
Term 2 – 17th November 2023

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The children have been really engaged in all activities for Anti-Bullying week this week and I have had reports from many of the teachers about how maturely and sensibly children were



addressing the issues raised in their year groups. Please do ask them to share what they have learnt this week. Thank you also for supporting the children with Odd Socks Day at the start of the week – a great way to celebrate our uniqueness and diversity and that it is ok to be different.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Upcoming Events

24 th Nov	Non-Uniform day for Chocolate Tombola
1 st Dec	Christmas Fair
6 th Dec	Walk in Wednesday
11/12 th Dec	Yr R & KS1 Production
13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
14 th Dec	Pantomime
15 th Dec	Church Service (9:15 at the Church)
15 th Dec	End of term 2
2 nd Jan	Staff Training Day
3 rd Jan	Start of term 3

Message from The Children 's Commissioner regarding The Big Ambition Survey.

Dame Rachel De Souza, The Children Commissioner for England has asked schools to share information regarding The Big Ambition Survey. She has said, "It is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard."

Some classes may be completing the survey as part of their learning but you may also want to look at the survey at home as well. The link to the survey is

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

PTFA Notice – Non Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November in return for donations for Elfridges and the Chocolate Tombola for the Christmas Fair. Please see attached flyer.

Quiz Trails – please see attached flyer

- Quiz Trails are created by us, a Kent Mum and two daughters. They are educational - a great way of sharing local history which comes under the requirements of the National Curriculum. Healthy, an outdoors walk exploring and a break from digital.
- We are an Approved Activity by the Kent Children's University. Quiz Trails have clues for adults PLUS an extra set of clues for children. Learning outside school plays a vital role in helping children's development as young learners, confident individuals, and responsible citizens - as well as being vital to their wider well-being.
- We are also a CIC - a Community Interest Company. We're approved by the HMRC as a business whereby profits go back into the community rather than private shareholders. We deliberately keep our trails low-cost so that a family can spend many hours having fun together and achieving for a very low cost. Only one copy is needed as they're made for sharing.

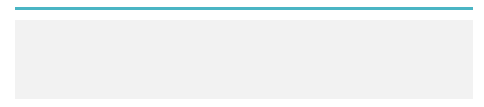
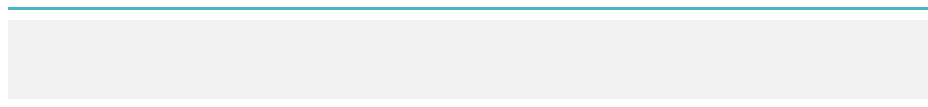
Holiday Activity vouchers for those eligible for Free School Meals

Holiday Activity vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families on 22nd November. This will enable the children to access holiday activities over the Christmas holidays. Further information can be found on this link https://www.holidayactivities.com/wp-content/uploads/HolidayActivities-_-_Parents-guide.pdf

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

23 rd November	Robin Class
7 th December	Toucan Class





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