



**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)-Wilf White**
- Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Seth Greatrex**
- Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Florence Harris**
- Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Ollie Chestnutt**
- Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Khloe Brennan**
- Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Felix McNamara**
- Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Seth Wingfield**

**PHOTOGRAPHS ON MONDAY**

Don't forget to wear smart school uniform and hair as we are having individual and sibling photographs taken on Monday☺ Print orders will be completed in good time for Christmas.

**LATE ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL**

When the school gate is closed at 9am, pupils who arrive late for school should come up the front steps and knock on the big round window of the school office.

Most days Mrs Bromley and Mrs Knight are able to see children arriving and automatically let them in but sometimes if they are on the phone or not at their desks - they may miss them.

Please remind your children at drop-off, of this procedure if they arrive after the gate is closed and duty teacher has gone into class.

Class teachers have reminded all children too.

**ST ANDREW'S DAY**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November is St Andrew's Day. Reverend Andrew, Reverend Andy and Reverend Roger will be leading our virtual assembly worship. Pupils who attend Beavers, Rainbows, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts or Guides may wear their association uniforms to school on this day.

**Today you will also receive via ParentMail:**

**Every Family** ~ Nov/Dec 2020 Digital issue of Families West Kent Magazine

**Every Family** ~ Letter from Mrs Bromley

**Every Family** ~ Parent Governor Ballot Letter & Form

**Today you will also receive in Children's bags:**

**Every Family** ~ Parent Governor Ballot Letter & Form

**PTA HAPPY CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TREE**

Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic and in an effort to promote a safer more eco-friendly Christmas, we are asking families to consider not sending cards into school this year for teachers and classmates. In return for a donation to the PTA, perhaps the amount that you would normally spend on cards, the PTA will supply a "Tree Tag". Your Child/Family can create a seasonal message on the tag, which will be on display on a very special Christmas Message Tree generously donated by Jane, at Pimms Christmas Trees, Matfield. (Grandmother to Oliver Yr 5 & Evie Yr 3).

The tree will be on display at the front of the school, from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November for everyone to see with each message also published in the school News Brief 'Christmas Message Page'.

The money raised will be shared by the PTA with Hospice in the Weald-a charity close to so many hearts and an organisation, which is currently supporting several family members across our school community.

<https://uk.gofundme.com/f/annmarie039s-fund-for-charity>

However, we do appreciate that some children and families may still wish to write cards too, especially those which support charities. Our school postal box will still be available for this. Cards can be posted in school from Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December and will be distributed each Thursday until 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please ensure that envelopes have names and class on them.



**AMAZON SMILE DONATE TO OUR PTA**

As we start to think about Christmas shopping, for anybody who buys items on Amazon, please don't forget to log on via: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/> (not [www.amazon.co.uk](http://www.amazon.co.uk)) and ensure you have "Lamberhurst Parent And Teacher Association" as your chosen charity.

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price to the school and as we all know right now, every penny counts!

## **CHILD COVID SYMPTOM STUDY**

We have been asked to partner with the COVID Symptom Study to help make sure our children are as safe as possible in school, whilst also doing our part in creating the world's largest scientific dataset of COVID-19 in children.

We are asking all parents to join the COVID Symptom Study now, by downloading the free app and taking less than 1min a day to report how your child/children are feeling each day. With all parents reporting daily via the app, the app will provide a powerful tool for helping the school and parents understand COVID in the community and help keep our children safe. Importantly, the information you report will be invaluable to critical scientific research into COVID in children and for public health purposes - the Study will share any findings from their research with you.

We are asking all parents to download this app as soon as possible. The app is available to download from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play Store](#). Simply create a profile for yourself and for your child/children. To join our school network in the app and receive personalised COVID insights about our school, go to Edit Profile for your child's profile > School Network > enter our school's Unique School Network Code: **BWMM8BB** then select the Bubble that your child belongs to. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school. For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app, please head to:

<https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

All data collected in the app is used anonymously for informing other parents in your child's school and your child's school, and anonymously for research and for public health purposes only.

### **DO IT FOR OUR TERRIFIC TOM!**

Please seriously consider joining the Children's Covid App above not just for your children and particularly for children like our lovely Tom in Year 4 who regularly spends time at The Evelina Children's Hospital in London.

Tom's Mum Rebecca writes:

*In brief Tom, as a patient of the Guy's and Thomas's Trust and Kings college was recruited at the beginning of the first wave to be part of a study to look at children with serious underlying health issues and how Covid19 (if they catch it) affects them.*

*There are lots of children's hospitals involved in this study over the country. Data is analysed to determine how at risk children with health issues are if they catch Covid and informs government*

*policy on shielding amongst other things. This study is run by Prof Tim Spector who is an Epidemiologist, at Kings College hospital who look after some of Tom's specialist care together with Evelina Children's Hospital.*

*All GDPR rules are followed and if it's as straight forward as the questions we fill in every week for Tom, it really is a very quick to do and will allow the study to amass lots of data quickly to better inform how Covid is being spread amongst children and within schools. This could really help in determining best practice and how to limit the spread. Also great for children at school to understand how big data works and how their small school is part of something mighty.*

*Being part of the study for Tom has meant that we are sent reports on their findings from time to time, which has been really interesting and helpful.*

*It has also helped us to keep Tom in school despite his ongoing treatment at Evelina'.*



A visit for Tom in hospital earlier in the year by the cast of The Lion King

### **CRANBROOK CARERS GROUP**

The Cranbrook Carer's Group has been unable to meet face to face since the first lockdown so a Zoom meeting has been arranged for next Wed 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm to 8.30 pm. This group is for any parent or carer who has a child/young person struggling with their mental health. It doesn't need to be a diagnosable condition. Some people in the group have children with anxiety, low mood, some have children under CAMHS, and it really varies. The main purpose is to bring people together, it can be a lonely and anxious time as a parent, in a confidential empathetic environment. The group will offer emotional support, strategies and guidance on how to 'walk alongside' your child, how to engage with your child and look after your own emotional wellbeing. No one has to speak if they don't feel comfortable or if it is difficult due to the child/young person is in the house. Headphones are recommended and some parents may just like to listen. Email Michelle West (Sam West Foundation) to receive the zoom link:

[cranbrookcarersgroup@gmail.com](mailto:cranbrookcarersgroup@gmail.com)