



Newsletter 23/11/2023

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

After another varied week at school, we are proud to share the following successes:

- A huge thank you to everyone for your donations to Children In Need and well done to our pupils for organising and running their own bake sale! Thank you to their adult volunteers for supporting them in this venture.
- We have continued to monitor Maths lessons, as this is an area of our school we are developing. Well done to pupils especially for being able to explain their learning and begin to use manipulatives to help solve complex problems!
- Today we have welcomed the Wilder Kent team, who delivered a whole-school assembly, as we begin our efforts to achieve the Wilder Kent Award! This is a programme that encourages our school to look after our environment and support wildlife in our local area. Today, groups of pupils (including Gardening Clubs, Forest School Club, School Council and Upper Key Stage 2 classes) have started working on an Action Plan that should help achieve the prize!

MDS Opportunities

We are looking to build our Midday Supervisor Team to support our children during their lunchtimes, leading activities and promoting positive play. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in this, please follow this link: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=125559>

Parental Controls

It has been brought to our attention that some of our older children are using some quite foul language within things such as WhatsApp groups and other apps. This is reported to include swearing and adult themes, in addition to unhealthy habits such as late-night video calls and endless scrolling through unfiltered (and therefore potentially harmful) content. Please be heavily encouraged to set boundaries and rules for your child and their devices. If they have been trusted to own one, they need to be responsible with it. Common suggestions include:

- Knowing your child's passcode so that you can access their device whenever you like.
- Setting up routines where you regularly monitor their devices (such as giving you their device at bedtime so you can check it while they are sleeping).
- Having apps on your own devices that allow you to see what your child is doing on theirs.
- Confiscating your child's device when they act inappropriately with it.

In line with our Vision, we are grateful for families reporting these incidents to us, so that we can share the message with other families, as it may be something that other parents and carers are unaware of – often an online persona can differ to a real-life one, so we would urge all parents and carers to be vigilant regarding their child's usage. Please take this opportunity to set up a system within your family.

Looking ahead, we are excited for some events in support of our amazing PTA, as listed below:

- Friday 24th November – Crazy Hair Day (in return for some chocolate for the Christmas Fair)
- Friday 1st December – Christmas Accessory Day (in return for a bottle of something for the Christmas Fair)
- Saturday 2nd December – PTA Christmas Fair

We also have the Book Fair arriving at school! Thank you for your continued support.

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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This week's resource is Relate: <https://www.relate.org.uk/>

Relate provides relationship support and advice via videos, quizzes, real life stories and live chat with a professional. They provide counselling and therapy for all ages.

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 - 95.8%

Mae Class - 89.6%

Knight Class - 93.5%

Armstrong Class - 90.0%

Rose Class - 94.6%

Tull Class - 93.3%

Rashford Class - 95.8%

Othello Class - 94.9%

Einstein Class - 97.6%

Zephaniah Class - 91.8%

Da Vinci Class - 99.0%

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 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 event for Reception 2024 admissions. Book your family ticket via school website:

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

PTA NEWS

We know there are so many activities and requests at this time of year that is that it becomes hard to keep track! Thank you for your ongoing support for the ARPS PTA in the lead up to the Christmas Fair. A few reminders for diaries -

Friday 24th November - Crazy Hair Day

Kids can come to school with crazy hair and we ask for a chocolate donation for the Christmas Fair chocolate tombola or £1 on the day.

Friday 1st December - Christmas Accessory Day

Wear any element of Christmas fun and please bring in a bottle for the Christmas Fair bottle tombola or £1 on the day.

Saturday 2nd December - Christmas Fair 12pm -3pm

We look forward to seeing you at the Fair for fun and Christmas spirit! Please let your class reps know if you are able to help with manning stalls on the day in exchange for a fair drink voucher and a lot of gratitude! The class with the most helpers will win some money for their teacher to spend on class resources.

Don't forget tickets for Santa's Grotto at the Fair are on sale via the PTA website and you are welcome to purchase a ticket for any younger siblings. Tickets will be on sale until 8pm Monday 27th November <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofanthonyroper/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=71384>

And finally, a reminder to please send back completed raffle tickets by Friday 1st December. Tickets cost £1 each and more are available from the school office should you wish to purchase extra for family or friends. Payment details, including an online option, are on the letter that was sent out with the tickets in book bags last week.



FRIDAY 24th NOVEMBER

Show us your craziest hairstyle!
Colourful, Messy, Funky - we can't wait
to see them all!
You just need to bring in a donation of
chocolate or £1 on the day.

Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class -

Mae Class -

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Anna, Faith-Evelyn, Fenton

Rose Class - Ayla, Rory, Edison

Tull Class - Harry, Olivia, Sullivan

Rashford Class - Rudy, Iylah-Louise, Ralphy

Othello Class - Robert, Riaan, Emily

Einstein Class - Sienna, Albie, Tabitha

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 - Oliver L, Faith-Evelyn, Thomas

Rose Class - William D, Edison, Jake

Tull Class - Owen, Jessica B, Harry

Rashford Class - Arissa, Harrison, Sienna

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Carter

Einstein Class - Levi, Arthur, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Emily D, Kaius, Lincoln

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

[Achievement Awards](#)

Bear Class - Lara

Mae Class - Leo

Knight Class - Karter

Armstrong Class - Will

Rose Class - Jake

Tull Class - Violet

Rashford Class - Charlie D

Othello Class - Ella

Einstein Class - Albie

Zephaniah Class - Ella

Da Vinci Class - Matthew

[House Points](#)

Knole - 200

Chartwell - 242

Penshurst - 208

Ightham - 224





