



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Samuel Beeby
Emerald Class (Yr 1)-April Godden
Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Pavel Stanca
Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Ava Belling
Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Olivia Janice
Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Abi Charles-Webster
Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Annabel Chartres

'Oscar'- Bea Gooch, chosen by Y3

Best Manners Award-Will Gooch & Poppy Davis

HALF TERM BREAK

We break up today for Half Term and pupils return to school on TUESDAY 25th February to begin Term 4.

All clubs will run as usual from Breakfast Club at 8am on Tuesday 25th.

We break up for Easter on Wednesday 1st April at 3.20pm or after clubs.

After School Care Club will run until 6pm as usual on the last day of term.

UNIFORM REMINDER

All PE kit will be sent home to be washed at half term. Please check that trainers still fit before returning to school. We also request that all items of school uniform are clearly marked with PRINTED NAME LABELS.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School lessons will continue after half term break. Please make sure that appropriate clothing is prepared ready for the 3 week block of lessons that each class is undertaking.

It will be the turn of Year 1 Emerald Class for the 3 weeks immediately after the break, followed by Year 2 Topaz Class. The timetable for the rest of the academic year is as follows:
26th Feb, 4th, 11th Mar - Y1
18th, 25th Mar, 1st Apr - Y2
22nd, 29th Apr, 6th May - Y3
13th, 20th May, 3rd Jun - Y4
10th, 17th, 24th Jun - Y5
1st, 8th, 15th Jul - Joint Y6 & R

WEALD DARK SKIES

Join the Star Count and help conserve the High Weald's Dark Skies. Cold, clear February evenings are the perfect conditions to enjoy the High Weald's unusually dark skies. The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is holding its annual Star Count later this month, which aims to find out how artificial light affects our views of the night sky. Anyone can take part in the Star Count. Sign up at:

<http://www.highweald.org/look-after/dark-skies.html>

KENT COLLEGE PEMBURY

The next Senior School Open Morning is on Tuesday 3rd March, from 9.30am to 12.00pm. Booking is online at the Kent College Pembury website.

SEWING CLUB TALENT!



Vivienne Westwood, Stella McCartney and Victoria Beckham had better watch out!

The Lamberhurst St Mary's Sewing Club Designers are hot on their heels.

The girls above were very proud to show off their bag designs recently and are looking forward to designing and making more fashion items next term, including clothing.

NHS IMMUNISATION

There is still time to get the nasal flu vaccination for children. The Kent and Medway Immunisation team is running clinics over the February half term, to book a clinic appointment please contact them on:- 0300 123 5205 or kchft.cyp-immunisationteam@nhs.net

DULWICH PREP TRIATHLON

An excellent triathlon held in the beautiful heart of Kent. The event is organised by a friendly and encouraging triathlon club and welcomes junior athletes aged 8-14yrs.

https://www.britishtriathlon.org/events/dulwich-junior-triathlon_12238

ST VALENTINE

Valentine's Day is celebrated today and every year on 14th February.

It has become a commercialised event but has always historically been a time to celebrate love, friendship and the joy of having other people in your life.

It has now also become a day of flowers, chocolates, gifts and cards decorated with hearts.

This special day's origin, though, is not so rosy!

There are many theories on how Valentine's Day began, but the most noted one begins in Rome in the year 268. Emperor Claudius II wanted a fierce team of young men to fight in his armies. He found that when young men are in love or sharing their lives with a wife and children, they tended to be more cautious and less prepared to leave their homes. To ensure that he had large numbers of soldiers for his armies, Claudius outlawed marriage for those young men. Claudius may have outlawed love, but he could not stop it. Young men and women still fell in love and wanted to become couples in the eyes of the church. A brave and obviously romantic priest named Valentine thought the law was horribly unjust.

Putting his life in danger, Valentine continued performing marriage ceremonies, doing so in secret and hidden from the eyes of authorities.

Information about Valentine's secret ceremonies made its way back to Claudius and Valentine, was put to death, as some versions state, on February 14th. Centuries later Valentine was made a saint. Legend also says that before he died Valentine sent a letter to the daughter of his jailer with the words 'From your Valentine'

No one knows exactly when St. Valentine's Day was first celebrated, but there is a poem in existence that is considered to be the first ever written Valentine's Day card. It was sent from a prisoner in the Tower of London to his wife in the year 1415.

Today, greeting card companies estimate that over a billion cards of love and affection are sent each St. Valentine's Day.

While Valentine is a Christian saint, his death and the tradition of love that he created is celebrated world-wide by people of all religions. People send cards, flowers and gifts in many countries around the world.

Some countries have banned St. Valentine's Day, but people in love show the courage of the doomed priest by celebrating the occasion. Repressive governments may confiscate all of the red roses available in the country. Still, no one can ever halt the flow of love and affection.

Happy St. Valentine's Day. Tell everyone in your heart how much they mean to you and remember when you sign those cards how love and friendship lives on, even in the face of adversity.

Interestingly St Valentine is also recognised by some as the patron saint of epilepsy and beekeepers too!

In Finland Valentine's Day is called Ystävänpäivä, which translates into "Friend's day" and is about remembering your buddies and friends.

It is also believed the X symbol became synonymous with the kiss in medieval times. People who couldn't write their names signed in front of a witness with an X. The X was then kissed to show their sincerity.

*Happy Valentine's Day
one and all xxxxxxxx*

ASH WEDNESDAY

SERVICE

Parents and family members are warmly invited to attend our Ash Wednesday Service, 2pm, Wednesday 26th February in the school hall. This date is straight after half term break. This is a very solemn service and not suitable for younger siblings.

HELP FOR PARENTS

The Future Store is a new service offered by KCC for parents. The drop in service supports parents who are worried or struggling with their child's behaviour, needing support for an anxious child, family pressures, worries etc. It takes place at the Royal Victoria Place, Unit 29, lower shopping mall, Tunbridge Wells, every Thurs 10-11 am. Pop-in, chat with Early Help Workers and find out what advice and information they can offer you and your family. Free tea, coffee & biscuits for parents and toys available for little ones to play with.



Last July the Hive opened its doors in the heart of Cranbrook and has been a generous sponsor of a PTA raffle prize for our recent Quiz night. The Hive has been designed to offer multi-purpose spaces to meet friends for morning coffee / lunch or to dine with family in the evening and see the work of local artists. Maybe you work at home alone, and would like the company of others to collaborate and the benefit of hyper-speed secure internet? Tickets also available for 'Music & Meze' nights or curry club evenings. There is something for everyone to enjoy.

<https://www.hivehubs.buzz>

Today you will also receive:

Every Family ~ Ultimate

Activity Flyer, Premier

Football Flyer, London Eye

Discount Voucher

By Parentmail ~ Tennis Camp

SCHOOL DATES 2019/20

Monday	6 th January	Start of Term 3
Friday	14 th February	End of Term 3 -3.20pm or after clubs
Monday	24 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday	25 th February	Start of Term 4
Wednesday	26 th February - 11 th March	Year 1 Forest School
Monday	2 nd March	Year 3 & Year 4 British Museum Outing
Wednesday	4 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly 9.05 am
Wednesday	11 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly 9.05 am
Friday	13 th March	Happy School Bag Collection
Wednesday	18 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.05 am
Wednesday	18 th March - 1 st April	Year 2 Forest School
Tuesday	24 th March	Year 5 & Year 6 Life in Ancient Greece Day
Wednesday	25 th March	Year R Class Assembly 9.05 am
Thursday	26 th March	PTA Easter Disco
Friday	27 th March	PTA 2 nd -Hand Uniform Sale - At drop-off and at pick-up
Tuesday	31 st March	Easter Service - St Mary's Church 9.30am
Wednesday	1 st April	End of Term 4 -3.20pm or after clubs