



NEWSLETTER

LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Ruby Class- (Yr R)-William

Gooch

Emerald Class-(Yr 1)-Iris

Giles

Topaz Class-(Yr 2)-Evan Amy

Amber Class-(Yr 3)-Felix

McNamara

Sapphire Class-(Yr 4)-Tabitha

Pascoe

Garnet Class-(Yr 5)-Tristan

Bett

Diamond Class-(Yr 6)-Eva

Rabbetts

'Oscar'-Oliver Wanstall

Best Manners Award-Mielo

Munoz-Moody & Megan Barty

THANK YOUR VICAR WEEK!

Thank Your Vicar Week gives parishes and Church of England primary schools the opportunity to say a big thank you for everything that our clergy does for our school community.

It's happening from this Sunday 14th to next Sunday 21st October, to coincide with St Luke's Feast Day on 18th October.

Thank Your Vicar Week invites every Anglican diocese to take part, organised by St Luke's Healthcare for the Clergy, a charity which cares for clergy health and wellbeing.

It would be lovely if we could fill a big bag with cards and even gifts for Reverend Andrew and Reverend Roger to present to them at the end of next week. Please send your cards and gifts to the school office next week.

LOVE IN A BOX SCHEME

Every class in the school will again be supporting Wadhurst Rotary Club in their 'Love in a box' campaign. Each class will be aiming to fill two boxes with new small gifts which are then taken to needy families, in developing/post war countries. This year St Mary's Parish is also taking part and we would like to encourage families to support their collection too. There will be further information in next week's newsletter.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Every child has designed and made their own Christmas card this week as a class themed design. These are now available as proofs for parents to purchase them professionally printed and produced. There are also other products available from Cauliflower Cards which is a new company for our card project this year as a result of problems with our previous provider.

Today you will also receive in school bags:

Every Family ~ PTA Quiz Night Form, Pupil designed Christmas Card Proofs and order forms, Book Fair Flyer, Sea Life Voucher

YR, Y1, Y2 ~ Free Toothbrush packs

Today you will also receive Via

ParentMail:

Every Family ~ 2019/2020 School dates calendar, PTA Quiz Night Form, Contract Dining updated menu

NSPCC-PANTS!

As part of our PSHE lessons we use the resources on the NSPCC website and would like to encourage parents to view some of the resources with their children. www.nspcc.org.uk

The Pantosaurus materials teach children that it's always good to talk about stuff that makes them upset and if they are worried to go and tell a grown up they trust - like a family member, teacher or one of their friend's parents.

They can also call Childline on 0800 1111 and someone will always be there to listen.

The key message is that there are good secrets and bad secrets. If a secret makes you feel sad or worried, it's bad - and you should tell an adult you trust about it straight away.

Your underwear covers up your private parts and no one should ask to see or touch them.

Sometimes a doctor, nurse or family members might have to. But they should always explain why, and ask you if it's OK first. Remember, what's in your pants belongs only to you.

REVISED MENU

With this week's newsletter you will receive a revised copy of our lunch menu from Contract Dining.

We are very pleased that in response to pupil feedback, chicken Korma now replaces chicken casserole.

BRIGHT SMILES, BRIGHT FUTURES

Pupils in Yr R, Y1 & Y2 will be bringing home a free toothbrush and toothpaste pack today as part of the Colgate Schools programme, which is part of our PSHE learning. We would very much appreciate support from parents to encourage children to clean their teeth regularly and also to visit the dentist.

ST GREGORY'S MULTI-SPORTS



For children aged between 6 and 11 years of age who enjoy a range of sports such as Football, Tennis, Netball, Rounders, Cricket, Basketball, Badminton, Dodgeball and more. St. Gregory's Multi-Sports course during half term break. St Gregory's School, Reynolds Lane, TN4 9XL
Wednesday 24th, Thursday 25th & Friday 26th Oct. 10 am - 3 pm
£15 per day. If two or more siblings, then £12.50 each per day. Please make cheques payable to "Miss. O. Bradbury" and return with the completed slip which accompanied last week's newsletter to: 33 Holden Park Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 OER
Children need to bring a packed lunch, plenty of fluids and snacks.
If you are interested in enrolling your child, please complete and sign the form and return it to the address above. You will receive booking confirmation of your child's place via text or email. Please book early to avoid disappointment - places are limited.
CONTACT: Noel Bradbury
n.bradbury@stgregorys.school.org.uk

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE REVIEW

Dear Parents,

As Chair of Governors I am very pleased to be able to present a very positive picture from the Parent Questionnaire responses for the 2017/18. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those families who took the time to answer the questionnaires. Your views, comments and thoughts are important to us and the results of this survey together with staff feedback and governor monitoring have formed valuable contributions to our thinking and planning for the new academic year. The overwhelmingly positive feedback confirms the conviction of the staff in their desire to achieve the best for the children in their care and make Lamberhurst St Mary's the successful school it is. The results of the survey were:

My Child is happy at this school - 97%
My child feels safe - 100%
My child makes good progress - 86% although 7% said they didn't know
My child is well looked after - 100%
My child is taught well - 93%
My child receives appropriate homework - 86% although 3% said they didn't know
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved - 93% although 7% said they didn't know
The school deals effectively with bullying - 45% agreed, 3% disagreed and 52% said that they didn't know and then commented in the text box that they had not encountered bullying.

The school is well led - 86% although 14% said that they didn't know

The school responds to any concerns I raise - 86%, 7% disagreed, 7% don't know
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress - 97%, 3% disagree

Would recommend the school to another parent - 93%, 7% disagree
Some of the comments relating to questions 13-15 included: What do you like most about LSM?

Safe and secure environment, caring ethos and high standards of behaviour, community/the way that year groups interact, an inclusive school, lovely family atmosphere, music is excellent.

What changes or additions would you like us to consider? Greater focus on attitudes, supplementary learning during school hours, more teaching of life skills, consideration of sports coaching and sports clubs

I would like the following explained more clearly: Homework, sometimes the newsletter could be a bit more detailed.

HAPPY SCHOOL BAGS

Last week you will have received a 'Happy School Bag' to fill and return to school.

The final collection date for the bags is Thursday 1st November and we do have a small amount of dry storage space for parents who wish to send them in sooner than the collection date.

The bags can be filled with clean, unwanted adult and children's clothes and pairs of shoes, boots & trainers as well as handbags, belts, hats and accessories, jewellery, towels, bedlinen, toiletries & perfume.

SCHOOL DATES 2018/19

Wednesday	5 th September	Start of Term 1
Tuesday	11 th September-4 th December	Sapphire, Garnet & Diamond Class Swimming lessons
Monday	15 th October	Parent Consultations 3pm-5.30pm & Book Fair Sale
Tuesday	16 th October	Parent Consultations 8.00am-9.20am & Book Fair Sale
Tuesday	16 th October	Ruby Class Meeting 2.45pm-3.15pm
Wednesday	17 th October	Parent Consultations 8.00am-9.20am & Book Fair Sale
Wednesday	17 th October	Ruby Class Trip - Pizza Express, Tunbridge Wells Parents to drop off 9.25am and collect 10.45am
Thursday	18 th October	PTA Autumn Disco 5pm - 6.30pm
Friday	19 th October	End of Term 3.20pm or after clubs
Monday	29 th October	Start of Term 2 Christmas Card Artwork back to school deadline (ordered Artwork only)
Wednesday	31 st October	Garnet & Diamond Class -Private Peaceful 8.20am Drop Off
Wednesday	31 st October - 1 st November	Amber, Sapphire, Garnet and Diamond Class STEM Design and Technology days
Friday	2 nd November	Happy Bag Collection 9.00 am
Friday	2 nd November	PTA Second hand uniform sale - drop-off & pick up
Friday	2 nd November	PTA The Big School Quiz Night 7.30pm
Wednesday	7 th November (9 th & 14 th November)	Amber & Sapphire Class High Weald Mapping Workshops
Friday	9 th November	11 am School Remembrance Silence
Sunday	18 th November	PTA Autumn Welly Walk 10.00am
Monday	19 th November	Road Safety Awareness Week
Monday	3 rd December	Immunisation Programme Yr R -Yr 6
Tuesday	4 th December	Emerald & Topaz Class Carol singing at the 'Caring Group' lunch in Lamberhurst
Wednesday	12 th December	Christmas Performance -2pm
Thursday	13 th December	Christmas Performance -2pm
Friday	14 th December	Christmas Performance -2pm
Monday	17 th December	PTA Christmas Market
Thursday	20 th December	9.30am Christmas Church Service Christmas Lunch for Staff, Governors and Pupils End of Term 2pm Nutcracker Outing to London 7.30pm
Thursday	3 rd January 2019	Start of Term 3