

# NEWSLETTER

### LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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#### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Ptolemy Coates

Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Vinny Clinch

Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-The whole class for being amazing during their SAT's Tests!

Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Kiera Wrenn

Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Tom McNight

Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Ciara
Cunha

Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Maggie
Ivanova

'Oscar'-Wilfie Eriksson-Lee

Best Manners Award-Daisy Clinch & Cam Jones

#### HAPPY HALF TERM

We hope everyone has a lovely half term break. Back to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. All clubs running from the first day of Term 6.

#### KILNDOWN YOUTH CHOIR

The choir will be holding a mini concert at 11.30am, on Saturday 25th May at the Church in Kilndown. It will be a short concert followed by coffee and cake and a raffle all in aid of Kent Fire and Rescue and The Weald Family Hub. Three of our pupils: Helena, Felix and Holly are part of the choir and will be singing. Do go along and support them if you can.

#### PTA FILM NIGHT SUCCESS



The recent PTA Film Night was a great success. The hall was filled with cosy onesies, pillows and...lots of popcorn!
Lots of pupils and parents have asked if this type of PTA event could be a more regular feature going forward, which we will work on!

#### GIRLS CRICKET TEAM

Congratulations to our Girls
Cricket Team: Amelia, who played
at Bells Yew Green this week. Our
team was up against players who
have experience at club and
county level and they really held
their own against fierce
opposition.

A big 'Thank you' to Mrs Mitchell for taking the team to get this valuable experience.



Bells Yew Green Cricket Club has some superb opportunities for girls aged 5-18yrs to play cricket. Summer coaching sessions are on Fridays 5-6pm (5-7yrs) and 6-7.30pm (junior girls). Contact Linda Bowen 07947-521836 www.bellsyewgreencc.com

### ANOTHER WIN FOR LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S



Our jubilant football team celebrate their win at the area football tournament last Saturday and brought home yet another trophy for the cabinet!

A big 'Thank you' to Coach Mills who gave up her precious Saturday to accompany her 'dream team' to the school league competition.

Jayden our amazing goalie did not let a single goal in. Other teams were asking, "Who is the team in red?" Of course, it was the Lamberhurst dynamos.... A special thank you too for all the parents who came to support the team-a great turn out. Lamberhurst is now firmly on the map.

### FOREST LEARNING MOSQUITOES!

We would like to let parents of pupils in Ruby Class YR, Y1, Y3 and Y6 that there are currently lots of biting mosquitoes in the woodland at Lamberhurst Gravel Pit where our Forest learning takes place. We would recommend some form of repellent be applied before school on the days that children have their Forest Learning sessions.

## <u>SECONDARY SCHOOL</u> AND PESE 11+

Parents of Year 5 pupils may already be thinking about secondary schools in our area. If you do not know about them, the Council's website, www.kent.gov.uk, is a good place to start. This page lets you search for schools by type, or by using your town or postcode to see what schools are nearby. If you see a school you like, you can find out how to contact it or visit the school's own website to learn more.

Wherever your child starts school in Year 7, they are likely to follow the National Curriculum, working towards GCSE exams at the end of Year 11. After that, even if they leave school, they will continue their education through school or college, training or an apprenticeship until they are 18.

Kent grammar schools use the Kent Test (11+) to find children who are doing well in primary school - about the top 25% of Year 6 students. Some are mixed; some admit boys only or girls only. Pupils usually stay at grammar school into the sixth form and take exams like Alevels before deciding whether to continue their studies at university. Some grammar schools also have their own tests, and Medway Council runs a different test for the Medway grammar schools.

The Kent Test happens in September, just as children start their last year in Year 6 at our school. If your child wants to take the Kent Test, you will need to register them, in June before moving to Year 6. A child who is not registered cannot be tested, so if you are undecided it is best to register.

Parents can withdraw if they change their mind, but once registration has closed, late registrations KCC will not be accepted.

The KCC website has a Kent Test page, which explains how to register your child for the 11+. Before you decide, you can read about the 11+, see a paper, which explains the types of tests used and follow a link to free test materials, which you can look at with your child. There is a parent booklet, which confirms the right answers to the questions, which will help if you and your child want to look at them together. Secondary schools themselves publish useful information on their websites and are happy to hear from parents who want to know more about school life. Every year they hold open sessions for children and their parents, and you will find that some popular schools give priority for places to children eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium.

Recent research shows that some families may be put off considering certain schools because of the cost of getting their child to the school. If you want to know more about help with the cost of home to school travel, you can find out more from the KCC website.

### LAMBERHURST SCHOOL OF DANCE EXAMS

We understand that some of our pupils have been allocated their Lamberhurst School of Dance exams on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, which is the same day as our school Open Day. Authorised attendance at such exams is no problem but parents do need to inform the school office as soon as possible so that the Open Day timetable can be finalised for music performances.

### TÜNBRIDGE WELLS LIBRARY

The library will soon be moving to temporary premises so that work can begin on The Amelia - an exciting new building combining the library, museum and other partners in one location.

During the work, the library will be relocating to temporary premises in the nearby Royal Victoria Place shopping centre. The library will close on Monday 3rd June, and will reopen, in Royal Victoria Place, on Monday 24th June and will be situated, on the lower level, opposite Fenwicks and Muffin Break. During the three-week moving period, the opening hours will be extended, at Showfields library, Showfields Road, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5PR & Southborough Library, Yew Tree Road, Southborough TN4 OBA Opening hours information and contact details for all Tunbridge Wells District Libraries can be found on the website at www.kent.gov.uk/libraries or by telephoning 03000 413131.

### RECEPTION PUPILS FOR SEPTEMBER

Parents of pupils offered a place at Lamberhurst St Mary's for September 2019, have all received confirmation letters or emails from KCC. This week we have also sent welcome letters to those families with Induction visit arrangements. Children who already have siblings at our school will receive their letters via school bags today. Please let the

### letter does not reach you! Today you will also receive:

school office know if your

Every Family ~ Evolution tennis Summer Camps Flyer Every Child ~ Ultimate Activity Flyer

SCHOOL DATES 2018/19		
M = 10 = 1 = 1	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Chart Town 4
Monday Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June -10 <sup>th</sup> June	Start Term 6  Year 1 Forest School
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 3,4,5 & 6 First Aid Day
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> June -9 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming Y4 & Y5
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 & 2 First Aid Afternoon
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Forest School
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Ruby Class Drusillas Outing
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Forest School
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Dress Down Day - Bottles for Fete
Wednesday	12 <sup>th</sup> June & 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Forest School
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Dress Down Day - Jars for Fete
Friday	14 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Breakfast 8.00-8.45am
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 High Weald Academy Taster Day 9.15-1.00pm
Friday	21st June	PTA Dress Down Day - Cakes and Plants for Fete
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Summer Fete 11-3pm
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> June-26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Bowles Residential Trip
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> June - 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Forest School
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Bethany School - Beauty and the Beast
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 Outing Canterbury Museum
Friday	28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Kent Police Day
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	Open School Day
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale - Drop Off & Pick Up
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations 2.30-5.00pm
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations 8-9.20am
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations 8-9.20am
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Disco 5pm
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day 9.30am
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3 & Y4 Salus Youth Workshops - Parent Presentation 10.00am
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly & Lunch 10.00am
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual School Hike
Friday	19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Farewell 1.15pm
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