2pm 2nd March – National Offer day for secondary school 3rd March - Family Trust Assembly 26th March – Book Look Term 4</p> <p>Dates to be confirmed: Parent Voice</p> |

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| Term 5 16 th April 2020 to 22 nd May 2020 | Term 6 1 st June 2020 to 22 nd July 2020 |
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| <p>Key Dates: 6th May – class photos 19th May – Book Look Term 5 22nd May – INSET Day</p> <p>Dates to be confirmed: Year 6 SATs week Year 5 PESE Parent Meeting</p> | <p>Key Dates: 9th June - Family Trust Assembly 22nd to 26th June – Sports Week 26th June – Sports Day and Family Picnic 26th June – Book Look Term 6 27th June – Summer Fayre 29th June – 2nd July Scholastic Book Fair 3rd July – Reserve Sports Day 10th July – INSET Day 13th to 17th July – Moving On Up Week 22nd July – Leavers’ Assembly</p> <p>Dates to be confirmed: New Intake Parent Meeting Parent Voice New Intake Stay and Play Sessions End of Year Progress Report for Parents Year 6 Production</p> |



KENT MUSIC SCHOOL

If your child is interested in piano lessons at school, please contact either Kent Music Customer Services at customerservices@kent-music.com

or our piano teacher Bernadette Rickett directly at brickett@kent-music.com or on 07590 032636

Free trial lessons will be offered at the start of the new school year in September

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