



NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th January 2018

VALUE	WALKING BUS NUMBERS	THOUGHT OF THE WEEK	REMINDER
Thankfulness	43	Do the right thing, even if no-one is looking	After school activities begin on Monday 22 nd January

Dear Parents

Miss Chinnadurai has settled very well into her new school and is getting used to the early morning alarm calls! She wishes everybody a Happy New Year and will come and visit us in the near future.

We have had an exciting and busy couple of weeks at school, and the children have all settled in very well. We have had a variety of visitors coming in to see us and it has been a pleasure to see the variety of opportunities the staff are providing to enrich the children's learning. Our visitors commented on our children's quality of work on displays and in the books and they were impressed that our children were able to talk passionately about different subjects. To give you more of a flavour of our school and the ethos we promote, please feel free to look at the New Headteacher video, which advertises our school and celebrates everything that is special about us. You can find the video at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45m_FBoPglg

Last week, Year 5 visited the Globe Theatre and Tate Modern. The children had a wonderful time learning about the language of Shakespeare and the history of the Globe. They also enjoyed observing different types of art, themed around colour, in the Tate Modern. The children's behaviour was outstanding and they represented the school extremely well.

We have been extremely lucky to have had some special visitors in school over the last few days. Both Year 3 classes have enjoyed Rocks day, where they learnt about different types of rocks and carried out investigations and experiments. This week has been Science Week, where we started off with an assembly from Fizz Pop Science. The children were treated to a variety of fun experiments, looking at how air behaves. Following on from this, we were visited by scientists and parents from Pfizers. The children watched and carried out various fun experiments and learnt about static electricity, explosive gases and snow making. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Saint for organising such a successful week and to the parents who were kind enough to give up their time to come in and work with the children.

Today, The Young Shakespeare Company performed 'The Tempest' to Year 4 and Year 5. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching the play, whilst being involved in some acting parts and special effects too. They learnt about the different characters, the plot and how Shakespeare's plays were performed. This will all be linked into the children's learning over the next few weeks.

After School Activities

After school activities will commence next week – notifications have been sent today to all parents whose children wish to join a club. Please note that choir will be held on a Wednesday throughout this term, but will be moving to a Friday evening as from **FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY**.

Bridge School Breakfast and After School Club

The Club has got off to a great start. The children are really enthusiastic and are enjoying their time with Mrs Huggett and the staff. For further details, please contact the school office.

Safeguarding

Just a reminder that Safeguarding is forefront of everything we do and following Miss Chinnadurai's departure, our safeguarding team consists of Mr Harper, our Designated Safeguarding Lead; Mr Taylor, Mrs Long and Mr Luck, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Mr Harper is also the on-line safeguarding officer. If you have any safeguarding issues, or queries, please contact the school office to arrange to speak to one of these members of staff.

We will be informing you more about online safety on our Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th February, and you are invited to a Safer Internet talk in the school at 7pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Matt Harper
Acting Headteacher

TERM DATES

and ACADEMIC YEAR DATES 2017/18

OFFICE NEWS**TERM 3**

- 22nd Jan 18 : Clubs start for 7 weeks until 9th March
 25th Jan 18 : Fit and Fun Challenge Day at Canterbury High, Years 3 and 4
 1st Feb 18 : NYC Dodgeball, Canterbury High, Years 5 and 6
 6th Feb 18 : Safer Internet Day
 7pm, Safer Internet Day talk for parents
 7th and 8th Feb 18 : History Days
 9th Feb 18 : Last day of Term
END OF TERM 3
 19th Feb 18: First day of term 4
 Book Fair all week
 21st Feb 18 : 7pm, Year 5 Salisbury and Secondary Transfer Meeting
 22nd Feb 18 : Reception Fun Day at Canterbury High
 28th Feb 18 : Japanese Students visiting all day
 1st Mar 18 : World Book Day
 2nd Mar 18 : Reception Parent Consultations
 Year 6 books home
 5th Mar 18 : Year 6 Parent Consultations
 8th Mar 18 : KSG Infant Agility, Canterbury High, Years 1 and 2
 9th Mar 18 : Clubs Finish
 12th Mar 18 : Year 5 Parent Consultations
 13th Mar 18 : Year 4 Parent Consultations
 14th Mar 18 : Year 1 Parent Consultations
 15th Mar 18 : Year 5 Parent Consultations
 Cross Country at Chartham
 16th Mar 18 : Year 2 Parent Consultations
 22nd Mar 18 : KSG Quicksticks, Years 3,4,5 and 6 at Polo Farm
 1.00pm, KS2 Art & Music Event
 3.30-8pm, school open, Art and Music
 23rd Mar 18 : 2.15pm, KS1 Art and Music Event
 7pm, KS2 Art and Music Event
 27th Mar 18: Church Service
 28th Mar 18: Church Service
 29th Mar 18 : KSG Gymnastics, Canterbury Gymnastics Club
END OF TERM 4

Please may we kindly remind you of the following:

No dogs are allowed on the school for health and safety reasons.

Please park courteously in Conyngham Lane and in the village. Parents are not allowed to come down the school road unless they have permission to do so for valid reasons. If your child is being collected by someone else, please would you kindly remind them of this – Thank you.

In the interests of safeguarding, if any parent would like to give a message to, or see their child's teacher in the morning, please could they let one of the adults on duty know or go round to the school office.

TERM DATES FOR 2018

- Term 3 – Monday 8th January – Friday 9th February 2018
 Term 4 – Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March 2018
 Term 5 – Monday 16th April – Thursday 24th May 2018
 Term 6 – Monday 4th June – Tuesday 24th July 2018

PTA NEWS

All Parents are invited to join the PTA. If you would like further information, please email bridgeschoolpta@gmail.com

INCLUSION NEWS

If you or your child has a medical condition, has a specific need or you think you are eligible for pupil premium, please contact Mrs Long, via the school or on carla.long@bridge.kent.sch.uk.

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