



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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WELCOME BACK

We hope that everyone had a lovely summer break and are all ready for another great year at school!

Mrs Bromley and all the staff would like to thank parents and children for their generous and lovely presents at the end of last term.

A very warm welcome to our new pupils and their parents, especially Ruby Class children, who are all starting school for the very first time. I know that our wonderful school community will make them all very welcome. It has been lovely to see children coming into their new classes so happy and excited to be starting a new school year.

CLASS MEETINGS

Parents of pupils in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are warmly invited to drop into the school hall next Monday 9th September to meet Class Teachers and chat about learning and expectations in their new year groups. Meetings will take place: 8.45-9am and 3-3.15pm. A 'notes' sheet will also be sent by each Class Teacher with next week's newsletter for parents who are unable to attend. The notes will cover the main points of discussions and any questions raised.

Please do let teachers know via Home School Contact books if you ever have any queries or worries.

Ruby Class parents are invited to a class meeting with Mrs Connors at 2.45pm on Tuesday 17th September.

FOREST SCHOOL

LEARNING

We are delighted that our PTA has funded another year of Forest School Learning. Every Year group will have two blocks of Forest School activities at The Gravel Pit in Lamberhurst. The sessions will run for three consecutive weeks per year group up to February half term and then repeated for each year group through the spring and summer terms. Sessions will be on a Wednesday with the exception of the first two sessions for Year 2, starting next week, which are on a Monday.

9th, 18th, 25th Sept - Y2

2nd, 9th, 16th Oct - Y1

30th Oct, 6th, 13th Nov - Y3

20th, 27th Nov, 4th Dec - Y4

8th, 15th, 22nd Jan - Y5

29th Jan, 5th, 12th Feb - Y6

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 & YR

Children will need to come to school dressed suitably for outdoor learning in all weather...rain or shine, sun or snow! There may be some adjustments to timetables in the event of high winds or very severe weather conditions. Each class is divided into two groups to attend either the morning or afternoon session on each day.

YEAR 6 TEAM BUILDING

DAY

Next Friday 13th September, Year 6 will be taking part in a Team Building Day, led by the Wise Up Team Building company. We have worked with the Wise Up team for several years and the children really enjoy these physical, active thinking challenges. PE kit should be worn to school and a waterproof jacket/sunhat according to weather conditions on the day.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Profiles photography will be at school next Tuesday 10th Sept to take individual photographs and family photographs.

All children at school will be automatically photographed both individually and with brothers and sisters during the school morning.

Any parents who would also like a photograph with preschool children, babies and themselves may come to the school hall at 8.30am and photographs will be taken before school begins. Proof photograph and order packs will then be sent out within a couple of weeks.

Please make sure that all pupils have full, smart school uniform and hair.

Today you will also receive by email:

Every Family ~ Music lessons and After School Activity Clubs letter (also sent out last term)
Year 5 & 6 ~ Outing Letter
Year 5 & 6 ~ Football Letter
Year R & Y6 ~ National Child Measurement Programme Letter

PARENTMAIL & SCHOOLGRID

Could all parents please check that they are signed up to Parent Mail and SchoolGrid.

Mrs Knight in the school office can help if you have any problems with your sign up.

ParentMail is our primary means of communicating important school information including the weekly newsletter to parents and is the portal for parents to pay for school services such as Care Club, Outings, Music lessons etc Parents can pay and order school lunches via the SchoolGrid App.

SNACK TIME

A reminder that our school snack policy is that pupils may bring fresh fruit and vegetables only from Monday to Thursday.

All pupils in Year R, 1 & 2 are offered free fruit or Vegetables every day as part of the government fruit and veg scheme.

They are of course welcome to bring fruit and veg from home. On Fridays, children may bring a 'Friday Feast' treat for their snack. This can include a small sandwich, cheese, crisps, biscuits or a small chocolate bar. Please only provide standard size portions and not oversize bars and packets.

RUGBY INVITATION

Have your children ever wanted to try rugby? Boys and girls are welcome this Sunday, 8th Sept at Cranbrook Rugby Club. The club warmly invites all ages (up to 12) to their 'bring a friend' session, 10am - 12pm. More information on their website: www.cranbrookrugby.com
Location: Tomlin Ground, Angley Rd, Cranbrook TN17 2PN

PTA UNIFORM SALE

The PTA is hosting the next second-hand uniform sale on Thursday 12th Sept at drop off and pick up. There are many items of good quality uniform

PARKING & DRIVING TO SCHOOL

A polite reminder to parents and all family members and friends who drop off and pick up pupils at school, that there is no parking or dropping off/picking up in the school car park or the entrance to the school.

Parents dropping for Breakfast Club/picking up from Care Club may park in the car park between 8am-8.15am and 4.30-6pm.

To keep children safe as they walk to and from school, **please do not park or drive in Pearse Place or turn cars in or near the school entrance, which is very dangerous for our pupils.**

In the interests of good relations with our neighbours in Pearse Place please do not park in the road especially across driveways and in the residents parking area opposite the school entrance. We would appreciate parents making friends and family aware of these requests.

SWIMMING LESSONS

From next Tuesday 10th September, all pupils in Year 4, 5 & 6 will be having swimming lessons as part of their statutory PE curriculum. Travel to the pool at The Weald Sports Centre, Cranbrook is by coach and the lessons are taught by swimming coaches at the centre. There is no charge to parents as these lessons are funded by generous donation from our PTA and our Sports Premium Fund.

All pupils-boys and girls require a red swimming hat. Costumes and trunks may be any colour. Red swimming hats are available from the school office £1.50.

BETHANY SCHOOL MASTERCLASSES

Each year Bethany School, Goudhurst run five Master Classes for pupils in Year 5 who may like to consider the school as a secondary school option. There are three Masterclasses in the autumn term and two in the spring:

High Ropes - Saturday, 14th September - 10am-noon.

Music - Saturday 5th October - 10am-noon.

Design & Technology - Saturday 30th November - 10am-noon.

There is no charge for these Master Classes. Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis so please get in touch to reserve a place on the Class of your choice. Children may attend more than one, but places will depend on numbers so you will be asked for a first, second and third choice. For further information, contact Juliana Tagliari on 01580 211273. email: marketing@bethanyschool.org.uk

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Please notify the school office via telephone, email or NHS Studybugs, before 9.15am if your child is absent from school. Messages may also be left on the school answer machine at any time outside office hours.

<https://studybugs.com/>

YEAR 5 & 6 TRIP TO GREENWICH

On Wednesday 25th September, Year 5 & 6 will be going on a trip to Greenwich, travelling by coach, which has been funded by our PTA. There is a small charge to parents towards the activities for the day.

MUSIC LESSONS & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Music lessons and After School Activity Clubs all begin from next Monday. Please return permission forms to school.

SCHOOL DATES 2019/20

Wednesday	4 th September	Start Term 1
Monday	9 th September	Class Meetings 8.45am-9.00am & 3.00pm-3.15pm (Y1-Y6)
Monday	9 th September-25 th September	Year 2 Forest School
Tuesday	10 th September	Individual & Family Group Photographs from 8.30am
Tuesday	10 th September - 3 rd December	Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday	11 th September	Year R Kent Messenger First Class Photograph
Thursday	12 th September	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale at Drop Off & Pick Up
Friday	13 th September	Year 6 Team Building Day
Tuesday	17 th September	Year R Class Meeting 2.45pm
Wednesday	18 th September	Year 5 & 6 WOKSSA Football Tournament, Benenden 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Wednesday	25 th September	Year 5 & 6 Outing Greenwich Maritime Museum
Wednesday	2 nd October - 16 th October	Year 1 Forest School
Monday	7 th October	Harvest Festival St Mary's Church 9.30am
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
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