



Issue: 6

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to school and to our final Autumn term; I hope you all had a lovely half term and enjoyed some precious family time together. One week disappears so quickly! It was our pleasure to welcome you to Parent Consultations at the end of last term; we will be sharing actions from your questionnaire with your Parent Forum.

This term is traditionally an excitingly busy one, culminating in our celebrations for Christmas; this is always magnificently lead by Panda class and their Nativity performance. I hope that you all safely received the full calendar of events by Parentmail at the end of last term; It is also displayed in the school noticeboard outside the hall.

East Borough Primary School

I am very pleased to confirm that on 1 November, East Borough Primary School joined VIAT. We have already established strong links with the school and look forward to our collaboration.

Competition Successes

Thursday 19 October was a very important day; we had four teams of children competing in regional competitions; one team at BAE Systems in Rochester for the Lego challenge and another three teams at school competing in the Quiz Club Science competition. Many congratulations to the Lego team – Alexei, Amber and Mia Brothers – who competed against twelve other teams and were placed second, narrowly behind the winners. The Science quiz had an exciting twist with parents invited to participate; many thanks to Mr Godfrey, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mrs Kalthof for being great sports and getting involved! I am delighted to say that we won the heat and the winning team will now proceed to the next stage of the competition. Congratulations to Alexei, Elanna, Faisal and James.

Clubs

This term we retain our current club offer. Please remember that Class Teacher led clubs do not operate in the last week of term; the last week for these will therefore be the week commencing 11 December. We will launch our club programme for Terms 3 and 4 at the beginning of December in order to allow plenty of lead time and so that confirmations of club places are made ahead of the holidays.

New website

We are extremely pleased to launch our new website which will continue to be updated with new information and resources as the year progresses. I would be very interested to hear your feedback in this respect so that we continue to make improvements to the evolution of the school together.

<http://kingshillprimary.reactdev.co.uk>

Attendance Initiative

We have been working with our School Improvement Officer in order to support and to celebrate attendance at school. You will have already received details of this by Parentmail, however in broad outline, all children have been given a Christmas tree shaped calendar for this term. They colour in every day that they are in school and those children who achieve 100% are invited to a Headteacher cream tea on Monday 18 December at 2pm. Good luck!

Parking

I would be grateful for the continued respect and care for all users of our car park. Please ensure that you follow the flow signage as this is designed to keep the movement in the carpark both safe and efficient. Liberty has asked me to remind you that parking on Warwick Way is not permitted; they will be patrolling this with greater regularity at the end of the school day and contacting drivers as needed. The use of the carpark is on our Parent Forum agenda.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies at the start and end of every day. There are a variety of other products on offer for sale; Snap Bands, Friendship Bracelets, Wristbands and Reflectors. Please contact the school office if you are interested in these.

Reading and Phonics Workshop – 8 November @3.30pm

As you know from the school calendar, we would like to invite all parents from Panda class and Year 1 and Year 2 to this workshop. We will provide childcare so that this enables you to attend this very important meeting. A Parentmail invitation has also been issued.



Music Lessons

Thank you for your patience as we work to build a schedule of lessons delivered in school in association with Kent Music School. I have a meeting with Peter Bolton, CEO from KMS and with Mrs Derrick next week in order to drive this forward. I will advise you of the outcomes of this in due course.

Sports Development

This week our children in KS2 have enjoyed their first sports competition at Aylesford Sports College. We are extremely proud of their efforts and this marks the start of our programme of activities for the children. We will be working with the Sports Partnership in order to develop some specialist coaching in school as part of our PE lessons. As another part of this programme, the Sports Leaders in KS2 will be trained to run clubs at lunchtime and to lead playground games. We are also working hard to arrange both football and netball fixtures with our targeted aim of raising participation in competitive sporting activities.

Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Year 6 who are this week's winners of our Reading Bear. We will look forward to a competitive term of reading for pleasure. Please support your child by reading with them at least four times per week.

Pupil Successes

- Zack in Year 1 for achieving his Level 3 in Gymnastics trampolining
- Samuel in Year 2 for achieving his 5 metres rainbow award in swimming
- Luca in Year 2 for achieving his 100m badge

Attendance

This week's attendance is 97.67%; we are delighted that we are maintaining these good levels. Our year to date attendance is 96.69%, this is in line with National Expectations but still below our School target of 98%.

As you are aware attendance and punctuality have a significant impact upon your child's progress and opportunities to achieve their targets. Thank-you for your continued support in this respect.

Year 6	100%
Year 1	99.19%
Year 3	98.44%
Year 2	98.28%
Panda and Y5	96.67%
Year 4	95.83

Penguins

This term we will be focusing on developing our Fine Motor skills in order to improve our letter formation and spacing. We will also be exploring our senses through sensory activities. This will help us with our sensory issues or if we experience sensory overload.

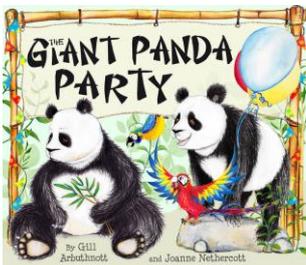
In English this term, we will be developing our knowledge of the features of poetry through learning about different styles and poets. In Maths, we will continue to extend our understanding of number and the four basic operations.

Panda Class

Panda class have a busy second term to look forward to exploring festivals and traditional stories. We have already celebrated Halloween, learned about and are continuing to explore the traditions of the Hindu celebration of Diwali. So far the children have thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves through drama, role play and discussion in the stories of 'Goldilocks and the three bears' and 'Little Red Riding Hood' and will this term continue to expand their knowledge of phonics. During Maths we will be recognising and forming our numbers, exploring shape, time and beginning to investigate addition and subtraction. Of course there will be much preparation for our Nativity play towards the end of term!



A book we have particularly enjoyed this week.



Please can we ask that you sign your child reading record book every night when you hear them read, to ensure that they receive their certificate at the end of the week.

Year 1

This term in Year 1 we will be using Aesop's Fables as a basis for our English lessons. We will use a range of activities related to these stories to develop the children's reading and writing skills. In Maths, we will be comparing and ordering numbers and we will continue to develop the children's addition and subtraction understanding.

In other areas, we will be thinking about the children's own lives and families, looking at family trees and creating timelines of their lives. We will also be looking at the Gunpowder Plot and the life of Florence Nightingale. In Science, we will be looking at seasonal change and animals, including humans.

Year 2

Welcome back! We have had a very exciting first week as we were joined by an art specialist from Invicta Grammar School on Thursday. All of the children made a fantastic contribution and were praised on how sensibly they worked.

This term in Maths we will be looking at multiplying and dividing by 2, 3, 5 and 10. In English we will be looking at a variety of different poems, and reading Esio Trot in DEAR time.

We will continue our topic on Neil Armstrong and what it takes to be an astronaut; this will include eating space food. Our recorder lessons also start on Wednesday 8th November; these will be run weekly by a music specialist from Invicta Grammar School.

I am really looking forward to another exciting and busy term!



Year 3/4

Years 3 and 4 have had an exciting start to Term 2, competing at the indoor Athletics competition at Aylesford School. The children took part in a range of running, throwing and jumping events, with every single child trying hard and representing the school beautifully. Our Human Studies for this term will be investigating why Kings built castles in Britain, and we will continue to learn about Living Things in Science. In Maths, Years 3 and 4 will be practising subtraction, multiplication and division. Our English lessons will initially be based around the short story 'Katie in London', allowing us to learn about some of the city's main sites during our lessons. Year 3 and 4's class assembly will be later this term; please see the list of dates for more information.



How can I help at home?

Discuss any places in London that you have visited as a family. If you have photographs of your child in London which you are happy to send in to school, the class would love to see them.

Year 5

This term, we are reading the Traditional Tale of Hansel and Gretel. As adapted by Michael Morpurgo. This text will be the focus for all our work. In Maths, this term we are going to be applying our place value knowledge within subtraction and addition calculations. In Human Studies, we are continuing with the topic of Climate Change and building on the previous knowledge the children gained last term. Additionally, we are also fortunate to have Japanese, Ukulele and Drama Lessons; these are lead by a specialist teacher from Invicta Grammar School and Valley Park.



Year 6

This term in Maths Year 6 will be tackling the calculation method of long division and exploring fractions using manipulatives, visuals and written methods. In English our new topic is Literary Heritage, in which we shall be delving into Robin Hood, Beowulf and The Canterbury Tales. In Science, we will be investigating light and how it travels in straight lines. We will be continuing our Human Studies topic of Black History, looking at individuals including Jesse Owens, Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.

How can you help at home?

When reading with your child, talk about the vocabulary used. Encourage your child to think of synonyms and antonyms for words.



Term 2

Date	Year Group	Event
7 November	Parent Forum	Parent Forum @6pm
8 November	Year 2	Recorder lessons start
8 November	Panda, Y1 & Y2	Reading and Phonics Workshop @3.30pm
8 November	All Years	Grandparents Roast Dinner – Places allocated
9 November		Open Morning for new entrants
10 November	Year 6	Height and Weight Checks-School Nurse
12 November	School Council	Remembrance Service @ Kings Hill
15 November	Year 6	Mock Trial-Maidstone Magistrates
16 November	Year 3 and 4	Year 3 and 4 Class Assembly
16 November	Panda - Y4	Flu Vaccinations
17 November		Open Morning for new entrants
17 November	Parents	Parent Quiz Night at school 7.15pm – 10.30pm
19 November		West Malling lights - School Stand
20 November	All Years	History and Cultural Festival Week
20-22 November		Art Workshop with Invicta Grammar School
21 November		Open Morning for new entrants
22 November	Governors	Governors Meeting @5:45pm
24 November	All Years	Kent Fire Service Visit
27 November	Year 5 and 6	Geodesic Dome Challenge (BAE Systems)
27 November	Year 3 and 4	K'Nex Challenge
29 November		Open Morning for new entrants
29 November	Key Stage 2	Spelling Bee Competition
30 November	All Years	PDSA Workshops and Assembly
1 December	All Years	STEM Day
5 December	Panda	Nativity to Parents @9:30am
7 December	All Years	Drop everything and Write Day
7 December	Panda	Nativity to Parents @2pm
8 December	All Years	Valley Park Panto
11 December	All Years	Kent Music School-Bach to Future Concert
12 December	All Years	Second Hand Uniform Sale
13 December	All Years	No Pens Day
13 December	Year 1 & 2	Carol Concert
13 December	All Years	Christmas Dinner
13 December	All Years	Art Workshop and Exhibition @2pm
14 December	All Years	Parent Assessment Workshop

15 December	All Years	Christmas Jumper Day
18 December		Christmas Cinema Evening 6pm-7.30pm
18 December	By invitation only	Celebration Assembly @9am
19 December	All Years	School Church Service @5:30pm St Mary's Church West Malling
20 December	All Years	Last Day Of Term, 2pm Finish

Term 3

8 January 2018	All years	Term 3 for pupils begin on Monday 8 January 2018
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