



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Seth Greatrex
Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Bertie Eriksson-Lee
Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Xavier Owens
Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Rose Rousham
Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Kai Mercer
Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Teddy Blake
Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Ada Butterworth & Isabelle Barty
'Oscar'- Toby Chapman
Best Manners Award-Will Gooch & Freya Murphy

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Our online booking system will be available from today, Fri 27th October, for parents to book Consultation appointments with Class Teachers for 14th, 15th & 16th October.

PTA DISCO

PTA Disco Booking Forms have been sent home in children's bags and via ParentMail for the PTA Autumn Disco on Thursday 17th October 5-6.30pm.

Please note that the deadline for booking and paying for tickets is Friday 11th October.

We are sorry but no tickets will be available under any circumstances after this date.

Please note that 'Crossover Club' is **only** for existing Football and Dance Club pupils. Any other pupils not collected at the end of the school day will be looked after at Care Club for which there is a charge.

PTA DISCO HELPERS

We are very short of Parent helpers for the disco and need several more volunteers to enable this popular event to go ahead. Please contact:

lamberhurstpta@gmail.com

GET INTO TEACHING

'Great teachers are never, forgotten. Teachers transform lives and make futures brighter'

Find out more at a 'Get into Teaching' information evening next Monday, 30th September at 7 p.m. 6th Form Centre, Bennett Memorial School, TN4 9SH
www.teachkentandsussex.org.uk
twitter: @TeachKandS

Please contact Carol Hughes or Hilary Sutton by telephone on 01892 521595 for an informal discussion or email contact@teachkentandsussex.org.uk to register your interest.

UPLANDS COMMUNITY

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Open Evening on Wed 2nd Oct 5-8pm (Headteacher talk at 5.15 and 6.30pm). Open Mornings on Fri 4th and 23rd Oct. www.uplandsc.com
01892-782135

HALF TERM CLUBS AT SCHOOL

Msporti who provide our Football and Multisport Clubs after school will be running a 2 day Dance Club and Football Club during October Half Term. Both Clubs will run on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October 9am-3pm with optional early drop off and late pick up. Please see ParentMail attachment sent today, for more details.

THE SOUND OF CECILY!

The Bennett Memorial School production of 'The Sound of Music' takes place from Wed 6th-Sat 9th Nov and features our very own Cecily Collins (Y3) as one of the Von Trapp children. Tickets are £10 each and are available via Dominique-Cecily's Mum or by leaving a message at the school office for Dominique.

THE GREATEST SHOWMAN

A booking form accompanies this week's newsletter via ParentMail for a Musical Theatre Club at Half term run by Amanda Ledger and Holly Sturman who run our after school Dance Club

PREMIER SPORT CLUBS

Premier would like to give everyone a warm welcome to the new Academic Year. They are running three extracurricular clubs at our school this term. Please see below. To book visit the website www.premier-education.com and search for our school.

Extra-curricular clubs available from 3.20pm - 4.30pm
Netball (Year 3 - Year 6)
Mondays until 9th Dec
Tag Rugby (Year 2 - Year 6)
Tuesdays until 10th December
Hockey (Year 2 - Year 6)
Fridays until 13th December

PHOTOGRAPHS

School photograph proof packs and ordering details have been sent home with every child today. Please note that online orders can be delivered to home addresses. Please follow the instructions in your order pack.

ANNUAL PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE 2019

As Chair of Governors, I would like to thank all of those parents who responded to our Annual Questionnaire at the end of the summer term and who spoke to me throughout the year. The governing body has now collated all of your responses and comments and reported to Mrs Bromley and the Senior Leadership Team.

We were delighted with the overwhelmingly positive responses and for your time and effort in making valuable comments.

Peter Edgesmith

Responses to the questions were as follows:

- My child is happy - 96% Agree
- Feels safe
- My child makes good progress 100% Agree
- My child is well looked after - 96% Agree
- My child is taught well - 100% Agree
- Appropriate homework is given - 89% Agree
- Pupils are well behaved - 93% Agree
- School deals effectively with bullying - 96% Agree
- Well managed school - 89% Agree
- School responds well to concerns - 93% Agree
- Happy with their child's school progress information - 100% Agree
- Would recommend our school to others - 100% Agree

Some of the comments made include:

What do you like most about LSM?

'Excellent and dedicated teachers and support staff, Mrs Bromley, older children helping younger children, friendliness, family feel, community, safe, nurturing, afterschool clubs, welcoming, inclusive, Christmas production'

Changes to consider

'Computers frequently not working, different playtimes between Key Stages, more sport, English homework not adequate enough, whole school approach to healthy eating, 7.45am start for breakfast club, gender issues...more 'masculinity', fresh fruit for all year groups, more maths homework, parents invited to lunch, toilets need updating'

Better explanations about

'How children are supported with digital skills, not just safety and relationships, what happens if bullying occurs, homework'

I am pleased to report that action has already been implemented for many of the above comments and plans are in place for others to be addressed during this school year, including:

- All toilets fully refurbished during the summer holidays
- A new Healthy Eating Policy introduced from September and we thank parents for their overwhelming support for this
- Free fresh fruit & vegetables, are provided by the government for all Infant pupils and the school offers any extra fruit and vegetables to KS2 pupils each day. Unfortunately, there is no government funding currently for KS2 pupils. Some schools sell fresh fruit, but in discussion with some parents, it was felt that home provision of fresh fruit and vegetables was sufficient
- Our behaviour policy is on the school website and we will publish updates and reminders in our weekly newsletters about strategies used in school including our '3 Tells'

- We spoke to our pupils about separate playtimes, the majority wanted to be able to play with their younger/older brothers, sister, cousins and friends. Several parents also commented very positively in the questionnaire about the caring nature of the older pupils towards the younger ones. We will continue to monitor this

- We do not have the capacity to offer longer care hours than the current 10 hours of 8am-6pm

- Gender and Relationships will form the basis of a curriculum review this year, as a result, of new DfE requirements. We will be inviting parents to join us in forum discussions to help shape this for our school

- Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity any longer to accommodate parents for lunch on a regular basis. Our school hall is full at lunchtimes with no space for more tables. The hall is also required both am and pm for curriculum purposes

- Our curriculum, will be reviewed this year due to the new Ofsted Framework requirements and we will be publishing information for parents about all subject areas, including 'digital skills'

- Our current PE and extra-curricular sport provision is continually being reviewed and governors are happy with the current provision. We are also delighted with the ongoing success of our sports teams in Inter School competitions and with the amazing achievements of so many of our pupils at area, County and National level

Today in school bags, you will receive:

Every Family ~ PTA Disco form & Photograph proof packs

Today via ParentMail:

Every Family ~ PTA Disco Form

Every Family ~ Half Term Dance, Football & Musical Theatre Clubs

SCHOOL DATES 2019/20

Wednesday	4 th September	Start Term 1
Tuesday	1 st October 3 rd December	Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
Tuesday	1 st October	Year 3,4,5 & 6 Cross Country -Schools of Sommerhill, Tonbridge 3.30-5.00pm
Wednesday	2 nd October - 16 th October	Year 1 Forest School
Monday	7 th October	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 9.30am
Thursday	10 th October	World Mental Health day - Dress in Yellow suggested donation £1
Thursday	10 th October -15 th October	Travelling Book Fair
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-6.30pm Booking Deadline-Friday 11th October
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