



School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Friday, 12 January – Flying Start Course for Parents 9.30am in the New Meeting Room

We are pleased to be able to offer another Flying Start Course for parents of children who are in Fledglings, Year 1 or Year 2. The course is designed to give parents an insight into how their children are taught literacy and numeracy in school and there are some practical ideas on how to support your child's learning. If you haven't already registered and are interested in joining please contact the School Office.

Friday, 12 January- Fledglings visit to the Pantomime at the Marlowe Theatre

Friday, 12 January – Last Day for Schoolwear Orders

Monday 15 January – Eastry Football Team v Whitfield Primary (Away) Kick-off at 3.15pm

Tuesday, 16 January – Fire and Rescue visit to the School

Thursday, 18 January – School Census

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Free Meals for Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2, we would be grateful if your child could have a school dinner on this day for census purposes as this will have an impact on the amount of funding the school receives. Thank you for your continued support.

If you are not already in receipt of free school meals and feel that you may qualify for these we would encourage you to apply for them. As well as your child receiving a nutritional meal the school also receives additional funding. This funding is used for extra staff and resources to support and enhance learning. It would make a drastic difference to our budget if this extra funding went unclaimed. Further information and application forms are available from the school office.

Friday, 19 January – Year 1 Family Worship

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 are welcome to attend.

Friday, 19 January – Flying Start Course for Parents 9.30am in the New Meeting Room

Friday, 19 January – Year 6 End of Year Party Meeting at 2.15pm in the New Meeting Room

A letter was recently sent out to Year 6 parents concerning the End of Year Party and asking for volunteers to help with the organisation of this. The first meeting will be on Friday, 19 January at 2.15pm in the New Meeting Room. We hope as many parents of Year 6 as possible will be able to come along.

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Family Liaison Officer

We are happy to inform you that Mrs Tracey Thomas has agreed to re-join us as our Family Liaison Officer for the remainder of this academic year. Mrs Thomas will be working on a Wednesday and Friday. If you would like to speak to her please contact the School Office and we will arrange a time in her diary.

Eastry School Football Coach

We are pleased to announce that Mr Andy Heath, parent at the school, has agreed to coach our School Football Team and arrange matches and tournaments for them. We would like to pass on our thanks for his support.

Year 6 Family Worship

Please note that there will not be a Year 6 Family Worship on Friday, 26 January as they are leading the Easter Service on the 29 March.

Harmony Group

Did you know that Harmony Group have been invited to sing at a Collective Choir Concert with choirs from other local schools? The children have been busy practising the songs they will be singing at the concert and we wish them all the best.

If your child is in Years 3 to 6, enjoys singing and is interested in joining Harmony Group, they meet at lunchtimes every Friday led by Mr Cockram.

COMMUNITY/OTHER NEWS

Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is a new online government service to help parents to pay for childcare. For every £8.00 a parent pays in to their Childcare Account the government will add an extra £2.00. Parents can then use the money to pay for childcare.

To find out more go to: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>.

My Mum 2018

The KM Group are again publishing their 'My Mum' supplement for Mother's Day this year. This is an opportunity for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to draw a picture and send a message to their Mum for Mother's Day. The supplement will be published in the KM Newspaper week ending 10 March. Children will be bringing home an entry form today and all entries need to be returned to the school office by **Friday, 26 January**.

Car Parking Fees in Eastry

It has come to our attention that Dover District Council is proposing changes to parking and parking charges in the local area. This would include charges now being made to park in Eastry Car Park which is currently free, as well as an increase in fees in other villages and towns including Sunday parking. We have a copy of the proposed changes which you are welcome to view and are available in the School Office. The cabinet meeting is due to take place on 15 January 2018 and you can write to Nick Kenton, Chair at nick.kenton@eastrypc.co.uk or your local councillor with your thoughts about the proposed changes.

COMMUNITY/OTHER NEWS

Healthier Snacks

Did you know that children are eating 3 times the amount of sugar that they should, with 50% of this sugar coming from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks? The School Council will be looking at healthy snacks this year and children will bring home a leaflet with information about healthy snacks and the Family Snack Challenge.

Kent Teacher of the Year Awards

Nominations for the Kent Teacher of the Year awards are now open and can be made by visiting: www.kentteacheroftheyear.co.uk

Foodbank

Please see the attached leaflet about the Foodbank service. We would also like to remind parents that vouchers are available from the school office or by speaking to Mrs Tracey Thomas, Family Liaison Officer. All enquiries are completely confidential.

PTA NEWS

The next PTA General meeting will be held on Friday, 26 January at 2.15pm in the New Meeting Room. Various matters will be discussed including Easter events.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend and would be made most welcome. We hope to see you there!

Yours sincerely,

Tim Halling
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS Week commencing 15.1.18

MONDAY	
Netball Club	Yes
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
Multisport Club	Yes
THURSDAY	
Dance Club	Yes
Scooter Club	Yes
FRIDAY	
Football Club	Yes



Do you need a Foodbank?

You will need to get a voucher first

Vouchers are available from:

Eastry Eastry pharmacy, Community Warden
Ash Ash pharmacy

Deal Deal Centre for the Retired, Salvation Army,
Citizens Advice, Town hall, Deal Gateway

Sandwich Citizens Advice, Sandwich Age Concern, Phoenix
Centre

Aylesham Boots Pharmacy, Bechange, St Peter's Church,
Aylesham Baptist Church

All primary schools & Sure Start. See online for full list of voucher holders: dealarea.foodbank.org.uk

Then take your voucher to one of our Food centre outlets:

Monday St.Mary's church Hall, Church St, Eastry CT13 0HL
10.30 - 12.30

Tuesday St. Richards Church, Mill Hill, Deal CT14 9JU
12.30 - 2.30

Wednesday St. Finbarr RC Church, Market Sq, Aylesham CT3 3EZ
12.30 - 2.30pm
St. Nicholas Church, The Street, Ash CT3 2EW
2.30 - 2.30

Thursday Phoenix Centre, Jubilee Rd, Sandwich CT13 OQP
1 - 3pm

Friday Trinity Church, Union Rd, Deal CT14 6EA
10 - 12 noon
St. Finbarr RC Church (see above)

We are here to help. Call Deal Area Foodbank 01304 728428