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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Ms Fiona Armstrong



We have come to the end of our third term and it is wonderful to see how much progress the children are making. We are now on the run up to our end of key stage assessments in year 2 and year 6 as well as the Phonics Screening Check for year 1 children and the times tables check for year 4. We will continue to work on the skills that the children will need but may I remind you that daily reading and practise of times tables will really help all the children progress. Accelerator Reader is a programme we use with our key stage 2 children to encourage pleasure for reading at home and is also a fantastic way to track their progress and improvements in their reading age.

We have had much to celebrate this term, some of which you will read in this issue, and lots to look forward to next term including big events such as Founders Day and British Science Week. We hope that you will be able to join us for some of our celebrations.

Finally, we will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Nurhakli at the end of this term, who has been fantastic to mentor as she developed her teaching practise over the last 3 and a half years that she has been with us. We wish her all the best for the future as she starts her exciting new chapter of moving house and getting married.

Wide Horizons

YEAR 5 SHAKESPEARE PERFORMANCE

On Thursday 9th February, some year 5 children performed at the Salvation Army center in Chatham alongside year 5 children from both Saxon Way and Lordswood. The children worked on the play 'A Comedy of Errors' and the children took on different character roles to act out different scenes from the play. The children worked extremely hard to learn their lines in Shakespearian English as well understanding what they were acting. The children were well supported by Ms Parker who helped them to secure an outstanding performance. Huge congratulations to all the year 5 children who took part and all of the staff who helped the children perform on the night.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been very busy this term. On the 17th January the children took a walk down to Christ the King Church to see Reverent Filmer who spoke to the children about the features of the church as part of their RE learning.

Year 2 also had a virtual trip to the National Army Museum where they found out more about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale who were both nurses and about the different ways that they both cared for the soldiers. Their lives were very interesting and the children wrote facts about both these inspirational women.



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Other News



FUNDRAISING

Thank you so much for your support with our NSPCC Number Day on Friday 3rd February. With donations of £1 for wearing a number and with the donations of cakes for our cake sale, we raised over £320!! This is amazing and so overwhelming of everyone's generosity. We are so thankful to everyone for their donations.

In the event of the shocking earthquake that hit both Syria and Turkey we have decided to split the money raised with both the NSPCC and the British Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake appeal. Miss Nurhakli's hometown was affected by the earthquake and the money we send will support those in desperate need. Other charities such as Oxfam and UNICEF are also raising money if you are able to donate further.

WARM HUB

We are so pleased to announce that we have opened our Warm Hub on Wednesday mornings 8:50-10:00 and invite all to come in for a cup of tea or coffee and some toast. Thank you to the group of parents who have helped us to relaunch our 'Tea and Toast' and to talk to us about support that they would like. This has included guest speakers from Medway Adult Education to help get parents back into work and/or to complete key skills tests, support with feeding a family on a budget, access to a councilor to discuss worries and an available soup kitchen. These are all ideas that we are currently working and if you have any other thoughts please speak to Mrs Brightman. We hope to see you there on Wednesday mornings.



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Yearly Planner

Please note key dates for the year. Any amendments are in red.

Week	Date	Cycle	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
0	29-Aug		BANK HOLIDAY	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED	SCHOOLS CLOSED
1	05-Sep	1	KINGFISHER INSET DAY	KINGFISHER INSET DAY			
2	12-Sep	1		Ruski Dahl Day			
3	19-Sep	1	Big Draw week		Mayor of Medway visit am		Meet the teacher Saturday- Big Draw community event
4	26-Sep	1					Mazmillan coffee meeting
5	03-Oct	1	Black history month			GSE	GSE
6	10-Oct	1		Parent RWT workshop			
7	17-Oct	1			Harvest festival		Parent Book look & Disoli celebration
	24-Oct		HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)
8	31-Oct	1	SAF's opens PS Parnikin festival				
9	07-Nov	1					SAF's closes Remembrance Day
10	14-Nov	1	Anti-bullying week		Parent consultations	Parent consultations	Children in need
11	20-Nov	1					
12	28-Nov	1	Griffin Children's Chorus Carols Performance				
13	05-Dec	1				Christmas jumper day	
14	12-Dec	2	PS & KS1 Nativity	PS & KS1 Nativity			School finish at 2pm
	19-Dec		Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
	26-Dec		BOXING DAY	CHRISTMAS DAY (Substitute)	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday	Christmas Holiday
15	02-Jan	2	NEW YEAR'S DAY (Substitute)	INSET DAY			
16	09-Jan	2	Volunteer Readers Training	Parent forum with head			
17	16-Jan	2					
18	23-Jan	2	Chinese New Year				RSPB Birdwatch
19	30-Jan	2					
20	06-Feb	2	Shakespeare week	Refer Internet Day			Parent Book look
21	13-Feb		HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM	HALF-TERM
22	20-Feb	2					
23	27-Feb	2	SAF's opens				Founders Day
24	06-Mar	2	GSE				SAF's closes
25	13-Mar	2	British science week				Comic Relief
26	20-Mar	2					
27	27-Mar	2		Parent consultations	Parent consultations		
	03-Apr		Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	GOOD FRIDAY
	10-Apr		EASTER MONDAY	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday
28	17-Apr	3	SAF's opens				
29	24-Apr	3					
30	01-May	3	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY				
31	08-May	3	King's Coronation Bank Holiday	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs	KS2 SATs
32	15-May	3					
33	22-May	3					Parent book look & Big Sing
	29-May		SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)	HALF-TERM (All schools)
34	05-Jun	3					
35	12-Jun	3					Y5/6 Kingswood Residential
36	19-Jun	3	Y5/6 Kingswood Residential				
37	26-Jun	3	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF
38	03-Jul	3	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF	GAF
39	10-Jul	3					Book look and reports
40	17-Jul	3					School finish at 2pm
41	24-Jul	3	INSET DAY	INSET DAY			