



## Newsletter 1 - Term 3 2019

### Headteacher's Message

Welcome back and a "Happy New Year" to all of our children and families. After the busyness and excitement of our Christmas celebrations last term, we are now looking forward to the new term ahead and the 'irresistible' topics that the teachers have planned. Here are just some exciting events planned for the next six weeks:

Our reception children are looking forward to their "People Who Help Us" topic and are excited to be off to visit Deal Library next week; The Deal Learning Alliance will be running Spelling Bee competitions for our KS2 classes later this term; Our school choir of 50 children are looking forward to attending 'Young Voices' at the O2 Arena and performing alongside 7000 other children from across the country; our Year 2 Tigers are busy preparing for a Street Dance competition at Goodwin Academy; and all children will take part in "Safer Internet Day" on 5 February.

I'll leave you with an absolutely stunning piece of art produced by Iris in Black Cats class inspired by her new Vincent Van Gogh topic in Year 4.



Best wishes, *Mr Hackett*

### Cold Weather

As the winter continues, we'd like to remind parents and carers that 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 and that we hold at least two emergency contact details for your child. It is always our intention to keep the school open unless it is judged unsafe to do so.

### Parking in Diana Gardens

We would like to respectfully ask all of our families to avoid parking on the grass areas and verges in Diana Gardens at drop off and pick up times. This causes disruption to our neighbours living in this area and causes considerable damage to the turf. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### Reception Place Applications for September 2019

Don't forget that the deadline for applying for a place in Reception for September is midnight on Tuesday 15 January. [Click here](#) to visit the KCC website to apply or download an application form. Should you need any support with this process, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

### Attendance

We actively promote 100% attendance for all our pupils. At the end of Term 2 our whole school attendance percentage was 95.4%. Let's try and increase this in Term 3! We are aware that it is the time of year when coughs and colds are very common. Please remember our new medication policy regarding the administration of non-prescription medication, such as calpol, should your child require this during the day.

Do be assured that if your child is too unwell to be in school we will contact you. Your child's well-being is important to us and we want every child to be happy, healthy and to learn.



### **Josh Senior Visit for KS2**

We were delighted to welcome paraclimber Josh Senior into school this week to work with our KS2 children. Josh ran an inspirational assembly based on developing a "growth mindset" and then led workshops with our children where they completed a range of fitness circuits.



Visit our school [Facebook](#) page for further information and more pictures from the day. Thank you to all parents, carers and friends who supported this event by sponsoring children. Money raised will be used both to support athletes like Josh and contribute to sports provision here at Warden House.

### **Term Dates for 2019**

**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 2:00 pm

### **Future Staff Training Days**

Monday 22 July 2019 & Tuesday 23 July 2019

Polling Day (school closed) Thursday 2nd May 2019