
Term 2 – 29th November 2024

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From Monday, we have decided to trial the 'First Aid' feature within our Management Information System, Arbor. Currently, any first aid incidents are recorded on a slip of paper that the children should give to you at the end of the day. However, we are very well aware that often these slips do not make it home and you may not realise what has happened. As of next week, we will move to recording incidents onto Arbor, meaning not only will we have an ongoing record in school but we will also be able to notify you electronically, before the end of the school day, when an incident has occurred. We will of course continue to contact you by phone immediately if there are any serious first aid incidents, as we do currently. This will initially be a trial so we will be interested in any feedback from parents as to how this going over the next few weeks, before the end of term.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Upcoming Events

4 th Dec	Walk In Wednesday
5 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Wreath Workshop 6:30pm
6 th Dec	Christmas Fair 3:30pm
16/17 th Dec	Year R and KS1 Production 1:30pm
18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
20 th Dec	Christmas Service at the Church 9:15am
20 th Dec	End of Term 2
6 th Jan	Start of Term 3
14 th Feb	End of Term 3

Wrap Around Care

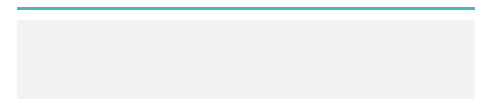
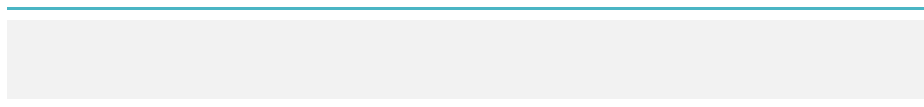
We would really like to know parents views about what they need either now or in the future, in relation to Wrap Around Care i.e. Breakfast Club, After School Club, Holiday Clubs. We would be really grateful if as many parents as possible could complete the short survey, via the link below, to let us know what would be useful moving forwards. Please do complete the survey if you are currently using these services at school and if you think it may be useful in the future – it will really help the school to plan forwards to meet the needs of working families. Thank you in advance for your support. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSHL6VK>

Walk in Wednesday

Don't forget it is Walk in Wednesday this next week from 3.15-3:45pm. This will be the last chance before Christmas to come in and see all the exciting work that the children have been involved in.

Calling all budding artists and designers

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, Rory Love OBE, would like the primary children in Kent, to submit a festive design to feature on his annual Christmas card.



The design should be square and covering a space 15.5cm square. However, there should be no critical features or design elements within 1cm of the top, right, or bottom edge. By 'critical', I mean text (e.g. "Happy Christmas") or images that are essential to the design. This is because during trimming by the printer to the final size, some features within the 1cm margin could be lost. It is OK to have a general background design, or non-specific or repeated features running right up to the edge. (Indeed, that is to be encouraged from a design point of view.)

Designs should be completed by Friday 6th December at the latest. Designs should be submitted by email to Rory.Love@kent.gov.uk as a scanned jpg file, or a photograph of the design. If a photo, care should be taken to ensure opposite sides are as close to parallel as possible, and to avoid shadows on the design. (A pdf is acceptable.) Each entry should be accompanied by the child's first name, their year, and the school's name.

Ice Skating Sessions for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN)

Kingsnorth Parish Council are having a Christmas wonderland on the recreation field on 21st and 22nd December and people can book to skate. They are running two SEN ice skating sessions from 1000 - 1030 on those days where it will be quieter and not so many people on the ice.

Here is the link if you have families that you feel would benefit -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1023489644077?aff=oddtcreator>

PTFA updates

There is lots of lovely stuff going on this term, so a PTFA "things to remember" calendar is attached.

Christmas fair - volunteers needed

If anyone can help run a stall at the Christmas fair on 6th December please get in touch via Facebook, WhatsApp or by emailing hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk.

Help is needed from 3pm (or earlier if you're able to help set up) for an hour. We can only put on events with your support so we really hope a couple of people can help, thank you.

Elfridges gift shop - 3rd December

Don't forget to pre-buy your child's Elfridges gift. Only those pre-bought on SumUp will be able to shop during school time next week.

All gifts cost £2. Simply pre-pay for the number of gifts you'd like your child to choose.

Children can choose their gifts on 3rd December at our Elfridges shop, during the school day. Our elves will wrap them and they can be taken home to put under the Christmas tree.

Rainbow raffle

Each class has been assigned a colour and before 4th December, we'd be grateful if you can bring in an item in your class colour.

- Ducklings - Red

- Parrots - Orange
- Robins - Yellow
- Kingfishers - Green
- Toucans - Blue
- Falcons - Pink

More information is on the attached flyer. The hampers containing all of your items will be raffled at the Christmas Fair on 6th December.

Non-uniform day - THANK YOU

Thank you all for supporting our non uniform day this week. It's lovely to see children in their own clothes and we were blown away by the donations of chocolate and Elfridge's gifts. Thank you so much!

