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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your understanding and patience last week as we dealt with the issues with our power last Friday. I would like to thank Mr Mennie our caretaker for all his work liaising with the power company to restore power last weekend. Thankfully the fault has been repaired and the school has been operating normally this week. We have had a another very exciting week at school with the children participating in lots of exciting learning activities.

Poetry by Heart – Friday 11th March

Well done to all the children who took part in our Poetry by Heart competition. It was wonderful to hear the children reciting their poems. The children were amazing and a wide selection of poetry was shared including classic poems, original compositions, haikus and funny poems. We hope that this will inspire the next generation of Bards.

Year 1 Class Trip to Rochester Guildhall Museum

Year 1 really enjoyed their visit to the Guildhall museum. They were very sensible and asked lots of very interesting questions. They also received praise from a member of the public who contacted the school to compliment the class on their excellent behaviour as they walked to the museum.

Year 6 and 3 Library Visit

Year 6 and 3 visited Rochester library this week and had a story time session. They enjoyed browsing the selection of library books. We hope that this will encourage children to develop a life long love of reading.

Year 3 and 4 Racket Skills Competition

Well done to Elly, Lexi, Jagoda, Edward, Enzo and Matas – Year 4, Finlay, Vinnie, Jacob, Amelia, Eire and Alanna – Year 3, who took part in a racket skills competition – this included the following sports tennis, badminton, table tennis and squash. The children were commended on their excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and fair play.

Medway Safety in Action Project

This week Year 6 continued with the Medway Safety in Action programme – this week's session explored internet safety. This is a weekly event which will explore a different theme to help the children learn how to stay safe – next week's session will focus on water safety.

SEND Provision

This week we were fortunate to have a qualified Occupational Therapist, train the teaching assistants in understanding sensory processing. This training will allow us to further support the children in our school with their sensory needs.

Eco Warriors

Our Eco Warriors have been modelling our Catholic Teaching value of stewardship this week by planting some bulbs and flowers around our school to help promote bio diversity within our school. We have also ordered our litter pickers from the hot chocolate sale. We look forward to our Eco Warriors being able to go on visits to our local area to help improve our local environment.

Future Events

Tag Day – CAFOD Appeal – Friday 18th March

Following on from our CAFOD visit last week we have decided that next Friday 18th March we will be having a Tag Day in support of CAFOD and their partnership with the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee). We ask for £1 contribution from each child towards this cause in order to wear their own clothes. This will help CAFOD provide resources to support crisis situations across the world including helping refugees, most notably in Ukraine. During the day our School Council will also be undertaking other fund-raising initiatives towards this cause. For more information about our CAFOD appeal please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/>





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Schools Science Week

Next week is Science Week and the children will be participating in lots of fun and interesting science activities. In particular this year we will be exploring an eco-theme and looking at our local environment. Keep an eye on Class dojo to see some examples of our science learning.

Year 4 Parish Mass – Monday 14th March

During Lent each class in KS2 (Yr. 3 – Yr. 6) will take part in a parish Mass. We hope that this will help the children's understanding of the Mass while also giving them the experience of visiting the church which we have not been able to do over the last two years. On Monday morning Year 4 will be visiting St. John Fisher church to take part in a parish Mass.

Medway Music Association Spring Concert – Tuesday 15th March

Our Choir will be participating in the MMA Spring Festival - Choir concert on Tuesday 15th March.

Kittle Class Photographs

Kittle class and group photographs will be taking place next Thursday 17th March during the morning.

PTA Mothers Day shop

Friday 18th March – The PTA will be holding a Mother's day shop for the children. They are invited to bring in no more than £5 to buy a gift for someone special. Prices are from 50p - £2. Please ensure the money is in a named envelope.

Year 5 Swimming

We apologise but Year 5 have been unable to attend swimming lessons at the Kings School due to ongoing maintenance issues. We will advise when swimming lessons will be able to resume. Due to the MMA Spring Festival - Choir concert this coming Tuesday where a large number of Year 5 students will be performing, swimming will not take place for Year 5.

KM Charity Team – Young Cookery Competition

Children aged 7-11 years are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500! Closing date for entries – 18th April 2022.

The idea is to encourage all young people to roll up their sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be – while learning vital life skills along the way! Further details can be found at

<https://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/youngcooks/>

Medway Music Association – Free Easter Music Courses 2022

Junior Band Day, for beginner to Grade 1 standard players of ANY instrument, aged 7 +, Monday 4th April 9:30 – 15:00 at Rainham Mark Grammar School. This day will consist of a variety of fun musical activities including for example, general musicianship, ensemble playing and musical games. Should you be interested in your child taking part in this day, please see the application form that has previously been sent via ParentMail.

Year R Outside Area

We are in the process of developing our Year R outside area, garden and mud kitchen. If you are able to donate any unwanted (medium / large sized) patio / plant pots etc., or plants / bulbs, your donation(s) would be gratefully received.

Safeguarding

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link: Report a child safeguarding concern | Concerned about a child | Medway Council You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24-hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

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>





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E-Safety Think u Know is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It provides lots of guidance on E- safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Breakfast club

With the relaxation of restrictions and the return to commuting to work for some we would just like to remind you of our breakfast club provision. Places are available and should you like more information please email breakfastclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk

Parish link

For information about the parish of St John Fisher including newsletters and Mass times click on the link below.
<https://stjohnfisher.me.uk/>

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Green.

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

Vienna YR, Annie Y 1, Oscar Y 2, Ryan Y 3, Harry C Y 4, Kertisha Y 5, Ruby-Rose Y 6.

End of Term 4

The governors have agreed to an early finish on Friday 1st April. Therefore, school will finish for all year groups at 1:30pm Friday 1st April.

Inconsiderate Parking

We have had several issues this week with very inconsiderate parking around the school. I appreciate that there have been road works on the Maidstone Road and that now after the restrictions being lifted there are more cars on the road and this has put pressure on people with their commutes. However, it is not acceptable to park across our neighbours drives or to drop off on the double yellow lines outside the school. This has resulted in neighbours not being able to get out of the close and also tail backs we also have had reports of rudeness and anti-social behaviour. Please be advised that we will have no hesitancy to refer this to the Medway Parking Team should this continue. If you are parking in Canon Close we ask that you first drive to the end of Canon Close, manoeuvre around the grassed area and park on the residential side of the road, adjacent to the school. This will help ease congestion and keep traffic moving; Please do NOT park across resident's drives.

Yours sincerely,

J. Willis

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Headteacher

Lent: This is the Mission Together Prayer. You may like to say this prayer with your children at home:

May all children

In the World

Share love

Share friendship and live

In the peace

Of God's love

Now and forever

Amen





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| | Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i> | |
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| March | | |
| Tuesday 15 th | Family and Fairy Tales – Year R | |
| | Medway Music Spring Festival – Choir performance at Central Theatre | |
| Thursday 17 th | School Class Photographs | |
| Friday 18 th | CAFOD Tag Day – non-school uniform day | £1 per child |
| | PTA Mother's Day Shop | |
| Tuesday 22 nd | Family and Fairy Tales – Year R | |
| Wednesday 23 rd | Years R-5 Parent / Teacher meetings – by appointment | 4-7pm |
| Thursday 24 th | Years R-5 Parent / Teacher meetings – by appointment | 4-7pm |
| Friday 25 th | Wear A Hat Day – non-school uniform day - in support of Brain Tumour Research | £1 per child |
| Sunday 27 th | Mothering Sunday | |
| Tuesday 29 th | Family and Fairy Tales – Year R | |
| Wednesday 30 th | Y5 Class Trip – Rochester Guildhall Museum | |
| Thursday 31 st | PTA Easter Raffle | |
| April | | |
| Friday 1 st | Last day of Term 4 – Early finish 1:30 pm | |
| 4 th – 18 th | School Holiday – Children not in school | |
| Tuesday 19 th | First Day of Term 5 – Children return to school | |
| Wednesday 20 th | Bags 2 School – Charity collection – unwanted clothing shoes etc. | 9am – Cycle compound |
| Friday 29 th | Pyjama Day and PTA Film Night | Details to follow |

