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NEWSLETTER NO 11: Friday 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Anti-Bullying Week

This week as part of anti-bullying week the children have been learning about the importance of kindness and also of the importance of being united together. Each class has been discussing these important themes and looking at how to develop positive relationships. We started the week with an assembly and on Wednesday the children wore odd socks to recognise our uniqueness.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Year 5 raised awareness for children in need by leading a class assembly about the importance of this charity. Last week's cake sale raised an amazing £200 for Children in Need.

School Uniform

We are very proud of our school uniform and believe that high standards of personal presentation contribute to positive behaviour. However recently we have noticed a lot of children coming to school with their top button undone. We ask that all children come to school with their top buttons done up. Thank you

Book Fair

Thank you to all the parents who attended and purchased a book at the book fair. We hope the children enjoy their new purchases. The commission generated also helps the school and we use this to purchase new books for our school library.

Kent Fire and Rescue

All classes had talks from a member of the fire service about fire safety this week. Next week Year 6 will have a talk from a member of the police service about personal safety to help them prepare for secondary school.

Road Safety Week

Year R have been learning about road safety this week and have learnt the rules for safely crossing the road. They went for a walk around Canon Close and talked about how to stay safe.

Love in A Box

Thank you to all who have sent in their charity Christmas box. 40 boxes have been collected and will really help those less fortunate to have a great Christmas.

Tag Day

Thank you for all your donations for our Christmas Fair. My thanks to all the PTA members for their hard work in organising the event and for attending the meeting this week.

Catch Up Sessions

Continue to take place on Monday.

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.





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Whole School Flu Immunisation Programme

Takes place on Wednesday 24th November for those children who have a completed online parental consent form.

Year 6 WWII Day Class Trip

As part of their History curriculum, year 6 will be visiting Kent Life on Thursday 25th November to take part in a WWII day. We look forward to hearing their news.

Christmas Fair – Friday 26th November 3:30 pm School Field

The Christmas market is scheduled to take place next Friday 26th November after school starting at 3:30 pm on the school field. The field gate on Maidstone Road will be the main entry point for this event. We are praying for nice weather but please be advised that the event will take place outside and cannot be held inside. Therefore, please come suitably dressed with a warm coat and an umbrella should the weather be inclement.

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 Monday 22nd November, thank you.

Charity Events

Thank you for your continued support.

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>





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Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Green Team

Walking Boot Great walking on Wednesday this week. Year 6 came first with 21 children. Keep walking!

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.
Sophie Y R, Rosie Y 1, Jobey Y 2, Roman Y 3, Evelyn Y 4, Milan Y 5, Jacob Y 6.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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DIARY DATES – Subject to Change

| November | | |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------------|
| Wednesday 24 th | Whole School Flu Immunisation | |
| Thursday 25 th | WW II Day – Kent Life – Class trip | |
| Friday 26 th | PTA – Christmas Fair – Entrance via Maidstone Rd gate | School Field 3.30 pm |
| December | | |
| Monday 6 th | Final Catch up Session for Term 2 | |
| Tuesday 7 th | EYFS / KS1 Nativity <i>subject to change</i> | 1.30 pm |
| Wednesday 8 th | EYFS / KS1 Nativity <i>subject to change</i> | 1:30 pm |
| Wednesday 8 th | EYFS / KS1 Nativity <i>subject to change</i> | 6 pm |
| Friday 10 th | Whole School Pantomime Trip | |
| Monday 13 th | KS2 Carol Concert <i>subject to change</i> | 2.15 pm |
| Wednesday 15 th | School Christmas Dinner Day | |
| Friday 17 th | Last Day of School Term 2 School Day Ends at 1.30pm | Early Collection Time |
| January | | |
| Tuesday 4 th | First Day of Term 3 – INSET DAY | CHILDREN NOT AT SCHOOL |
| Wednesday 5 th | Children return to school | |





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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

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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

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