



### Parent / Teacher Consultations

Parent / Teacher Consultations will be taking place on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Sign up sheets will no longer be available in the hall, instead all bookings should now be made online using your Parentmail account. Mrs Taylor, our Inclusion Leader and Mr Wilson, our Family Liaison Officer will also be available on the evening to meet with parents and carers, please also book these appointments online. **These appointment slots will 'go live' and be available for booking from this Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January.**

### Sporting News

- Next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January our **Netball A and B teams** are heading off to Skinner's Kent Academy to take part in matches. We will let you know how they got on next week.
- Call for parents - We would really like some help with **coaching and supporting the football team** children on a Wednesday after school. If you are interested please see Mrs Berry or contact the school office.
- **Athletics Club** (Wednesday lunchtime, Years 3 - 6) please make sure you bring in a spare pair of trainers or studded boots for this club - the field is very muddy and shoes from school PE kits are getting extremely muddy.
- **Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times (except for washing). This should be named.**

### School Meals

- Paper copies of the new Caterlink school menus went home last week but if you have not received a copy you can find this on our school website.
- If you are experiencing difficulties logging in to your child's account because you have mislaid your child's pupil ID number, please refer to the letter sent home last term or contact the school office.
- If you have any school meal payment queries or balance enquiries please telephone Julie, our Cash Collector for Caterlink on 07763 002300 between 09:30 - 11:30 Monday - Friday.

Alternatively please contact Caterlink direct on: Caterlink Tunbridge Wells Office, Hop House, Lower Green Road, Pembury, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN2 4HS  
Tel: 01892 824604 Fax: 01892 825003

### Creative Curriculum

All the phases have started their new Creative Curriculum topics for Term 3 and 4. The topics for each phase are as follows: Early Years **'Winter Adventures'** Years 1 and 2 **'Wonderful World'** Years 3 and 4 **'Ancient Egyptians'** Years 5 and 6 **'Ancient Greeks'**

Curriculum Newsletters and Homework Tasks have been sent out via Parentmail this week. Paper copies are available from the rack in the school entrance.

The **deadline** for returning homework to school for Term 3 is **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.**

The **deadline** for returning homework to school for Term 4 is **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March.**

Here are some pictures from last Thursday of the Reception children getting involved in their new topic **Winter Wonderland**. The children in R St Rose and R St Helena came dressed up in 'winter clothing', we even had some 'penguins' visiting us! The children went in search for signs of winter and discovered some ice outside. Later on the children were treated to a tasty treat of ice lollies as they watched Happy feet.



Viktor said "The ice, it's like glass".

Sophie told us, "You can see through it and it is very, very cold"

### Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural

We will be holding our first **cake sale** this term on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January** straight after school at 15:25. Fundraising this time will be split between the two chosen charities of our marathon runners, Mr Green and Mrs Martin, running for **Hospice in the Weald** and **Unicef**. Cake/biscuit/doughnuts/yummy treats donations would be gratefully received on the morning.

### Governor News

Judy Green, our Vice Chair of Governors would like to invite Parents and Carers to join the school working party to discuss our **Education in Personal Relationships Development (EPRD) Policy** on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 15:45pm at school. This includes how we teach sex education. Please feel free to come along.

### 100% Attendance

100% attendance certificates were awarded last week. Despite the cold weather and winter ailments taking their toll on the school's overall attendance level (falling from 97.4% to 95.8%), 140 certificates were awarded in total.

### Extra Curriculum Activities

- Children in Years 5 and 6 have been invited to take part in a very special school trip to Warner Bros. Studio to tour the making of Harry Potter. The trip is due to take place on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. The **deadline for voluntary contributions and permissions** is by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**, after this date if we have not received enough money, the trip will have to be cancelled. Payments and permissions should be done online via your Parentmail account.
- Mrs Little, our PHSE Leader, has booked a series of **First Aid courses** for children in Years 3 - 6 through St John Ambulance. As these courses are being delivered by an outside company there is a charge involved. The permissions and payment for this course has been set up on Parentmail, please search for the payment items in your account to give your permission for your child to take part.

### Thank you

We wanted to say a **big thank you** to Mr Oubridge (Lilia and William's dad) for spending the entire day with us last term clearing out the school pond (not a particularly pleasant task!) as part of an 'outreach day' through his work. The pond looks fantastic and we are extremely grateful for his help.

### Coming Up...

- Monday 16th January - Payment and permission **deadline** for 5/6 visit to Warner Bros. Studio - Harry Potter Tour. (Payment by Parentmail).
- Monday 16th January - **Deadline** for Primary School applications for a place in Reception September 2017.
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January - Netball A & B teams to SKA
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Cake Sale - 15:25.
- Monday 30th January - Discussion of Education in Personal Relationships Policy - 15:45.
- Tuesday 31st January - 5/6 St Mark Class Assembly - 15:00.
- Monday 6th February - Years 3 and 4 First Aid Course.
- Tuesday 7th February - Years 5 and 6 First Aid Course.
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Parent/Teacher Consultations - 16:00 - 18:30
- Tuesday 7th February - 3/4 St Peter Class Assembly - 15:00.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Parent/Teacher Consultations - 16:30 - 19:00

### Congratulations to our Award Winners

- Attendance Ted: **1 St Theresa** and **3/4 St John**
- Punctuality Pete: **R St Helena** and **3/4 St Paul**
- Tidy Classroom Award: **3/4 St Berndadette**
- Lunchtime Award: **Glean** (St Rose), **K'den** (1 St Theresa) and **Alex S** (3/4 St John)

### SATs Information Evening

Many thanks to all those parents who came to our **SATs Information afternoon/evening** on Tuesday. We were delighted with the turnout and hope that you found the sessions informative and useful. For those unable to attend we will be sending home the resources that were given out and an accompanying letter.

### Community

St Dunstan's Church are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 19:00. Tickets are £10.00 per head including a curry supper, available on the door or by calling 01892 528004 / 544422.

### General and Reminders

- A reminder that the deadline for applying for a school place for your child to start in Reception in September 2017 is **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**. This is also the deadline for handing in our **Supplementary forms A and B**. These should be completed by the member of clergy at your place of worship. Evidence of your child's baptism or commitment to your faith is also required by 16<sup>th</sup> January. Online applications should be made via: [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) before 16th January 2017.
- **Chicken Pox** – There have been cases of chicken pox within school. If your child has chicken pox please keep him/her away from school until all spots have crusted over. Please contact NHS direct for further advice.
- **School closures due to weather conditions** – The school will close if weather conditions prevent sufficient staff from attending work and the school cannot ensure the health and safety of children. In severe wintry conditions please look on <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk/> to check whether the school or part of the school is closed. We will do everything we can to keep the school open. If we need to close the school during the day we will contact parents by parentmail as well as add the information to the Kent Closures site. You can also register for alerts.

### CAFOD Prayer inspired by this week's Gospel:

#### John 1:29-34

God of power, fill us with your Spirit and inspire us to make changes to our lives so that we can help others around the world. Amen.