



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class (Yr R)-Kitty Caddick
Emerald Class (Yr 1)-Sienna York
Topaz Class- (Yr 2)-Sophie Bateup
Amber Class- (Yr 3)-Imogen Chartres
Sapphire Class- (Yr 4)-Max Waterman
Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Megan Barty
Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-James Rochay
Best Manners Award-Isaac Whittles & Minnie Young

The 'Oscar' award will return next week. Year 2 pupils will be choosing someone from outside their own class and sharing with us in assembly why they have chosen this pupil. The following two weeks will follow the same format with Year 1 and then Ruby Class, after which the classes will revert, starting with year 6 to choosing someone from within their own class.

NEW FAMILY SERVICE AT ST MARY'S

On Sunday 20th January, a new family service event is being launched at 4pm at St Mary's Church Lamberhurst. This is a brand new gathering for families, children and teens.

Come and join everyone for music, worship, drama, crafts and more. All welcome. Future dates are to be announced.

More info from Rev Andrew on 890688 or

revandrew@mail.com

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

We have six values that are really important to us as a school and support the Christian Ethos and Foundation of our school:

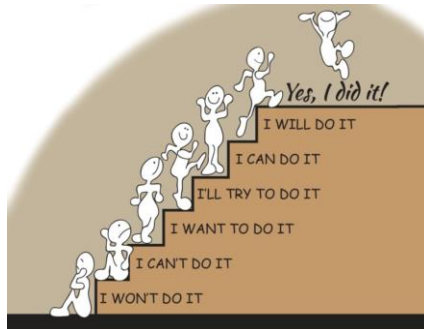
Community, Respect, Resilience, Aspiration, Honesty & Responsibility.

Each term we focus particularly on one value and try to identify ways in which can live this value in our daily lives.

This term our value is:
RESILIENCE

Each week class teachers will be looking for pupils in their class who demonstrate this value and to award them the HT Sticker.

We hope that Mums and Dads can praise children at home too for any demonstrations of resilience and perseverance, no matter how great or small and to help to support our Growth Mind-set culture.



RUBY CLASS PUPILS AND PARENT OUTING

We are very excited to have been awarded a fully funded outing for Ruby Class pupils to visit Bore Place with a parent or other adult family member, to take part in a Healthy Eating Project.

Our project will begin with a whole school assembly to introduce Bore Place, the project and healthy living concepts. Each class in the school will also receive classroom resources which will also be shared with parents, to deepen learning around healthy eating and lifestyle.

The school visit for Ruby Class pupils plus one adult family member will be to the organic dairy farm at Bore Place, where pupils and parents will enjoy hands-on learning about food production, as well as harvest and cook a meal from fresh organic produce on the farm. Travel to Bore Place will be by coach which has also been fully funded.

There will also be a Family Challenge to encourage pupils to work with their families at home completing challenges on healthy eating and active lifestyles.

Today you will also receive:

Via ParentMail

Every Family ~ DfE Activity Passport

Y5 Girls Netball letter

In School Bags

Ruby Class ~ Outing Letter

Year 6 ~ Bikeability Letter & Info

Every Family ~ Change 4 Life Book

ACTIVITY 'PASSPORT' TO INSPIRE SCHOOL CHILDREN AND BOOST RESILIENCE

As we begin Term 3 and focus on our school value of Resilience, it was interesting to see that the Education Secretary, Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP together with the Department for Education, published a new 'Activity Passport' for children on December 29th. Primary school children will be challenged through a new 'passport' of activities, to encourage more family time and help build children's character and resilience.

The new initiative is endorsed by organisations including the Scouts, Girl guiding and the National Trust - as well as children's charity Action for Children - the list of activities is intended to support parents and schools in introducing children to a wide variety of experiences and fulfilling activities like flying a kite, learning something new about the local area or putting on a performance. Lots of these recommended activities are already part of the rich curriculum and extra-curricular activities here at Lamberhurst St Mary's and we know that our pupils are also extremely lucky with the support and opportunities that they are given by their families. Education Secretary Damian Hinds said: *'When I first became Education Secretary, almost a year ago, I went around asking everyone I met what they wanted for their children. The instinctive answer that came back was never about the curriculum or qualifications, vital as these are - what they wanted first and foremost was for their child to be happy and healthy. As a father that's what I want for my children and as Education Secretary that's what I want for*

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Families are warmly invited to attend the family fun event "Model Our Future", tomorrow, 12th January 2019 from 2pm - 5pm, in the Lamberhurst Village Hall. The NDG need the views of both parents and children on what future improvements and developments could be made in Lamberhurst. Bring your family and have fun by helping to design and build the housing of the future, using Lego and recyclables as models! You can also have your say, in noting what is important to you and your family in future developments within our outstanding, beautiful parish. Refreshments will be available.

PIZZA PARTY DAY

Our catering company Contract Dining is presenting a 'Pizza Party Day' for lunch on Thursday 17th January. A delicious Pizza menu day with Margherita Pizza, Meat Feats Pizza, Veggie Pizza, Homemade Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Peas, Coleslaw, Salad, Chocolate Cake and Fresh Fruit. Book for lunch on this day online in the usual way.

STARSHIPS

A club for children with additional needs and their siblings aged 6-11 to play, have fun and make friends. It takes place on Thursdays, fortnightly Term Time only from 5:00-6:30pm, 17th & 31st Jan, 14th & 28th Feb, 14th & 28th Mar. £4 donation per session Held at St Philip's Church, Salisbury Road, Tonbridge, TN10 4PA. For more information, contact Vicky at clubs@space2beme.org.uk or call her on 01622 764566 or 07872 060456

BIKEABILITY

Each year our Year 6 pupils are offered the option to complete the Bikeability course and test. Bikeability is a National Standard cycle training course comprising of 3 levels, designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. This training will cover level 1 and level 2. It will teach children about how to control their bicycle, to make manoeuvres safely and improve hazard awareness. It will show them how to complete basic cycle safety checks, improve their knowledge of important road signs and increase their observational skills when cycling on the road. Children must be able to ride a bike to take part in the training and be able to carry out the following:

- To listen carefully to their instructor at all times
- Be able to balance on and control their bike when riding
- Behave in a sensible and appropriate manner throughout the course
- To concentrate on the instructions given and be able to safely demonstrate the competencies learnt within their own ability.

The course lasts for 1 ½ days and our series of training days will begin in March.

Parents are asked to read carefully the information which has been sent home with pupils today.

STOP PRESS FOR YEAR 2!

We are also sending an information letter to Year 2 regarding an opportunity for 10 pupils to attend the Infant Agility Festival in Cranbrook, next Thursday 17th January.

SCHOOL DATES 2018/19

Thursday	3 rd January 2019	Start of Term 3
Monday	14 th January	Class Meetings For Parents 9-9.20am & 3.00pm-3.20pm
Thursday	17 th January	Year 2 Infant Agility - 10 Children
Wednesday	30 th January	Year 6 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Tuesday	5 th February	Ruby Class & Parent Outing to Bore Place
Wednesday	6 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Monday	11 th February	Parent Consultations - 3-5.30pm
Tuesday	12 th February	Parent Consultations - 8-9.20am
Wednesday	13 th February	Parent Consultations - 8-8.50am
Wednesday	13 th February	Year 4 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	14 th February	PTA Film Evening - 5-6.30pm
Friday	15 th February	End of Term - 3.20pm
Monday	25 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday	26 th February	Start Term 4
Friday	1 st March	Class Photographs
Friday	1 st - 8 th March	Year 6 Bikeability Training
Wednesday	6 th March	Ash Wednesday Service - 2pm School Hall
Wednesday	13 th March	Year 3 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	14 th March	Year 1 & 2 Outing Museum of Kent Life
Wednesday	20 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	21 st March	Year 3 & 4 Outing Museum of Kent Life
Wednesday	27 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly - 9.00am
Friday	29 th March	Mothering Sunday Breakfast
Wednesday	3 rd April	Year R Class Assembly - 9.00am
Thursday	4 th April	PTA Second hand Uniform Sale - Drop Off & Pick UP
Thursday	4 th April	PTA Easter Disco - 5pm
Friday	5 th April	9.30am Easter Service at St Mary's Church End of Term - 3.20pm