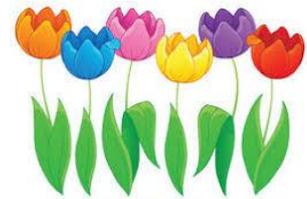


Headteacher's Newsletter February 2018



Dear Parents

We have reached the end of this very cold term, which, strangely, is called Spring term. Let's hope that Spring makes an appearance soon especially as we are moving into the second half of the year. It has been a successful term in the classrooms and as ever we will be looking to build on this as we move forward. The next couple of months are always interesting in schools as we start to get an understanding of our budget for the following year and this is particularly the case at the moment as there is so little money being directed our way. As I have said before, I am determined to ensure that the education and opportunities we provide the children are not affected by a reduction in funds. Therefore I am always so grateful for the work of the PTFA and also the support you show us with all sorts of donations and payments. Thank you.

Reports

Your child's interim report has been sent home today. The aim is for this to be a very individual and personal report about your child's learning and attitude towards school. We have parents' consultations scheduled for the 15th March and the reports can be discussed then. Of course I am sure the class teacher will be happy to speak to you in the meantime if the report throws up any particular queries.

The report also contains information about attendance up to the end of January. This figure includes unauthorised absences, illness and medical appointments. You know that I am keen to ensure that every child has the very best attendance possible and according to KCC any child with an attendance below 90% is deemed to be a 'persistent absentee'. Please do all you can to ensure your child is in school every day possible, unless they are ill of course, so you give your child the best chance to access the teaching and learning we have here.

There has been a noticeable improvement in lateness so thank you to those of you that have made a real effort this term. I realise that the closure of Graveney Road really hasn't helped and I do appreciate your efforts in getting in on time despite this. Hopefully the road will be open again after half term.

Uniform

It has been noticed recently that for some our uniform policy has been interpreted differently and perhaps a little loosely. Please ensure that the policy is followed, taking into account that shoes should be worn rather than trainers, leggings are not included and therefore shouldn't be worn and that hair attire should be functional rather than a fashion statement. I have added the policy to the bottom of the homepage on our website so you can easily access it if you need to as a reminder.

Bub News

Four children attended the cross country last Saturday. Violet Barnicott was the fastest girl of all the years 3 and 4 children and actually came 4th out of all the ages in the girls' inter-school competition. Well done Violet.



Nine children from year 6 attended a This Girl Can basketball match against Ethelbert Road on Wednesday and won 61 -56. By all accounts the match was played in a sporting way with a competitive edge!

Many of the Key Stage 2 children entered a writing competition before Christmas, producing 500 word mini sagas on a 'Toy Story' theme. We are pleased to say that lots of the children have been successful and now have the opportunity to have their work published in a book! In order for this to happen, parents and carers need to give their permission. All information regarding this is in an envelope your child will have been given today, if they were successful.



Our collective worship sessions this week have been led by Ms Godfrey, Rev Jean Burrows and Rev Paul Glass. Our prayer last week was written by Chloe in year 6 Bears and was as follows:
Dear Lord, Thank you for the education that will help us to get a job later on in life, for the money to buy things we need and for the love and peace that brings the world together. Amen



Finally, upon our return to school Ms Godfrey will become Mrs Cottenden following her wedding next week. I'm sure I can speak for all of the Boughton and Dunkirk school community when I say that we wish Ms Godfrey the very best of luck for the day and in the future with her new husband. I hope you all have a great half term break and look forward to seeing you on our first day back on Tuesday 20th February.



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