



## Newsletter 1 - Term 2 2018

### Headteacher's Message

As we approach Remembrance Day this year and the 100th anniversary of the signing of the armistice, you may have noticed a beautiful display that has been created alongside the staff car park and the main school entrance recognising this significant event. This poignant display of poppies has been created by all children and staff in recognition of the 100 year anniversary of the end of WW1. Thank you especially to Mrs Read for leading this project as we remember those who died so long ago.



Our "irresistible" topics for term 2 are now in full swing across the school. As part of their WW2 history topic, our Year 6 children have had an amazing time working with Mr O'Sullivan (a 1940's Air Raid Warden) playing the part of evacuees from the 1940s. Our Year 5 children had a great (if rather soggy!) time during their Ancient Egyptian day in Maidstone. Our Year 2 children have been out and about in Deal learning all about the history of smuggling in our town. Thanks to all of our parents and carers for providing some fabulous costumes for our children and for your support in ensuring that trips like this can go ahead.

Best wishes, *Mr Hackett*

### Foodbank Support

Foodbank vouchers are available from our FLO Mrs Brady for any families who feel that they are in need of this support. Should you feel that you would like to access this service, please contact Mrs Brady directly by phoning 01304 375040, emailing [rebecca.brady@warden-house.kent.sch.uk](mailto:rebecca.brady@warden-house.kent.sch.uk) or visiting the [Deal Area Foodbank website](#).

All conversations will be dealt with sensitively and treated with the strictest of confidence.

### Start of Day

Now that the weather has turned colder and wetter, please could parents and carers ensure that children do not play on the grass areas, the tyres and barked area on the KS2 playground prior to the start of the school day? A large amount of mud has started to come into the building. Thank you for your support in keeping our school clean and tidy (and Mr Orchard happy!).

### Winter Weather

As the weather turns colder, in the case of frost please could all parents and children stick to the paths around the school site as these are the areas that will be salted and gritted. Should the decision ever be made to close the school, parents will be informed via text message. The information would also be shared on the school website and Facebook feed as well as local radio stations. Please ensure your contact details are up to date with the School Office.

### School Photographs

Please be reminded that the deadline for returning your school photo orders to the school office is Monday 12th November.

### Children in Need 2018

Our school council have decided to support the [BBC Children in Need](#) appeal again this year on **Friday 16 November**. Children can wear something yellow and/or spotty to school in exchange for a minimum £1 donation. Thank you for your support.



### **PTFA Events**

A huge thank you to all of our PTFA volunteers who helped support our fantastic Fireworks display last weekend. It was a great evening with over £5000 raised to go directly to enhancing opportunities for all children at Warden House.

Please add Thursday 6th December to your diary for our Christmas Fair (Friday 7th December is a Teacher Training day).

### **Admissions Consultation**

Veritas MAT Trust board would like to consult with parents and carers regarding a proposed change to the admissions arrangements for our reception intake in September 2020. The proposal is to provide priority to children who have been adopted from outside of England.

This proposed change is in light of advice received from the DfE. Please [click here](#) to view the proposal. Should you wish to comment or provide us with your point of view, please email the school office at [office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@warden-house.kent.sch.uk). Thank you.

### **Christmas Dates**

*Year R Nativity "Star Shine Star"* performances to parents on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December 10.00am.

*Year 1 and 2 "Christmas Counts"* performances to parents on Thursday 13th and Friday 14th December 2.00pm.

*Year 3 Christmas is Coming!* Assembly to parents on Tuesday 18th December 9.30am.

*Year 4 A Tudor Christmas* Assembly to parents on Wednesday 19th December 9.30am.

Seats for these performances can be booked via our Parents' Evening Booking system in the usual way. Please [click here](#) to reserve your seats.

Please note that Christmas Lunch will take place on Wednesday 19th December.

### **Medication in School**

Following a review of our procedures, we are now willing to consider administering pain relief medication to children should this be requested by parents and carers. Ideally, should a child require pain relief during school time, an adult should come into school to administer this, however, where this is not possible, the school may agree to do this on your behalf. A request to administer non-prescription medication will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the headteacher. Medication must be sent by an adult to school via the school office where our medication form must be completed.

### **Christmas Plea!**

Should any parents and carers have any suitable Tudor-style costumes, please could they consider lending these to Year 4 to use in their Christmas assembly? Please see Mrs Vyse and Mrs Bristow for further information.

### **Term Dates 2018-2019**

#### ***Term 2***

Start: Monday 29 October 2018

Finish: Friday 21 December 2018 at 2:00pm

#### ***Term 3***

Start: Monday 7 January 2019

Finish: Friday 15 February 2019

#### ***Term 4***

Start: Monday 25 February 2019

Finish: Friday 5 April 2019 at 2:00pm

#### ***Term 5***

Start: Tuesday 23 April 2019

Finish: Friday 24 May 2019

#### ***Term 6***

Start: Monday 3 June 2019

Finish: Friday 19 July 2019 at 2:00pm

### **Future Staff Training Days**

Friday 7 December 2018

Monday 22 July 2019

Tuesday 23 July 2019