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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The pupils have been busy working up a storm this term. We have particularly enjoyed celebrating Harvest time and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your generous donations - the local food banks were very grateful. Please see below for some highlights for this term's learning so far.

Acorns

Our new Reception children have settled brilliantly into Acorns class and our Year 1's have been a wonderful example to them. We are very proud of them all! We have been reading the story of Pattan's Pumpkin this term and exploring it in a range of multi-sensory ways. This included tasting pumpkin and writing sensory poems and using different types of media to make collages of pumpkins. In continuous provision, the children have enjoyed getting to know the different areas of the classroom. In particular they have enjoyed the home corner and water play.



Bluebells



In science this week, Bluebells have been learning all about how the sun makes our shadows and how they will be longer or shorter depending on the time of day. We also discussed that when we are on the side of Earth that is facing the Sun, we have daylight. As Earth continues its spin, we are moved to the side facing away from our Sun, and we have nighttime.

Conkers – Year 3s

From Week 3, Conkers Year 3s have been studying the incredibly funny story "Ug" by Raymond Briggs. In our whole class reading of the same text, we have practised Prediction and Inference reading skills and learnt what an 'anachronism' is. We wrote down our thoughts on the three main characters that we used to inspire us as we wrote their descriptions.



Conkers and Dandelions



Our school visit to Kent Life was an amazing day for all. We took part in a variety of workshops relating to life in the Stone Age. A firm favourite was meeting 'Claw'. Claw was a survivor from the Stone Age and discussed with the children all about his life and how he survived. Another favourite was creating some beautiful cave drawings. We used charcoal to trace our hand prints to show the other tribes which caves belonged to us!

Elders

Our trip to the V&A was absolutely brilliant. The children loved learning about Islamic patterns, generating lots of ideas for creating our own patterns in class. The mosque was beautiful and the children learnt so much about the Islamic faith in action.



News, Updates and Reminders

Car sharing

As you are aware, parking can be difficult and although we have put strategies in place to try to ease congestion, it still is extremely busy at times. A few parents have suggested the idea of car sharing. If at all possible, please consider this option, as it would help to reduce the number of cars accessing the school site.

Sporting News

Some of the children in KS2 had the opportunity to take part in a Tag Rugby competition. The children seemed to thoroughly enjoy this tournament and, as always, showed great sportsmanship.

New sports coach - Mark

I am very pleased to inform you that we have a new sports coach working with us. Mark will be in twice a week to work with chosen classes and offer support to staff. We are delighted to have him join our team.

School Uniform

Well done to everyone who now uses a school rucksack or book-bag. If you need any help with purchasing yours, please contact Mrs Higgs. Please remember to check that all items of school uniform are **clearly labelled** as we have a huge amount of lost property which is unnamed at the moment.

Forest School Update

Year 6 have been thoroughly enjoying our forest school sessions. At the start of each session, we make a welcome circle reminding us what three things we look after in Forest School. (We looking after ourselves, each other and the Fauna and Flora). One of our activities was making 'tree spirits' from mud and the flora found around us. Muddy but lots of fun!

We celebrated the autumn equinox, the beginning of autumn, and we learnt about the importance of the changing seasons for the circle of life. Autumn is the season of losing, trees and plants let go of their fruits and leaves. Children did an amazing job thinking about something that they wanted to let go and leave behind. They had ten minutes to think about it, first cuddling a tree feeling the energy, then laying on the floor looking at the tree up high - it was very relaxing moment.

We end each session by making a reflection circle and singing the thank you song.



News from Tanzania



Bishop Luzineth Kingamkono celebrated his first birthday as Bishop of the Mpwapwa Diocese.

Next term, School Council are going to be writing letters to the pupils of Mkwala School.

School Houses

Each child is allocated a house when they start school. They can then earn house points by following the school rules and showing exemplary behaviour. All children also take part in inter-house competitions throughout the year, where again they can earn house points. Each Friday, the House Team Captains announce which house has earned the most points and this is celebrated in Collective Worship. Last term, children voted on what the names of our four school houses should be. They are as follows:

Octavia House – Yellow

Wolfe House – Green

Boleyn House – Red

Churchill House - Blue

Key Dates

Autumn 1

Friday 6 th October	Pre-loved Uniform and Cake Sale After School
Friday 13 th October Friday 13 th October	1pm – Parent council meeting 2pm – FROCHS AGM
Tuesday 17 th October	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18 th October	Flu vaccinations (information will be sent home)
Thursday 19 th October	Own Clothes Day (donations please) End of Term 1
Friday 20th October	INSET Day

Autumn 2

Monday 30 th October	Start of Term 2
Saturday 4 th November	Edenbridge Bonfire Torch Lit Parade
Thursday 9 th November	9:15am – Dandelion's Parent Assembly
Friday 10 th November	Remembrance Service in Church – time TBC
Tuesday 14 th November	10am – Prospective Parents meeting
Wednesday 15 th November	Individual and siblings' photos
Wednesday 22 nd November	9:15am - Elders Class Assembly
Friday 17 th November	Christmas Fair hand in- bottles, chocolates and sweets
Friday 24 th November	10am – Prospective Parents' meeting
Friday 24 th November	Own Clothes Day (Christmas Fair Hand-in bottle)

Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fair Hand-in Christmas jumper day Christmas Tree Dressing Christmas Lunch (TBC)
Saturday 2 nd December	Christmas Fair 12:30pm
Tuesday 5 th December	2:30pm – Reception Nativity
Wednesday 6 th December	2:30pm – KS1 Nativity
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Disco (Year R & KS1 – 5-6pm, KS2 6:30 – 7:30pm)
Friday 8 th December	Secret Room – presents for adults (pm in the Hall)
Wednesday 13 th December	Pantomime (in school)
Friday 15 th December	Christmas service in Church – 2pm End of Term 2

Spring 1 - Swimming starts this term (Exact start date **TBC**) for Years 3, 4 & 5.

Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Term 3
Thursday 18 th January	Census Day
Wednesday 24 th January	Conker's Class Assembly – 2:40pm
Friday 26 th January 2023	Whole school film night
Wednesday 31 st January	Young Voices Concert
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 9 th February	Break the Rules Day (donations please) End of Term 3

Spring 2

Monday 19 th February	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 27 th February	Sponsored event (details TBC)
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day 5pm - Story time (all children invited)
Monday 8 th – Friday 17 th March	British Science Week
Week beginning Monday 8 th	MANGOs Gift Shop (Mums, Aunties, Nans, Grandmas, Others)
Monday 8 th March	3:15pm – Year 5 Hindleap warren and 11+ meeting
Wednesday 13 th March	Bluebells Class Assembly – 2:40pm
Thursday 14 th March	8pm – PTA AGM (venue to be decided)
Saturday 16 th March	School outdoor area help day (volunteers welcome!)
Wednesday 20 th March	Class Photos
Wednesday 27 th March	March Mad Hair Day

Thursday 28 th March	Easter Church Service – 2pm End of Term 4
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Summer 1

Monday 15 th April	Start of term 5
Friday 3 rd May	Own Clothes Day for May Fair donations.
Saturday 11 th May	Mayfair
Monday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 15 th – 17 th May	Hindleap Warren – Year 5
Thursday 16 th May	Census Day
Friday 24 th May	End of Term 5

Summer 2

Monday 3 rd June	Start of Term 6
Friday 7 th June	Fathers' days gift/bag hand in at drop off KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
Thursday 13 th June	FUDGE Gift Shop Open (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandads, Everyone else)
Friday 14 th June	Back-up Sports Day
Tuesday 18 th June	Acorn's Parent Assembly – 2:40pm
Monday 24 th June – Friday 28 th June	Year 6 School Journey Cumulus Tented Village
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6/KS2 production (TBC)
Thursday 18 th July	Prize Giving (TBC)
Friday 19 th July	Leavers Church Service – 2pm End of Term 6
Monday 22 nd July	INSET DAY
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET DAY

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Higgs