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NEWSLETTER NO 4: Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had a good week. We have seen quite a change in the weather; autumn has certainly arrived and we have had a few wet plays this week. Please make sure that your child comes to school with a coat. The children continue to adapt well to the new routines and we have been very impressed with their attitude and behaviour. This week some of our classes have been undertaking their assessments to help their teachers plan their learning for the future.

Parents Evenings Information

A letter has gone home this evening explaining about the substitute arrangements that we intend to put in place for the parents evening which we are unable to hold due to the present government guidance. We will be issuing a mini written report explaining about children's progress and attainment. In addition, parents can request a phone consultation to be arranged. Please read the letter for more information about the arrangements.

Hot Meals Restarting

From Monday 19th October our school and Contract Dining Company will be restarting our hot meals service. Please be aware, all meals are to be paid for via the contactless ParentPay app system. The school office can provide you with your child's activation codes should they have been misplaced.

Gates

This week our contractors finished fitting the locks to the disabled (Ramp) and pedestrian gates (stairs). These two gates will be open from 8:40am to 9:05am in the morning. The gates will then be open from 3:00pm – 3:30pm in the afternoon. During other times the gates will be locked to ensure the safeguarding and security of our school site. Visitors requiring access to the school will be asked to press the button on the intercom units placed on the gates where the office staff will permit access by opening the required gate. Where possible we encourage communication through the office email or by phoning the school office.

NHS Flu Vaccination programme for children

Several parents have been enquiring about this. From the guidance we have received this will take place towards the end of November. We will advise when we have more information.

Introductory Talks for Parents

A reminder that the introductory parent talks and accompanying resources went live on the class webpages last Friday.

New Intake Tours – Reception Class 2021

This week we started our new intake parent tours for reception class 2021. The tours take place after school on a Tuesday and our limited to 4 parents per tour in order to maintain safety. Please note that prospective parents are asked to wear a mask and only one parent per household may attend. Should you know anyone who is interested in their child joining our reception class in 2021 we ask that they contact the office to book onto one of our tours.

Harvest Collection

We are accepting any donations of canned goods to help support the following charities: Caring Hands in the Community and the Medway Foodbank.

Primary and Secondary Admissions 2021 / 22

Applications for secondary schools are now open and close at 5pm on Monday 30th November. Please check the Medway Council website or individual schools for information concerning admission criteria and open days. Applications for those children who will be 4 before 31st August 2021 are now open and close on Friday 15th January at 5pm. School tours will be available after school from October for prospective parents for our new Year R class.

School Photographs

School photographs took place this Monday. Parents are encouraged to use their QR codes (given to your child on Monday) to access the online samples in order to decide whether to purchase. All purchases are to be made online directly with Kittle Photographic.





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Tuesday morning SEN appointments

Should you wish to make an appointment to discuss any SEN related issues please speak with the office and they will arrange an appointment for a Tuesday morning after 9:30am. Alternatively, you may email Mrs Ward directly on sen@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk . Phone consultations are preferable.

Application for Leave of Absence / Exceptional Circumstances

As parents, you have a legal responsibility to ensure your child's attendance at school. Holidays should be taken during the school holiday period. During the academic year pupils are at school for 190 days and at home for 175 days. In order for our children to fully utilise their years in education, we believe it is vital that every message they receive reinforces the importance of school. Holidays in term time interrupt continuity of teaching and learning, disrupt the educational progress of individual children and create disruption to classes.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England)(Amendment)Regulations 2013, state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

All requests should be made well in advance, in writing. You will then be asked to complete an Application for Leave of Absence / Exceptional Circumstances form and will be invited to discuss your request with either myself or in my absence Mrs Kinslow.

Outstanding Monies

We would be most grateful that, whenever possible, payment for school uniform, trips, school fund etc. is made by cheque rather than cash. Cheques are to be drawn to St. William of Perth RCP School, thank you.

Safeguarding

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.mscc.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

Parking

You may have noticed that following the recent utility works, the green at the end of the Close has been re-levelled and re-seeded. May we ask for your consideration when parking in the Close and request that you do not park cars on the green which is used as a community space by our neighbours, thank you.

Praise Celebrations for the week!

Merit Award: Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate. Gemima Y R, Lillia Y 1, Joshua Y 2, Ethan Y 3, Ricci Y 4, Robin Y 5, Amy Y 6.

House Points

Team house winner this week: Yellow Team

Finally, we would like to offer our congratulations to Naomi, Year R on the safe arrival of her baby sister Ruby.

Enjoy your weekend

Yours sincerely,

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DIARY DATES

October		
Monday 5 th	Greenacre Sports hall athletics sessions for Year 5 / 6	Year 5 / 6 in hall
Tuesday 13 th	Medway Test	Year 6
Wednesday 14 th	Medway Test	Year 6
Monday 19 th	Hot Meals Restart – Contract Dining Company	All Year Groups
Friday 23 rd	INSET DAY CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL	
LAST DAY OF TERM 1		
November		
Monday 2 nd	Start of term 2	

