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Dear Parents,

Tuesday, 3 October – Year 3 Swimming

Thursday, 5 October – School Census Day

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, or Universal Free School 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.

Friday, 6 October – Fledglings Family Worship

Parents and carers of children in Fledglings are welcome to attend.

Year 5 Family Worship – Change of Date

It has been necessary to change the date of Year 5's Family Worship from Friday, 17 November to **Friday, 24 November**.

Early Morning Club

Our Early Morning Club has been very popular and has recently been full on some mornings. **Please can I remind parents that places need to be booked in advance to ensure availability.**

Volunteer Readers Needed!

We are lucky enough to have a small number of parents, grandparents and other helpers who volunteer an hour or two each week to come and listen to the children read. The support they give is invaluable, much enjoyed by the children and appreciated by the teachers. However, we would really appreciate some more volunteers who would like to help with paired reading. If you have any free time, preferably in the afternoons, and are interested in helping, please speak to Mrs Plant, SENCO or the school office, thank you.

Free School Meals

We would like to encourage parents to apply for free school meals if you feel you may qualify for these. As well as your child receiving a nutritional meal the school also receives additional funding. Although children in Fledglings, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically qualify for a Universal Free School Meal, we would also ask that they complete the application for Free School Meals if they feel they qualify. It makes a drastic difference to our budget if this extra funding is not claimed. Please contact the school office for an application form or for further information.

School Website

Please take a look at our new school website where you will find lots of useful information as well as the school calendar and upcoming events.

Please see over



PTA News and Up Coming Events

Please see the attached news from the PTA with information about their upcoming Quiz Night and Fireworks Night.

Battery Recycling

Thanks to your help Eco Team have now collected over 113kg in used batteries. They are well on their way to reaching their goal but need your continued support if they are to reach their target of 301kg by 1 December. Any donations would be gratefully received and collection boxes are situated outside the school office.



Royal Mail Stamp Competition

There were 205,928 entries from children across the UK with the final winners being chosen by HRH the Prince of Wales. Whilst none of our children were successful on this occasion the Royal Mail has sent us a souvenir competition poster in appreciation for our entries. This is displayed on the notice board in the playground gazebo.

Dover Athletic Football Club Community Day

Dover Athletic Football Club is again holding Community Days during their 2017/18 season. The first of these is on **Saturday, 30 September** during their home match against Solihull Moors FC. We have 50 free tickets to give away on a 'first come first served basis'. Each ticket allows one adult and one child under the age of 17 admittance to the event. Tickets are available from the school office.

Coffee Morning at the Smile Centre, Whitfield Aspen School

Dover District Specialist Teacher and Learning Services hold a coffee morning on the first Wednesday of every month for parents of children who may have speech and language communication difficulties or Autism. The coffee morning is held at the Smile Centre, Whitfield Aspen School, Mayfield Road, Dover, CT16 3LJ from 9.30 to 11.00am. Your child does not need to have a diagnoses and they offer welcome, friendly, professional advice as well as a chance to meet other parents/carers in a relaxed setting.

Design a Christmas Card Competition for our MP

Charlie Elphicke MP is again asking for a primary school child to design his Christmas Card. Entries need to be submitted on an A5 sheet of paper with your name, age and school written on the back. All entries need to be returned to the school office by Friday, 13 October when two entries will be chosen to be forwarded to Mr Elphicke. The overall winner will be invited to the Houses of Parliament for a guided tour and tea on the Terrace with their parent/guardian.

Award Winners

Award Winners on Friday, 22 September were;

Fledglings	Isla Mitchell	Year 1	Jack Weatherall
Year 2	Isabelle Fuller	Year 3	Gretel Meacham
Year 4	Callum Roberts	Year 5	Ellie Bullock
Year 6	Lottie Sales		

Yours sincerely

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PTA NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS



Quiz Night – Friday, 20 October

Following the success of last terms Quiz Night, the PTA will be holding another Quiz Night on Friday, 20 October at 7.00pm. Tickets are priced at £8.00 per adult and £4.00 per child and include a delicious Ploughman’s Platter (please bring your own drinks and nibbles). If you have less than 8 people but would still like to attend, please complete the form below or call the school office, and we will arrange for you to join another table. All bookings should be made by Tuesday, 17 October by completing the booking form below or by calling the School Office. We hope you will be able to join us on what will be another fun evening.

Fireworks Night

The PTA’s annual Fireworks Display will be held on Friday, 3 November. This is one of the highlights of the PTA’s calendar and, as well as the Fireworks display, there will be a large bonfire, BBQ, Teddy Tombola, adult Tombola and other refreshments. **Tickets go on sale week commencing 16 October** and cost £4.00 in advance or £5.00 on the night for adults, £2.00 in advance or £3.00 on the night for children. Eastry pupils and younger siblings go free. We would prefer tickets to be purchased in person at the school office, or from the PTA in the playground. However if you are unable to do this please use the order form on the bottom of the poster to be sent home with the children shortly. Tickets will also be available to purchase at Eastry Post Office, Food store as well as Sandwich Leisure Centre.

There are a number of things you may be able to help with to support this event. The PTA are looking for:

- **Wood for the bonfire (please bring to the school field from Wednesday, 1 November)**
- **Donations of Apples for the Toffee Apples**
- **Volunteer/s to make Toffee Apples**
- **Clean Teddies for the Teddy Tombola (Please bring to school from Monday, 30 October)**
- **Help before, during or after the event (Please let a member of the PTA or school office know if you can help)**

Guy Competition

The PTA will be holding a Guy competition. All Guys should be brought to the school field on the **morning** of Friday, 3 November for judging. (Please do not bring them before Friday, 3 November as we have nowhere to store them).

Push the Button

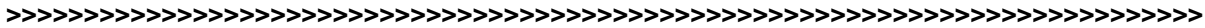
‘Push the Button’ tickets will go on sale at lunchtimes, week commencing 30 October and cost 20p per ticket.

Non-Uniform Day for Adult Tombola Gifts

We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday, 20 October in exchange for gifts for the adult Tombola.

PTA AGM

Minutes from last week’s PTA meeting are now available to view on the school’s website.



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I would like to book _____ table/s* for the above quiz night and include payment of £_____. (£8.00 per adult & £4.00 per child).

Name _____

* Please delete as appropriate