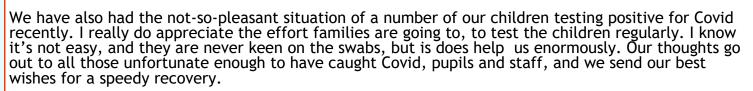
Weekly Newsletter

5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you had a restful half term. As you may have seen or heard, we had a busy half term here, with some exciting new murals on our walls and a new 'Haven' being built. More details are in this newsletter and on our website.



Next week we have Parent Consultations, hopefully you have received an email letting you know about signing up for a virtual slot. We took the decision to keep them virtual following the feedback from our consultations in March, and due to the ongoing precautions around reducing the spread of Covid. We look forward to meeting with you and discussing how your child has settled into their new class.

Best wishes Suzanne Farr



Our new Library windows provide some inspiration and helps our library to feel snug and secluded. We are sure the children will enjoy spending time in here even more now!

Upcoming Dates and events

9th and 10th November–Parent Consultations-virtual

12th November–Year 3 Class Assembly (parents invited)

24th November–Science Day

26th November–Own clothes Day

27th November–Christmas Virtual Family Quiz

2nd December-Enrichment Day

6th/7th December—KS1 Xmas production-afternoon perfomrances

10th December-Christmas Raffle

13th December–Christmas Lunch

16th December–Pupils last Day

17th December-INSET day.

This amazing history timeline is already fascinating the children. They have been able to spot events and eras that they are learning about, as well as other interesting points of interest.





We are proud of our values as a school, and we wanted to display these clearly. Our hall now shows everyone that we are a caring school, with pupils who care, achieve well, have respect for others and themselves and enjoys making the most of life's opportunities.

Our next plan is a coat of paint in the Hall to help our new murals shine!

<u>The Haven</u>

We are excited to share the development of our new Haven with you. When completed, it will be a nurture zone, providing sensory support and a place of respite and calm. I would like to say a huge Thank You to Mr Sadler and Mrs Bennett for all their help in painting the building and making the fence—much more of a task then we anticipated! Our next step is to put in the power and heating, lay a soft floor and some furnishings and then to ensure we have all the correct resources in it.



Our Wonderful PTA are holding a Virtual Quiz. A fantastic opportunity to start getting in the festive spirit!







From next week, our Head boy and Head girl will be going around to classes selling poppies. If your child would like to purchase one, please can they bring in a donation.



Safety tips to tell your little one:

- fireworks are exciting, but they can be very dangerous and can hurt you. Listen to your grown-up about where is a safe place to stand.
- never touch a firework. Don't pick up a firework after it has been used.
- wear your gloves when you hold your sparkler and keep it away from your body.
- it's not a good idea to hold more than one sparkler at once.
- keep your sparkly sparkler safely away from other people and don't run around with it.
- don't throw your sparkler in case it hits someone.
- once your sparkler is finished, put it into a bucket of water, don't pick it back up. It stays hot for a long time and can burn you.
- leave your dressing up clothes at home on fireworks night, wrap up warm instead.
- stand well away from the bonfire and stay close to the grown-ups.
- don't be tempted to throw things into the bonfire or poke at it with sticks.
- if you're going to a firework display, hold hands with your grownup and stay with them all the time.

<u>AIM</u> is a local charity supporting families with low incomes achieve full and fair access to grammar schools in Kent.

Free tuition will be offered weekly from January to September at Skinners' School in Tunbridge Wells and The Judd School in Tonbridge. Information about the AIM programme can be found at <u>aimkent.org.uk.</u>

The programme includes free weekly tutoring, holiday workshops, mock exams and enrichment activities for those children who receive Pupil Premium funding.

Tunbridge Wells Assessment Morning Sunday 21st November, 10am at The Skinners' School Book via Eventbrite

Tonbridge Assessment Morning Sunday 28th November, 10am at The Judd School Book via Eventbrite

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School Raffle

We are still looking for further donations for our Christmas Raffle. If you, or anyone you know, would like to donate a prize, please do let us know. It may be a great opportunity for a local business to get involved in our community with a bit of advertising and promotion, or perhaps a way to get their product more well-known. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

We will soon be letting you know about how to purchase tickets—so watch this space!



2nd December-Enrichment Day

Learn-a-new-Skill Day

We are excited to let you know, that on 2nd December, we will be having our first enrichment Day of the year. It is a day dedicated to inspiring our children through experiences and activities, giving them a chance to try new things. This time we are asking our children to learn a new skill. They will attend four workshops over the course of the day, each one engaging and interesting .

In KS2 they will learn about African drumming, develop artistic skills with a published illustrator, learn some new forest skills and learn some handy First Aid skills too.

In EYFS and KS1, they will be trying their hand at golf, Indian Dance, circus skills and sign language. EYFS will also have an additional biscuit decorating activity.

We will share more information about the day nearer the time, letting you know about clothing they might need and any other key information.