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Attendance Ted

Well done to Lorikeets (Year 2 class) and Class 5K (Miss Kimber's class) for much improved attendance last week. Well done!



Forest School next week

Next week, on Thursday 21st November, Class 5K (Year 5 – Miss Kimber) will be taking part in Forest School. Please can children come to school dressed in clothes suitable for Forest School, and have a coat and boots so they can enjoy the experience.

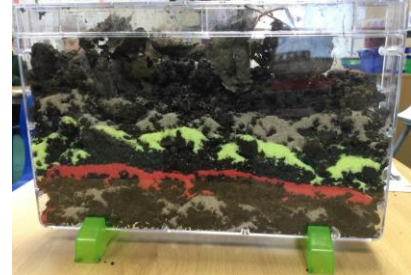


A message from Miss Harris

It has been lovely to meet so many parents this week at the two parent evening consultations – thank you for coming along to discuss the progress of your child with their teacher. Such a valuable chance to communicate how children are progressing and think about next steps.

As with every week, classes have been involved in some interesting learning.

Children in Year 2 have made wormeries to find out what worms do to the soil – I wonder what they will find out.



On Sunday three of our Year 6 girls read at the Remembrance Service in Southborough – they represented the school very well. On Monday, we marked Remembrance Day through our morning worship, a special and poignant moment.

We have also been focusing on Anti-bullying Week this week within our classes to think about how we can be good friends to each other. The theme for the National Anti-Bullying Week has been to 'Choose Respect' – an important message that we have been exploring.

Positive Changes and Successes

We have participated in a range of sporting events this week – cross country running relays and basketball tournaments. Well done to everyone for their team spirit and engagement in the events.



Book Fair Next Week

Please come along to the new hall with your children after school next week (Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st) to participate in our first book fair of the year.

Explore and choose from a range of books for independent and shared reading.



A Plea for Help!

We have had quite a number of trees donated to us to plant on the field as part of our Forest School – our children are doing this with our Forest School Lead and the work begun this week! Great to get children involved in this work.

The trees we have had donated are small saplings and so we need to mark their position with a bamboo shoot / stick or cane about 3ft tall so that they are not overlooked with any mowing. If you have any bamboo shoots or anything that could be used to mark where the new trees are being planted that you do not need, please do drop them by the school office by Wednesday please. Thank you!



PTA Events

The PTA have been busy organising events for Christmas for our children. This year, as in previous years, children will have the opportunity to attend a Christmas Disco and a Santa's Grotto (more details to follow).



Thank you to everyone within the PTA who is involved in organising and running these events – they are so valuable for our children and, of course, all funds raised benefit the school.

Dates for your Diary

You will have already seen the Term dates for the year, but if you would like to refer to them again, you can find them by following [this link](#).

Below are the key dates for your diary so you know what the children will be doing in Term 2:

- Week beginning 18th November: Book Fair in school
- **Thursday 5th December: Christmas Discos for Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4**
- **Thursday 12th December: Christmas Disco for Years 5 and 6**
- Monday 16th December: Carol Service at St Matthew's Church
- Tuesday 17th December (am): Reception Nativity for parents
- Tuesday 17th December (pm): Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Wednesday 18th December (am) Year 1/2 Nativity for parents
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 20th December: End of Term 2

Dates for Term 3:

- Monday 6th January: Term 3 begins
- Thursday 13th February: Term 3 ends for children
- Friday 14th February: INSET day for staff – School closed for pupils
- Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: Spring Term break

Dates for Term 4:

- Monday 24th February: Term 4 begins
- Friday 4th April: Term 4 ends