



LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CEP SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSBRIEF

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Friday Celebration Assembly, with the whole school via Zoom this morning, announced the weekly Headteacher Awards.

Gold stickers presented by Class Teachers to the following children:

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Sophie Olden
Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Bay Alkins
Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Gigi Alkins
Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Edward Francis
Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Sam Harris
Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Imogen Chartres
Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Ava Goldfinch

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

We would like to apologise for the extended delay in getting our virtual Parent Consultations running.

KCC Cantium Services, which manages the security aspect of our server, has now been able to unblock our Firewall to allow the software to be used.

We will be using a system called School Cloud, which has excellent reviews from other school users.

Parents can use the link below to automatically sign up for a timed appointment next week:

<https://lamberhurst.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Each pupil appointment will last for 10 minutes, with a 'count down' timer at the top of the screen. We do suggest that parents log into the waiting area a minute or two before their timed slot, as the system is fully, automated to prevent appointment times from over running.

A 'How to' video is also available via the link below and a 'How to' pdf is attached to this week's New Brief. <https://vimeo.com/473882995>

Appointments timetable

- Monday 16th November 3.40-6pm ~ All Teachers
- Wednesday 18th November 1.30-4.30pm ~ Y5 Mrs Mitchell and Y6 Mrs Turner-Moore
- Thursday 19th November 1.30-4.30pm ~ Y3 Madame Denham & Mrs Belling and Y4 Mrs Fairburn
- Friday 20th November 8.30-11.30am ~ Y1 Mrs Connors and Y2 Miss Boulding
- Friday 20th November 1.30-4.30pm ~ YR Mrs Mills

PTA SMARTIE BOX SUCCESS!

We had an amazing response to our PTA Smarties Box Collection, raising a whopping £607.73 by doing 3.038 tasks! Well done everyone.

HAPPY DIWALI



Diwali is one of the most important festivals celebrated by Hindus, often known as The Festival of lights. Celebrations are going on around the world this weekend as families try to connect together despite the Covid lockdowns and restrictions.

We send our heartfelt wishes to Lamberhurst families, prevented this year from their usual family celebrations.

The Diwali festival celebrates the story of Rama and Sita.

Once upon a time, there was a great warrior, Prince Rama, who had a beautiful wife named Sita. There was also a terrible demon king, Ravana, who had twenty arms and ten heads, and was feared throughout the land. He wanted to make Sita his wife, and one day he kidnapped her and took her away in his chariot. Clever Sita left a trail of her jewellery for Rama who followed the trail of glittering jewellery, until he met the monkey king, Hanuman, who became his friend and agreed to help find Sita. Messages were sent to all the monkeys in the world, and through them to all the bears, who set out to find Sita.

After a very long search, Hanuman found Sita imprisoned on an island. Rama's army of monkeys and bears could not reach the island, so they began to build a bridge. Soon all the animals of the world came to help and rushed across the bridge to fight a mighty battle. When Rama killed the evil Ravana with a magic arrow, the whole world rejoiced. Rama and Sita began their long journey back to their land, and everybody lit oil lamps to guide them on their way and welcome them back.

Ever since, people light lamps at Diwali to remember that light triumphs over dark and good triumphs over evil.

THE CHEQUERS TAKEAWAY SERVICE

A new weekend takeaway service of food and drink has been launched starting from today!

<https://www.chequerslamberhurst.com/>

Please do support our local businesses, many of which are run by Lamberhurst St Mary's parents.

Our Art Club pupils will be making decorations for the Chequers Christmas Tree this year and other pupils are invited to make a decoration for the tree too.

The Chequers is also running a Christmas Picture competition - the best Christmas Themed picture per year group will be framed and displayed.



THE MAYOR'S TOY APPEAL

The Mayor's Toy Appeal in Tunbridge Wells runs every year around Christmas time to provide gifts to children and teenagers of families who are struggling at Christmas.

Social care teams identify children and families.

Normally St. Mary's Church would have a special Toy Service where the congregation brings toys and a big collection is made, but with all the

restrictions and the second lockdown, this is unable to happen this year and so we would like to encourage those families who are able, to donate a gift directly to the appeal. An information flyer accompanies this week's New Brief.

There is an account set up on amazon where people can choose gifts online and it goes directly to the charity.

Alternatively, donations, which will be spent locally on the Mayor's Toy Appeal, can be made using the details below:

Account name: Tunbridge Wells

Borough Council - Mayoral A/c

Sorting Code: 30-00-02

Account number: 01397910

Reference: Toy Appeal

A Giving Tree will also be available in Metro Bank in Calverley Precinct.

The giving window is from now until 11th December.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SILENCE

We wanted to share this video of our Remembrance Day Silence this week.

Your children were amazing and deserve such praise, for the respectful way in which they honoured this event.

<https://youtu.be/vWaPqHaUwHo>

ROTARY CLUB GIFTS

Thank you to everyone who so kindly donated items for our Rotary Christmas Boxes to be sent to Eastern Europe.

The current lockdown has delayed the collection of the boxes from us until the first week of December so any additional items can continue to be sent in to school.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We would like to confirm that our school photographers Graham and Suzy, will be coming to school on Monday 23rd November as planned.

We have put extensive Risk Assessment procedures in place so that all pupils can be photographed individually and with their siblings.

We are sorry but younger siblings and parents cannot be included this year.

All proofs will be available for parents to make orders, which will be delivered in good time for Christmas.

Please ensure that children wear smart, clean school uniform and that hairstyles comply with our uniform standards.

HEADLICE AND WORMS!

There really is no fancy way to deliver this message other than the raw facts☺

These usual, very common and delightful childhood conditions are doing the rounds!

Please check all hair this weekend and use regular hair conditioner and a nit comb to discourage head lice from setting up camp in your child's hair.

If children have an itchy or sore bottom, threadworms may be the cause and this very common childhood condition can be easily treated

by one over the counter tablet. Every member of the family needs to take a tablet and all towels and bedlinen should be changed and washed at high temperature.

BOUNCE DAY☺

Next Friday all pupils should come to school in PE kit so that they can take part in our healthy school bounce day.

Mini trampolines will be set up in the school hall and each class will have a bounce fitness lesson with a trained instructor.

Today you will also receive via ParentMail:

- Every Family ~ The Mayor's Appeal Flyer
- Every Family ~ Guide to signing up for Parent Consultations for next week