



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Otto Saville

Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Elvie Anson

Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Natalia Wojcik

Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Charlie Hunt

Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Willow Panteney

Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Seth Wingfield

Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Ashton Forshew

'Oscar'- Isabelle Barty

Best Manners Award-Delilah Duggan & Lewis Kennedy

GAMES FOR CARE CLUB

Daniella would love to have some more board games and activities for the children to play with at After School Care Club.

Any donations of complete, good quality games will be very much appreciated.

CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important that the school office have up to date contact details for pupils who may have changed their home address or parent telephone numbers over the summer break. Please contact Mrs Knight and Mrs Simpson via the office.

THE 4 O'CLOCK GATHERING

Don't forget to pop along to the next '4 O'clock Gathering' at St Mary's Church this Sunday 15th Sept at.....4pm!
Everyone welcome.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Every week during our Friday Celebration Assembly one pupil from each class is chosen, by their class teacher to receive the weekly 'Headteacher Award Sticker'.

The teachers explain to the whole school why they have noticed and chosen each child and each child comes to the front of assembly, shakes hands with Mrs Bromley and their teacher to a round of applause.

The 'Best Manners Award' is given to two pupils who have impressed staff with their manners at lunchtime.

Oscar and Oscar's Dad are a pair of owls, which are presented to a child each week who demonstrates our school values. This award is very special for the children as it is discussed in class and voted for by their peers. As adults, we are always very humbled with the mature and thoughtful way that our pupils present their nominations.

The children's names are published in the newsletter too. Birthdays are celebrated with each pupil called to the front of the hall and given a 'Birthday Bar' of chocolate to bring home (alternatives available for allergy sufferers).

Mrs Bromley has a list of every pupil and his or her birthdays to ensure that no one is left out! Please let Mrs Bromley know if your child cannot have milk chocolate.

VOLUNTARY HELPERS

As always, we would really value and appreciate voluntary helpers in school to hear readers and help with class projects.

Volunteers need to complete a new form every year even if they have already helped previously in school. The form asks for two referees but these are not required for parent volunteers.

Our school policy is that parents, family members and close family friends will not be placed in a class or group to which they are related or closely associated with a pupil. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

KENT COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Parents and girls considering secondary places for September 2020 are invited to The Kent College, Pembury Open Day on Sat 5th Oct, 9.30am to 1pm.

The event will take the form of a 'Spy Adventure' around the school.

Parents do need to attend with their daughters. Open House visits to the school can be arranged on Monday mornings and Friday afternoons by appointment.

www.kent-college.co.uk

BETHANY SCHOOL

Year 7 Entrance Assessments for September 2020 entry to Bethany School, Goudhurst, take place on Saturday 9th Nov, with scholarship assessments w/c 11th November.

admissions@bethanyschool.org.uk

LATENESS TO SCHOOL

We are very grateful to our parents who are supportive of attendance and punctuality at our school, which has resulted in us being recognised by the government as being one of the top performing schools in the country for 'Attendance'. Whilst we acknowledge that occasionally there can be unexpected delays in the mornings, particularly for those who travel along the dreaded A21, consistent lateness is marked in the registers, which are monitored by the Local Authority. Pupils also miss important early morning work. Please help us to get all pupils into class in good time by arriving at school on time. The gate will be open from 8.45-8.55 and pupils should go quickly to their classrooms to line up for assembly. If pupils arrive after the gate has closed, they should go into school through the front door and report to the school office. Parents of children who are persistently late will be contacted and invited to a meeting to discuss any ongoing difficulties.

Please do contact Mrs Bromley if there are likely to be issues with punctuality so that we can support you.

PIRA PUMA ASSESSMENTS

We use PIRA, PUMA and GAPS Assessments each term to assist us with our assessment and progress judgements. During this school year, we are taking part in a trial of new editions of these termly assessments in Maths (PUMA) and Reading (PIRA). These assessments measure progress and help the teachers to see where children need further help with particular areas of their learning. An information letter accompanies this week's newsletter. (Y1-Y6)

DOGS AT THE SCHOOL

GATE

We have received an email from one of our neighbours in Pearse Place to say that the increased number of dogs barking outside the school gate at drop off and pick up, when the dogs are left unattended, is causing considerable distress to some of them who are night shift workers. The barking dogs are also causing anxiety for a few children who are nervous of dogs, as they come into and leave school. Please avoid tying dogs up close to the entrance gate and where possible say goodbye to children at the wooden gate and stay with your dogs. Small dogs can be carried into school. Please note that the school was not in support of the nature of the sign erected on a lamppost recently.

SALS SHOES

One of our parents has asked us to share the super cause of this charity, which collects and sends shoes around the world for needy children. Please find the web link below but note that parents need to arrange delivery of the shoes themselves to Salsshoes.

<https://www.salsshoes.com/send-us-your-shoes>

We will also be continuing with our collections of unwanted shoes and clothes and will be confirming the date of our next Happy School Bag collection asap. The collection will be just after half term break in October. Bags are provided, but clothes, shoes and bags can be donated in any bag.

Today you will also receive:

Every Family ~ 'The 4 O'clock Gathering' Leaflet
Y1-Y6 ~ PIRA PUMA Letter
Y6 ~ Transfer to Secondary School Booklet
YR ~ Free book from The Book Trust

ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS

From 6th September until 3rd November, families who shop at Aldi stores can receive Team GB stickers to send to school. We need to collect 300 stickers to win a free sports kit for our school. Please ask family members and friends to collect them too. Please bring stickers into school or post them to the school office.

FREE BOOK FOR RUBY

CLASS PUPILS

Every pupil in Ruby Class will receive a free book today donated by BookTrust. The book-The Cave by Rob Hodgson is for the children to keep and is intended to encourage shared reading at home, discussions about the weather and seasons and to see if the children can find other stories at home, school or library with wolves in them. We do hope you enjoy your new book!

APOLOGIES!

We would like to apologise to parents and children who were left disappointed by the cancellation of two of our Activity clubs this week.

Sadly, the Thursday STEM Club teacher was unable to run the club but our wonderful new Tech Club team will be offering an additional Tech Club on a Thursday too! Children who were signed up to STEM Club will be given first priority and we will let everyone know if there are any additional spaces available.

STOP PRESS!

OUR NEW 'MUSICAL THEATRE & DRAMA CLUB

WITH MISS

STURMAN...STARTS ON FRIDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

3.20-4.30PM!

Class Meeting Notes and Curriculum Maps will accompany next week's Newsletter

SCHOOL DATES 2019/20

Wednesday	4 th September	Start Term 1
Tuesday	17 th September - 3 rd December	Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday	17 th September	Year R Class Meeting 2.45pm
Wednesday	18 th September- 25 th September	Year 2 Forest School
Wednesday	18 th September	Year 5 & 6 WOKSSA Football Tournament, Benenden 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	25 th September	Year 5 & 6 Outing Greenwich Maritime Museum
Wednesday	2 nd October - 16 th October	Year 1 Forest School
Monday	7 th October	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 9.30am
Monday	14 th October	Parent Consultations 3.00-5.30 pm
Tuesday	15 th October	Parent Consultations 8.00-9.20am
Wednesday	16 th October	Parent Consultations 8.00-9.20am
Thursday	17 th October	PTA Disco 5pm
Friday	18 th October	End of Term 1
Monday	28 th October	Inset Day
Tuesday	29 th October	Start of Term 2
Wednesday	30 th October	Year 3 Forest School