



## LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CEP SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS BRIEF

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### MESSAGE FROM IMMUNISATION TEAM

Schools have played a vital role in the response to COVID-19 and it is more important than ever this year to protect our loved ones and the more vulnerable members of our community. The school-age vaccination schedule will take place in all schools and The Kent and Medway Immunisation Service will be in our school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to administer Flu vaccine for children in years R to year 6.

The permission form has already been sent to families via ParentMail and parents must decline or consent by 20<sup>th</sup> October. The vaccine is via nasal spray. We are sorry but parents are not able to accompany children for in school vaccinations. Parents may like to share the following short animation film with children at home:

<https://vimeo.com/454024720>

### ACTIVITY CLUBS

After School Activity Clubs as listed in last week's News Brief will begin from next Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Pupils must be booked into the club before being able to attend.

### HARVEST FOODBANK COLLECTION

We will be having a Harvest Foodbank collection on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Please send a jar, tin or packet of dried food as a donation. We know that so many families have been reliant on our local foodbank during the past few months.

### PUPIL PHOTOGRAPHS

Profiles Photography will be coming to take Individual and sibling photographs on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. We are sorry but we will be unable to offer extended family pictures this year with parents and younger siblings.

### SICKNESS NOTIFICATION

As if we all didn't have enough to deal with in respect of coughs, colds and Covid.....there is now a sickness bug emerging. Please be reminded that children who have an upset stomach or sickness must not return to school for at least 48 hours after the last onset of symptoms. This is vital to prevent increased spread across our school community.

### END OF DAY ROUTINES

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make our morning and afternoon routines run so smoothly and safely.

As the inclement weather, draws in we will be shortening the pick-up window in the afternoons so that people don't get cold and wet.

3pm-YR & Y1, plus their siblings.

3.05pm-Y2 plus their siblings.

3.10pm Y3 & Y4 plus their siblings.

3.15pm Y5 & Y6

Morning drop off will continue with the earlier window starting at 8.40am to 9am for all pupils.

### WELLIES, SHOES AND SLIPPERS

Pupils are very welcome to keep a pair of slippers in their backpacks to wear at school. This idea was, introduced in our school several years ago during our muddy building works, and the children told us how cosy and nice it made them feel.

Slippers must be sensible plain style of any colour or pattern and have backs to them (no sliders). Very large novelty designs may not be worn, as they are not safe on our floor surfaces and stairs.

### HAPPY BAG COLLECTION

Today you will receive a 'Happy Bag'. Please fill your Happy Bags with clean unwanted adults and children's clothes, shoes, bags, belts, jewellery, unused toiletries, accessories etc. Please DO NOT fill with uniform, bedding, duvets, curtains, blankets, toys or bricbrac. Black bags can also be used if you have a large amount to clear out! Bags can be dropped from next Monday morning. Cars may drop bags between 10am and 2pm only.

The bags will be collected next Thursday morning 8<sup>th</sup> October and we cannot accept donations after this date and time.

### CHRISTMAS CARD ART ORDERS

Today every pupil will bring home their Christmas Art Design and the details of how their wonderful designs can be ordered online and printed into Christmas cards, wrapping paper etc. **All orders will require the original art work to be returned to school, order deadline Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.**

## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

We will be recognising World Mental Health Day next Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Children may wear a yellow top (T-shirt, sweatshirt etc) with their school uniform/PE kit, a yellow hat, scarf, headband, ribbons, face paint. Please make sure that all clothing items are name labelled. Children could also bring a yellow snack.....maybe get baking and bring a cake for your Friday treat decorated with yellow icing!

## INVICTA ACADEMY

Anna Firth. Who is a Sevenoaks District Councillor and a team of Sevenoaks mums and Kent teachers, have set up the Kent Invicta Academy to help children catch up following the Covid school closures - you may have heard about them on the news or in the paper, social media etc.

Operating as a community interest company, they offered over 30,000 free lessons to over 2,000 children in Kent and a further 18,000 to 1,500 children nationwide. Their mission is to level up education so that all children have the opportunity to do their best, either entirely free or at very affordable prices.

They are now offering a whole weekend of 11+ lessons followed by half-term catch-up in Maths and English, free for children on free school meals or in receipt of pupil premium (this does not include Universal Infant School Meal pupils in YR, Y1 & Y2), or for just £5 a lesson for 11+, or £2 a lesson for half-term catch-up lessons.

All lessons are taught online by a live, fully qualified, experienced teacher supported by a lesson facilitator to ensure that children can ask questions and receive answers as well.

For 11+ practice please head to

<https://www.invictaacademy.com/11-plus-preparationto>

Parents can sign up for a morning, whole day or 2 days. Each session costs £5 so £15 a morning, £30 a day or £60 for a whole weekend.

For English and Maths catch-up sessions at half term please head to

<https://www.invictaacademy.com/half-term-catch-up>

Parents can sign up for one lesson at £2 or all ten for their key stage for £20.

*Cllr Anna Firth, Stephen James, Cat Davison,  
Laurie Glover and Caroline Platt*

*The Kent Invicta Academy Team*

## BELATED YEAR 5 SCHOOL TROPHIES

This week we had the pleasure of presenting our belated Year 5 trophies to pupils now in Year 6. Traditionally at the end of each academic year, two pupils in Year 5 are awarded the Bedford-Smith Cup for 'Effort' and 'Outstanding Attitude to Learning' and the Achievement Shield donated in memory of Douglas Collins. Douglas attended Lamberhurst St Mary's School in 1926. This award presented to a Year 5 pupil who demonstrates our school values in all that they do, shows endeavour, resilience, dedication to their studies and a love of learning, just as Douglas did when he was a pupil. This year two pupils share each of the awards. Bedford-Smith Cup to Tabitha Pascoe & Ella Belling Douglas Collins Award to Daniel Corcoran & Lily Marshall.



## SO FAR THIS TERM.....

This week every family will receive a 'So far this term...' page with a few pictures and celebrations of what the classes have been up to in our first 4 weeks back at school. Everyone has worked so hard and we are very proud of everyone's efforts during this very strange and challenging time.

**Today you will also receive in school bags:**

- Happy School Bags to fill
- Christmas Card Art proofs and order forms.

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

- Every Year Group ~ 'So far this term update...'