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NEWSLETTER NO 10: Friday 12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Remembrance Assembly

Thank you to the children of St. Francis' class who led us in prayer and reflection as we approach Remembrance Sunday. The assembly was beautifully moving and reflected the depth of the children's learning. To commemorate Remembrance Day and in support of the Poppy Appeal, we have been selling poppies and associated merchandise. Thank you to everyone who has helped to support this worthwhile charity. We held a two-minute silence at 11am on Thursday of this week to honour the brave men and women who have given their lives in conflicts. Once known, we will share with you the total amount raised for the Royal British Legion, through our Poppy Appeal.

Bags 2 School

Thank you for your support – this collection raised £51.

Children in Need

Thank you to our PTA for hosting a cake sale this afternoon in aid of Children in Need.

An amazing £200 has been raised for the charity. Thank you all for your support.

Catch Up Sessions

Continue to take place on Monday.

Book Fair

Will be held Monday 15th November – Thursday 18th November. Books will be on sale from 3.30 pm within school. All monies raised from book sales will be used to re-stock our class libraries. More details are available on the Class Dojo.

There is a new on-line payment system available for parents wishing to pay by card either at the fair or from home: <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay> We will also have a QR code on display at the book fair for anyone wishing to pay by card whilst they are onsite.

We look forward to welcoming you. Every book bought gives us more books for our school libraries.

This may be an excellent opportunity for you to buy some Christmas presents.

Year 6 Swimming

Year 6 swimming lessons continue each Tuesday. Please make sure children come appropriately dressed and have a coat and umbrella as we will be attending the sessions even if the weather is inclement.

Love In A Box- deadline to donate

Thank you to all who have sent in their charity Christmas box, we are extremely grateful for your support. **The last day to support the Mustard seed Relief Mission Charity Christmas Box appeal is Tuesday 16th November.** Please see below for more details.

Tag Day

In support of this year's PTA Christmas Fair we are holding a **Tag Day on Friday 19th November.** In return for wearing their own clothes to school on the day, we ask that children bring a donation towards the Christmas Fair that will be held on Friday 26th November. Please see the letter below that give's full details of suggested donations.

Children are welcome to wear 'Pudsey' ears etc. in support of Children in Need or alternatively, clothing of their choice.

Whole School Pantomime

Thank you to those parents who have already made their payment of £16.41 per child via ParentPay (deadline to pay 3rd December). For catering purposes, we ask that your completed parental consent form is returned to the school office on or before, but no later than 22nd November, thank you.





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Charity Events

We are very proud of our children and their understanding of others needs both in our school and the wider community. As such, we would like to support various charities throughout this academic year. To help you budget for any charitable donations; may we take this opportunity to let you know of our plans so far.

Love In A Box leaflets have been sent home. We are delighted to have received several donations in support of our Christmas Box appeal on behalf of the Mustard Seed Relief Mission. Items such as toys, toiletries and confectionary are collected in a festive wrapped shoe box which are delivered to children by the charity.

The final day to make your Christmas Shoe Box donation is Tuesday 16th November.

Children in Need – Friday 19th November – Children are welcome to show their support by wearing 'Pudsey' themed items.

PTA Tag Day – Friday 19th November. In support of the Christmas Fair, we will hold a **non-uniform day**. In return, we ask that children donate an item(s) to the Christmas Fair. A separate letter with details of suggested donations can be found at the end of the newsletter.

PTA Christmas Fair – Friday 26th November further details nearer the date.

PTA Bags2School - Wednesday 20th April 2022 –Families are invited to donate unwanted items of clothing / shoes etc. All money raised is donated to the school PTA.

Pupil Premium Funding

We want to make sure that we are providing your child with the best education and support we can. Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for pupil premium. The pupil premium is additional funding for publicly funded schools in England. It is designed to help disadvantaged pupils of all abilities perform better, and close the gap between them and their peers. Please see the letter at the end of this newsletter for full details.

School Fund

Thank you to the parents who have made their family contribution of £15.50 We ask that the contribution is made via ParentPay. These are much needed funds which help supplement resources within our school.

ParentPay

We are aware of a number of parents who have yet to activate their child/children's ParentPay account. Should you require any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Admissions – Primary Schools 2022/2023

The Medway admissions is now open for primary school applications 2022 / 2023. You can apply for your child to start school in year R (reception) if they were born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018. Please be aware that applying to St. William of Perth and other Catholic schools you also need to complete a Catholic supplementary information form. This can be found on our school website on the admissions page. Deadline to apply is 15th January 2022.

<https://www.stwilliamofperth.org.uk/Admissions>

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1059/applying_for_a_primary_school_place

New Parent Tours

Parental tours for perspective new parents have now started. These will take place after school in small groups. Please contact the office to book onto a tour.

Wednesday 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 Wednesday morning after 9:30. 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.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>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Green

Walking Boot Great walking on Wednesday this week. Years 4 and 6 with 18 children walking to school. Keep walking!

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.

Orla Y R, Nela Y 1, Tayte Y 2. Shanri Y 3, Rosalie Y 4, Jonathan Y 5, Omer Y 6.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

Mr J. Willis
Headteacher





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Dear God,

Thank you for all of our friends and family and for all of the people who make our lives better in lots of different ways.

Please help us to always be helpful and caring to others and to treat each other with kindness and respect.

Please watch over us, protect us from danger and illness, and keep us safe from harm.

Amen

Kaitlyn - Year 3





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DIARY DATES – Subject to Change

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| November | | |
| Monday 15 th -18 th | Book Fair | |
| Friday 12 th | Cake Sale in support of Children in Need (19.11.21) | 3pm onwards – Cycle compound |
| Tuesday 16 th | Love In A Box – Christmas Shoe Box | Donation deadline |
| Friday 19 th | Non school uniform day | |
| | PTA Tag Day – in support of Christmas Market | Donations as advised |
| Wednesday 24 th | Whole School Flu Immunisation | |
| Thursday 25 th | WW II Day – Museum of Kent Life – Class trip | |
| Friday 26 th | PTA – Christmas Market | School Field 3.30 pm |
| Saturday 27 th | Rochester High St – Christmas Lights switch on | |
| December | | |
| Friday 3 rd | Choir Club Christmas Concert | 7 pm |
| Monday 6 th | Final Catch up Session for Term 2 | |
| Tuesday 7 th | EYFS / KS1 Nativity TBC | 9:30 am |
| Tuesday 7 th | EYFS / KS1 Nativity TBC | 2 pm |
| Wednesday 8 th | EYFS / KS1 Nativity TBC | 6 pm |
| Friday 10 th | Whole School Pantomime Trip | |
| Monday 13 th | KS2 Advent Carol Service TBC | 7 pm |
| Wednesday 15 th | School Christmas Dinner Day | |





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- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit)

Registering could also raise extra funding for our school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities.

Registration is now required to be completed on line and has a quicker response to the old paper system. You will need to register at https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200164/school_information/354/free_school_meals/1

click on Apply for Free School Meals and then follow the instructions.

Apply for free school meals

To make an application for free school meals you must apply online. Paper applications are no longer available. You will need to provide:

- your name
- your date of birth
- contact details
- your national insurance number or national asylum seekers number
- child's name
- child's date of birth
- school your child is attending or will attend

Apply for free school meals

Reviews and changes in circumstance

You must update your details using our online free school meal system if there are any changes to your circumstances or school, so we can make sure your child still receives their free school meals.

Regular reviews will be carried out once per month and contact will be made if your entitlement changes or if any further information is required.

If you are struggling financially, even if you are not eligible for pupil premium funding, please do not suffer in silence. Please come and speak to me, Mrs Eastwood or any member of staff that you feel comfortable with. Conversations will be held in the strictest of confidence.

Yours sincerely

J Willis

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Headteacher





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PTA Christmas Fair - Friday 26th November – 3.30 pm

**In support of this year's PTA Christmas Fair
we are holding a Tag Day on Friday 19th November**

Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school on the 19th November.

In return, we would be grateful to receive donations that would then be used to make class hampers.

Each class has been allocated a colour theme. Suggested donations are Chocolate / biscuits / sweets / toiletries / candles / wine etc. in the class colour theme. However, any donation of your choice would be most appreciated.

- ❖ Year R – Purple
- ❖ Year 1 – Orange
- ❖ Year 2 – Blue
- ❖ Year 3 – Green
- ❖ Year 4 – Yellow
- ❖ Year 5 – Red
- ❖ Year 6 – Any of the above



May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

**On behalf of the PTA
Mrs Jes Mitchell**

