



# NEWSLETTER

## LAMBERHURST ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWS

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### WELCOME BACK

We hope that everyone had a lovely, although very hot summer break!

Mrs Bromley and all the staff would like to thank parents and children for their lovely presents at the end of last term-they were all very much appreciated.

This term we welcome many new pupils and their parents to our school and know that our wonderful school community will make them all very welcome.

We would like to make a special welcome to all our Ruby Class families, especially the children, who are all starting school for the very first time. It has been lovely to see the children coming into their new classes so happily, with such confidence and also so pleased to back at school with their friends and teachers.

### CLASS MEETINGS

Parents of pupils in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are warmly invited to drop into the school hall next Monday 10<sup>th</sup> 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, covering the discussions and any questions raised. Please do let teachers know via Home School Contact books if you ever have any queries or worries.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Profiles photography will be coming to school next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September to take individual photographs and family photographs.

**All children at school will automatically be 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.

### CONTACT DETAILS

It is very important that the school office has up to date contact details for any pupils who may have changed their home address or parent telephone numbers over the summer break. Please contact Mrs Knight and Mrs Simpson via the school office if you need to notify us of any changes. This can be done by telephone or email: 01892 890281

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### **ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**

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

### PARENTMAIL

Could all parents please check that they are signed up to Parent Mail and contact Mrs Knight in the school office if you have any problems signing up.

This is our primary means of communicating important school information and the weekly newsletter to parents.

### **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 or picking up from Care Club may come into the car park between 8am-8.15am and from 4.30pm.

We do now ask that parents picking up from After school sports and activity clubs, park offsite as we now have a larger numbers of children attending these clubs and there is not enough room in the car park.

In the interests of good relations with our neighbours in Pearse Place and to keep children safe as they walk to and from school, **please do not park or drive in Pearse Place when dropping off and picking up children from school.**

**Turning cars in or near the school entrance is also very dangerous for our pupils.**

We would appreciate parents making friends and family aware of these requests.

## LATENESS TO SCHOOL

We are very grateful to our parents who are very supportive of attendance and punctuality at our school, which has resulted in us being recognised by the government as being one of the top performing schools in the country for 'Attendance'. Whilst we acknowledge that occasionally there can be unexpected delays in the mornings, particularly for those who travel along the dreaded A21, some of our pupils have consistent late marks in the registers which are monitored by the Local Authority and have also been missing important early morning work.

Please help us to get all pupils into class in good time by arriving at school on time.

The gate will be open from 8.45-8.55 and pupils should go quickly to their classrooms to line up for assembly which will begin at 9am. If pupils arrive after the gate has closed, they should go into school through the front door and straight into the hall for assembly. Their name will be recorded in a late diary together with the reason for lateness so that genuine emergencies are acknowledged and reported.

Parents of children who continue to be persistently late will be contacted by letter and invited to a meeting to discuss any ongoing difficulties.

Please do contact Mrs Bromley if there are likely to be issues regarding punctuality so that we can support you.

## HEADLICE

Oh dear only 3 days in and the nits have invaded!!!!

PLEASE... check and nit comb through every child's hair this weekend. Children with live lice in their hair will be asked to go home for treatment.

## HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Every week during our Friday Celebration Assembly, one pupil from each class is chosen by their class teacher to receive the weekly 'Headteacher Award Sticker'. The teachers explain to the whole school why they have noticed and chosen each child and each child comes to the front of assembly, shakes hands with Mrs Bromley and their teacher to a round of applause.

The 'Best Manners Award' is given to two pupils who have impressed staff with their manners at lunchtime.

Oscar and Oscar's Dad are a pair of owls which are presented to a child each week who demonstrates our school values. This award is very special for the children as it is discussed in class and voted for by their peers. As adults we are always very humbled with the mature and thoughtful way that our pupils present their nominations.

The children's names are published in the newsletter too. Birthdays are celebrated and from this year each pupil will be called to the front of the hall and given a 'Birthday Bar' of chocolate (alternative for allergy sufferers). This treat will replace the much loved 'Birthday Judo Throw', to save Mrs Bromley's poor ageing back!!!

## LAMBERHURST SCHOOL OF THEATRE DANCE

Katherine Mansi has offered our School a donation of £10 for our school funds when one of our pupils signs up for a term of dancing with her between 7th - 30th September - (Quote Lamberhurst St Mary's). Congratulations to the dance school and Katherine on 40+ years!

## VOLUNTARY HELPERS

As always we would really value and appreciate voluntary helpers in school to hear readers and help with class projects.

Volunteers need to complete a new form every year even if they have already helped previously in school. The form asks for 2 referees but these are not required for parent volunteers.

Our school policy is that parents, family members and close family friends will not be placed in a class or group to which they are related or closely associated with a pupil. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

## RECEPTION/RUBY CLASS PARENTS

Reception/Ruby Class parents, pupils and their younger and older brothers and sisters have been invited to a special free 'Playtime at Scotney Castle'.

This will take place next Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September from 3.15pm and parents may arrange via Home School Contact books to pick up their children at 3pm from school in order to attend this event.

It will be a great opportunity to get to know each other and also to visit Scotney and meet the team. There will be free refreshments too!

Amy Reynolds, Assistant Visitor Experience Manager at Scotney Castle will be there to greet everyone.

## Today you will also receive in school bags:

Every Family ~ Contract Dining new menu

Year 5 ~ Scotney Trip Letter

Year 5 ~ Kent College Author visit

Year 4, 5 & 6 ~ Swimming letter.

Red swimming hats available from the school office £1.50