

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you all had a wonderful, peaceful Easter break with friends and family. The warm sunshine arrived just in time for the Easter weekend. I hope you all managed to enjoy some of it, even if for a short while. It is lovely to be back ready for term 5. A short term with another bank holiday Monday, but a very busy and important one nonetheless.

The St George's Day masterpieces that came into school on Tuesday were amazing. Thank you to everyone for your hard work. They have been on display all week.

Last term, and this week, I have been showing new parents around our school. I also walk around the school on a regular basis to see what is going on and I can honestly say that I am very proud of the children and my colleagues. They all work very hard as a team. The children continue to be incredible. They continue to be engaged in learning and are polite saying good morning and thank you. Long may this continue and grow from strength to strength.

Our school vision is 'Creating Excellence Together'. I can certainly see that on a day to day basis. It is hard to believe we had Ofsted in October. It seems like years ago! As you know we got our 'Good' and continue on a daily basis to move towards 'Outstanding'. Not only with our fantastic academic results but all the added bits that make us different to others schools – wellbeing, community links, computer cyberzone and our forest school, which is a fantastic resource and one which I think is the best in Thanet!

Can we please have a big push on uniform again. I have noticed a reduced standard in uniform with some of our children, with home jumpers, trainers and/or joggers coming in. Please can we maintain standards and follow our school uniform policy. This includes for P.E. We are fast approaching the busy and important time of the year for Primary Schools which includes the Year 2 and 6 SATs in May, Year 1 phonics in June and endless, engaging learning for all. Please get your child/children into school every day, on time.

I continue to be at the lower site on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the upper site on Tuesday and Thursday so I look forward to seeing you on the playground then. The Deputy Head Teacher (Mrs. Sherwin) will be at the lower site on a Tuesday and Thursday and upper on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please come and speak to us! If there is a problem, then please come and let us know so together we can address it. The problem cannot be solved if we are unaware of it.

If you are impressed by our school, please tell people. If there is a problem, please tell us!

Have a great term 5!

Mr Marshall

Head of School

It's set to be a short term 5, but still a busy one. Teachers have prepared another round of exciting learning for your children. I have included an overview for each year group below:

Reception: From Farm to Fork: We will be learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and observing the changes that happen. We will be learning about where our food comes from and linking this to keeping healthy and looking after ourselves. We are hoping to visit a supermarket to buy some healthy food.

Year 1: The Secret Garden: In our project for term 5, the children will become expert plant and tree identifiers. Children will develop their scientific skills by investigating exactly what a plant needs to grow. The children will also look at seasonal weather changes and even compare the UK to China or Mexico!

Year 2: London's Burning: This term we are looking in more detail at fire safety and will continue our research with a visit to the new Fire Station. The children will collect information which they will then use to write their own fire safety information text.

Year 3: Our Evolving Environment: We are learning about Ramsgate and how it has evolved over the past 100 years or so, looking at land use, transport, historical importance and causes for these changes. We will be exploring both the history and the geography of the region and comparing it with others.

Year 4: Struggle for the Kingdom: This term year 4 are learning about the Vikings and Anglo Saxons. Children will be focusing on the



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Viking Raids and the invasion of Britain; the resistance by Alfred the Great and Athelstan who was the first king of England; Anglo Saxon laws and their justice system. Through our project we will also be using atlases to locate the countries that the Vikings invaded. In ICT, we are creating a perfect poster using Microsoft Word, which will be about the Viking invasion as the struggle to secure the Kingdom.

Year 5: Thanet Earth: This term we will be looking at Cinque Ports and their limbs. Sandwich was a Cinque port and Minster, Sarre and Ramsgate being a limb. We will also look at how ports have changed, focusing on Dover port and how that has grown, and what happens there. A study of Broadstairs will also be covered - looking at where the name came from; how it developed as a seaside port and tourism today.

Year 6: The Memorial: This term year 6 will be learning about the period around WWI and the impact that the war had on society. We will look at this in a variety of fun and interesting ways throughout the curriculum; studying the books 'Memorium', 'Private Peaceful' and 'War Horse' in English and Read, Lead, Succeed; and venturing out to the local community to see the ways in which the war affected the people of Thanet and how it is commemorated.

Mrs Sherwin

Class	Attendance %	Late Arrivals
Shorty's	83.9	5
Scotland	91.3	6
Ireland	93.4	43
China	94.3	9
Mexico	89.3	31
Canada	94.5	22
Japan	91.3	41
Australia	91.7	9
America	93.1	35
Brazil	93.8	13
Greece	94.7	3
Jamaica	96.4	4
Madagascar	94.9	18
India	94.8	12
Italy	95.3	14
Switzerland	91.3	6
Egypt	90.5	34
France	95.3	24
New Zealand	95.4	14
Total for Term 3	93.0	343

Attendance and Lateness for Term 4

Don't forget, if your child is ill enough to be absent from school you MUST phone each day on 01843 591807 or 07741634004 before 9am.

Diary Dates

May 2019

6th BANK HOLIDAY
 7th Yr2 SATS start
 13th Yr6 SATS start
 17th Yr6 to Vue Cinema
 20th Marvellous May Disco
 20th-24th Walk to School Week
 23rd Outdoor Classroom Day
 24th END OF TERM 5

June 2019

4th START OF TERM 6
 10th Class Photos
 20th-21st Yr6 Creed
 21st Den Day
 24th Yr2&3 Sports Day
 25th Yr4&5 Sports Day
 26th YrR&1 Sports Day
 27th Yr6 Sports Day

School uniform

Pre-loved school uniform is available from Reception at Upper and Lower school every day, please see the website or drop in for prices.

Road Crossing Patrol

As I am sure many of you are aware we have a new road crossing patrol person outside Upper school. We would like to formally welcome Mrs. Robson to the role and hope you are all happy to see her every morning! For your information we will temporarily have no road crossing patrol on the 2 and 3rd May. Sorry for any inconvenience caused and please make a safe choice about where to cross the road.

Other Notices

Food Allergies We do have several children who have severe nut allergies so we politely ask that you do not send your child in with a packed lunch containing nuts or items made from nuts e.g. Nutella chocolate spread and Peanut Butter.

Medication If you need us to administer prescribed medication to your child, please make sure that it comes in with the appropriate paper work filled in. The medication also needs to be in the original packaging with the prescription label visible.



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