

HEADTEACHER HIGHLIGHTS



8th January 2021

Happy New Year!

Well this isn't the start to the year that we were hoping for, however we are working within the new systems and I have to say how proud I am of the way that everyone has adapted so quickly. The teaching staff have been amazing at changing the way that they work at such short notice.

Teachers and support staff providing the remote learning have had to get to grips with teaching using Microsoft Teams and all of the technological problems it has brought. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Witherington who was inundated with requests to reset passwords and who worked so hard to remedy the issues. I would also like to thank parents who have been so patient and understanding when TEAMS sessions have had difficulties. Mrs Pollard and I have joined some of the sessions this week and it was lovely to see so many pupils engaging and that they were so pleased to see each other and the staff.

The Keyworker bubbles in school have also been working well and I would like to thank those parents who have only sent their children in when it has been absolutely necessary. If there is someone at home that can look after your child whilst you work, then the child needs to remain at home. We are observing strict rules in school with all adults wearing visors when teaching and wearing masks when walking around the school. Pupils in the bubbles are sitting spaced apart and there is no mixing between the class groups. We need to keep the risk to staff and families as low as we possibly can.

Food Parcels

The staff in the kitchen have worked so hard this week to prepare food parcels for those families who are eligible to receive them. Kent County Council are looking to move to issuing vouchers rather than food parcels in the future, however we have yet to receive these details.

Mrs Aspinall, our Family Liaison Officer, has been working very hard contacting families to ensure that they have everything they need to access learning. Should you wish to speak to her directly please call her on 07340 549446 during working hours.

COVID testing is now available to anyone who works/lives in Kent who is asymptomatic. For more details go to <https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/protect-kent-and-medway/test-and-trace/symptom-free-testing>

TERM 3 ENDS FRIDAY 12TH FEB



FULFILLING GOD-GIVEN POTENTIAL



This is a quick round up of what has been happening in each year group this week. You can see what the staff have got to say about the pupils across the School.



School News

YR	We have started looking at 'The Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke. We are going to be looking at different vehicles and this week we have counted cars and painted buses. We have loved seeing lots of children on Teams and are very proud of them all and so grateful to all of the parents for being so supportive!
Y1	We have started learning about London in 1666. We have looked at the houses then and the materials used to build them. We compared these to modern day houses and noticed lots of differences. We are making our own version!
Y2	We have been working very hard on our maths and have been using counters to help understand division. We have also pretended to be Max entering the forest and some of us enjoyed dancing to the jungle music!
Y3	Year 3 are really getting to grips with learning from home, as well as a few children who are learning well in school. The children produced some lovely puzzles about what is special about them and explored light sources in Science. Well done all!
Y4	The Y4 bubble in school had a fantastic time working together in Forest School yesterday. Miss Osborne has been amazed with all of the great learning being done at home too! Mrs Phillips enjoyed the Friday quiz this morning! We love listening to The Highland Falcon Thief each day.
Y5	Year 5 have studied an extract from The Midnight Fox, writing in the perspective of a small animal. In RE, we found out about Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt whilst in science we studied the life cycle of butterflies. Those in school enjoyed shelter-making in Forest School.
Y6	Y6 pupils have settled into their new routines so well! This week we have been learning to draw magpies, name parts of the heart and appreciate the difference between acoustic and electronic music by listening to music from the 1980s! In maths we have been plotting, translating and reflecting co-ordinates.

School lunches

MONDAY

Chicken pasta
Chinese Veg Noodles

TUESDAY

Sausage and Mash
Veg pasta bake

WEDNESDAY

Lamb Shepherd's Pie
Veg Chilli and rice

THURSDAY

Beef burrito and rice
**Jacket potato with
cheese and beans**

FRIDAY

Beef burger in a bun
**Cheese and onion
pasty**

FOREST SCHOOLS (THURSDAY)

Y2 AM

Y3 PM