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NEWSLETTER NO 6: Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have all enjoyed a very busy week of learning. Well done also to our year 6 children who were so calm and sensible during the Medway Test this week.

Parents Evenings Information

We have sent home today a written parents evening report. Should you wish to have a telephone consultation please contact the office so that a mutually convenient time can be arranged.

Summer Reading Challenge

Thank you to all the children who completed the SWOP summer reading challenge over the summer. The children have been rewarded with certificates and bookmarks. If there are any outstanding, then please ensure Mrs O'Connor has them by the end of the term when she will choose a winner for books from a prize draw. Book recommendations will go onto dojo in the coming weeks.

Uniform, Jewellery and Hair Accessories

Winter uniform is to be worn from Monday 2nd November. We ask that you ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat for school each day and remind you that hats are to be plain blue or with the school logo. Branded hats or fashion items may not be worn. May we also remind you that hair accessories should be plain black hair bands / elastics or plain elastics in school colours. **Jewellery** Children may only wear small stud, gold or silver earrings. Hoops, diamante and shaped earrings are not to be worn, we thank you for your understanding.

Hot Meals Restarting

This coming 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 at a cost of £2.05 each for KS2 children. No charge for children in KS1 and those children entitled to free school meals. Please also note that all meals are to be paid for on or before the day that they are eaten. The school office can provide you with your child's activation codes should they have been misplaced. The current menu has been sent home via ParentMail last week, a copy is also available from the school foyer for your information.

Security Gates

As you will now be aware, the gates allowing access to the school property are locked during school hours. Any child arriving late for morning registration or returning to school following a medical appointment can gain access to the school property via the intercom call button, placed at either of the pedestrian or disabled entrance gates. Once released, the gate will close automatically behind you.

Outstanding Monies and Parent Pay

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.

In the very near future we endeavour to become a 'cash less school' with regards to payments for school funds and school trips etc. 134 of our 210 pupils have been registered with our ParentPay system. We urge you, if not already done so, to register your child / children with ParentPay. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office for verification of your child's activation codes.

Home School Agreements and Data Collection Sheet

Thank you to those parents / carers who have returned their Home School Agreements and Data Collection Sheets. We ask that all unreturned paperwork is given to your child / children to hand to their class teacher on Monday please.





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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.

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.

Safeguarding

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

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

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

<http://www.msrb.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>

E-Safety

We would like to draw your attention to the following website that has lots of excellent resources to help keep your child safe online: <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> The site is produced by the NSPCC and provides lots of parental resources and guides for apps, games and social media sites.

Annual Nasal Flu Spray Immunisation

This year the Immunisation team is offering **ALL** children of St. William of Perth the nasal flu spray on Wednesday 25th November. Full details have been sent home to every family via ParentMail. Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/immms-consent-form/> To access the consent form you will need to enter our school URN: 118775.

The online consent form will close at midnight on the 20th November.

Charity News

Harvest Collection Thank you for your support. All food donated to school will be delivered to Medway Food Bank and Caring Hands in the Community in the coming week.

Mustard Seed Relief Missions - Love in a Box. Filled Christmas wrapped boxes are to be returned to school by Friday 6th November. Further information on the charities work can be found at www.msrm.org

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal - We have had a very good response to this charity appeal and thank you for your support. Paper poppies will continue to be sold in school next week for a donation of your choice. We now only have a very limited number of zip pull ribbons – suggested donation 50p, silicon wristbands – suggested donation £1.00 and snap bands – suggested donation £1.50. Should you wish your child to purchase any of these items, please send your request into school in a clearly named and labelled, sealed envelope, stating your purchase choice(s). All items will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Unless stated otherwise on the envelope, we shall assume that no change is needed and all monies sent into school, labelled 'Poppy Sale' are to be donated to the Royal British Legion appeal.

PTA Bag2School Our next PTA charity bag collection will be held on Tuesday 3rd November. Please place your securely tied bag of unwanted clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, bedding, curtains and towels within the cycle/scooter compound at the side of the school car park by 9am on the 3rd November. Extra bags are welcome, there is no limit (feel free to use black sacks etc.). *"The more they weigh, the more they pay"*. All monies raised will be donated to the PTA.

PTA Donations If you have any outgrown items of school uniform that remain in good 're-saleable' condition, please feel free to leave them with the school office at your convenience. Our 'nearly new' school clothes are sold at 50p per item and are available through PTA uniform sales throughout the year and also on request from the school office.

If you have any unwanted toys / soft toys please consider donating them to the PTA for any future toy sales, again, they can be left at the school office at your convenience.

Any unwanted and unopened items that you feel suitable for the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' raffle, i.e. chocolate, wine, spirits, sweets, gift sets, toiletries, toys etc., would be gratefully received and can be left in the school office at your convenience.

PTA Cake Sale will be held on Thursday 5th November at 2.30pm from the cycle/scooter compound at the side of the school car park. All monies raised will be donated to the PTA.





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Children in Need Friday 13th November – **TAG DAY**. For a donation of £1.00 per child, we would like to invite the children to wear their own clothes to school on Friday 13th November in support of Children in Need. It would be lovely to see them dressed as brightly as possible, Children in Need themed clothing is more than welcome but please do not feel the need to purchase extra items from the shops (unless you want to), home decorated clothing can be fun too!

Praise Celebrations for the week!

Merit Award: Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate. Y R Archie, Y 1 Jobey, Y 2 Rupert, Y 3 Sienna, Y 4 Alfie, Y 5 Charlie and Y 6 Dylan.

House Points

Team house winner this week: Blue.

INSET DAY - FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER CHILDREN NOT IN SCHOOL

Enjoy your weekend

Yours sincerely,

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DIARY DATES		
October		
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	First day of term 2	Children to wear winter uniform
Tuesday 3 rd	Bag2School PTA collection	9am cycle/scooter compound
Thursday 5 th	PTA Cake Sale	2.30pm
Friday 6 th	Love in a Box Christmas Shoe Box Appeal	Return box to school
Friday 13 th	Children in Need TAG DAY The brighter the better	£1.00 per child
Friday 20 th	Nasal Flu Spray Immunisation DEADLINE to reply	Reply by Midnight
Wednesday 25 th	Nasal Flu Spray Immunisation day	All Years

