



Newsletter 02/11/2023

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Welcome back everyone to Term 2 of the school year! We hope you had an enjoyable half term break. Since returning, our successes have included:

- You will notice 2 extra structures on our playground (2 more are under construction) – these will eventually be used to broaden children's opportunities at playtime and lunchtime with each lodge having a different theme and/or activity to choose from. My thanks go to our fantastic PTA for supporting this development!
- We held our next Values Day of the year, this time with a focus on Teamwork. Children were given a series of creative challenges to complete in their houses, as this also served as our Inter-House PSHE opportunity – a huge thank you to Mrs Clark, our PSHE Lead, for arranging this. We look forward to other Inter-House competitions for different subjects, to supplement our already-embedded PE Inter-House competitions.
- Our next Open Morning was held! Our children and staff were keen to show off the best of our school and we were proud to share some of the amazing things we have going on. If you know anyone looking to start in Reception, in September 2024, please direct them to our Admissions page, where tours can be booked online!
- It's nearly time to say 'goodbye' to our Bandoola displays because - this week - we have had a new whole-school text to kick off the term: Gorilla! All children have worked towards a written

and creative outcome from the text and we look forward to displaying their achievements very soon – it's continued to be an amazing way to see progression across the school.

Forest School

We would like to say a huge thank you to our local Wickes for donating materials towards a new fire pit in our Forest School – and thank you to Miss English for securing this generous offer. This will enable the children to access even more learning as they move through our Forest School programme, as well as the club that runs after school!

Please remember, if you would like to volunteer some time to our Forest School, on Friday mornings, please contact Miss Hughes or our School Office!

Looking ahead, we are grateful to our PTA for running their first disco this afternoon, and next week we have Parents' Evenings. As before, appointments will be in the Hall and your children's learning will be available in their classrooms.

Keep safe,

Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Parent Zone: <https://parentzone.org.uk/Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life>

Parent Zone is a parenting organisation working to make the online world a safer, more positive place for families and children. Explore the ways Parent Zone can help your family, school or organisation understand online safety.parentzone.org.uk

As a school we believe that safeguarding is not only about protecting children and young people from abuse and neglect but also their families too. It is our intention therefore to support families by signposting them to universal services which may assist families when they are facing difficulties themselves. For reference, our Safeguarding Team is: Mr Adam Nicholls, Mrs Sandra Goodwin, Miss Jo Leadley and Mrs Jemma Sholl.

Attendance

Bear Class - 100%

Mae Class - 100%

Knight Class - 91.1%

Armstrong Class - 94.4%

Rose Class - 99.4%

Tull Class - 92.3%

Rashford Class - 86.8%

Othello Class - 98.8%

Einstein Class - 93.6%

Zephaniah Class - 94.9%

Da Vinci Class - 95.5%

Attendance matters - we aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance within the school year. For unexpected absences, due to illness for example, please contact the School Office so that we can record your child's absence correctly. All other absences must be requested using the Absence Request Form. A copy of our Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

Key Dates

Term Dates

Term 2: Monday 30th October – Friday 15th December

Term 3: Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Term 4: Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

Term 5: Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Inset Days

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Exhibition Afternoons

Wednesday 13th December 2023, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 6th February 2024, from 2.30pm

Wednesday 27th March 2024, from 2.30pm

Thursday 23rd May 2024, from 2.30pm

Tuesday 16th July 2024, from 2.30pm

Parents' Evenings

Monday 6th November 2023, 4pm-7pm

Thursday 9th November 2023, 4pm-7pm

Monday 26th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Thursday 29th February 2024, 4pm-7pm

Notices

Swimming

We are pleased to have secured swimming lessons for all classes in KS2! They will run in the following terms:

Term 2 – Zephaniah (Commencing 10th November)

Term3 – Einstein

Term 4 – Othello

Term 5 – Rashford

Term 6 – Tull

Each class will receive more specific information, such as dates and kit lists, as their turn approaches.

Payment for Clubs

Payment for clubs is now available on Arbor. Can you please clear any outstanding payments from last terms clubs as soon as possible.

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2024

Please see below the upcoming open events for Reception 2024 admissions. Book your family ticket via school website:

Monday 13th November 10:00-11:00am

Monday 13th November 1:30-2:30pm

Thursday 16th November 10:00-11:00am

Friday 1st December 10:00-11:00am

CHILDREN IN NEED

We will be celebrating Children in Need day on Friday 17th November and children will be able to wear their PJ's to school for a small donation.

PTA NEWS

Save the Date for our Christmas Fair! We will be holding our Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December. More details to follow!

SCOUT HUT PARKING

We have been advised that the car park at the Scout Hut is being used for an event on Monday 13th November between 2:00pm and 4:00pm. Therefore, you may need to find alternative parking on this day.

Swanley Food Bank

Swanley Food Bank have asked that we pass on their gratitude to all involved for all the hard work. Our Schools brilliant contribution came to a whopping 78.3kg. Some of this has already gone out to families that are in need and will continue to in the colder months ahead.

Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Faith-Evelyn, Anna, Fenton

Rose Class - Ayla, Rory, Edison

Tull Class - Harry, Olivia, Rosie

Rashford Class - Rudy, Iylah-Louise, Ralphy

Othello Class - Robert, Riaan, Emily

Einstein Class - Sienna, Albie, Olivia

Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Max, Emily D

Da Vinci Class - Ilona, Rana, Stanley

Times Tables Rock Stars Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class -

Armstrong Class - Faith-Evelyn

Rose Class - William D, Jake, Edison

Tull Class - Owen, Jessica B, Harry

Rashford Class - Arissa, Harrison, Sienna

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Marguerite

Einstein Class - Levi, Arthur, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Kaius, Lincoln, Emily D

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

Achievement Awards

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class - Betsy

Armstrong Class - Jack

Rose Class - Olivia

Tull Class - Elsie

Rashford Class - George R

Othello Class - Poppy

Einstein Class - Artie

Zephaniah Class - Ivy

Da Vinci Class - Sophie

PE - Callum

Art - Robert

Trident Trust - William

Lunchtime Award -

House Points

Knole - Week - 130 Term - 1,626

Chartwell - Week - 152 Term - 1,570

Penshurst - Week - 145 Term - 1,348

Ightham - Week - 218 Term - 1,622





