



Newsletter 07/12/2023

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Dear Anthony Roper Community,

As we race through to the Christmas break, we have had the following successes:

- Last Saturday, our dedicated PTA held their Christmas Fair! Thank you so much to everyone who was able to attend and show support to our school, including those that volunteered, attended and helped with setting up and packing away. Our community is extremely lucky to have a team of kind people working hard to organise these community events to benefit our children!
- Teaching staff collaborated with colleagues in Dartford on some Maths training as we work hard to ensure a sensible progression, with impactful support and challenge for all children.
- Our school has continued to dominate in various Sports Tournaments across the partnership! Congratulations to our pupils who have been competing and thank you to Miss Brushett for your work on these events.
- Our Key Stage One pupils (Years 1 and 2) have been putting in lots of work for their production. Their dress rehearsal to the school was a great first run and their opening performance to families was a true showing of their efforts. The final performance is tomorrow! Good luck everyone!

PE Kits

As the weather becomes colder and colder, some children are wearing 'skins' under shorts on their PE days. Please be reminded that this is not the school's policy. PE kit should include a plain, black tracksuit and their house t-shirt. School uniform and PE kits are intended to free children (and their families) from thinking about trends and labels, so that they can focus on learning, rather than building anxiety around material possessions and being 'fashionable'.

Lunchtimes

This week, we have started to diversify our lunchtime activities, which included our very first playground disco! Our thanks go to our MDS Team for showing our value of creativity! If you would like to join our MDS Team, please follow the link: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=125559>

Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome you for our next Exhibition Afternoon (Wednesday 13th December, 2.30pm) and children will be having their festive parties – see your child's Class Dojo for more information!

Keep safe,

Mr Adam Nicholls

Safeguarding

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Christmas is coming and for most children, young people and their families, this creates feelings of excitement; family coming together, the magic, the surprise, the gifts, the food....

Unfortunately, Christmas isn't like that for everyone. For those in need, there is advice from Kent here.

https://virtualschool.lea.kent.sch.uk/uploads/vsk-information-christmas-for-children-and-young-people-who-have-experienced-traumachecked.pdf?_cchid=d51b0dbf63fabe82dbd634820557ac31&_cchid=d51b0dbf63fabe82dbd634820557ac31

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 - 98.3%

Mae Class - 100%

Knight Class - 94.0%

Armstrong Class - 94.2%

Rose Class - 95.5%

Tull Class - 93.8%

Rashford Class - 91.7%

Othello Class - 93.5%

Einstein Class - 88.5%

Zephaniah Class - 92.8%

Da Vinci Class - 93.8%

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

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.

9 LESSONS & CAROLS

Please join us on Monday 11th December at 6:00pm at St Peter & St Paul's Church in Farningham for our traditional carol service. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fair at the weekend and supported the school on the day and in the run up to the event. It was a pleasure to see so many families joining in the Christmas fun.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers and helpers of all generations, without whom it couldn't take place. We hope everyone had a fantastic time.

Awards

Numbots Champions

Bear Class - Iris, Thomas, Romir

Mae Class - Elliott, Poppy, Chloe

Knight Class - Theodore, Hudson, Jacob

Armstrong Class - Anna, Faith-Evelyn, Fenton

Rose Class - Ayla, Edison, Rory

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, Sienna, Harrison

Othello Class - Poppy, Lucienne, Charlie

Einstein Class - Levi, Arthur, Tabitha

Zephaniah Class - Emily D, Kaius, Lincoln

Da Vinci Class - Mia, Thomas, Bronte

Achievement Awards

Bear Class - Charlotte

Mae Class - Robert

Knight Class - George Ro

Armstrong Class - Dollie-mai

Rose Class - Imogen

Tull Class - Violet

Rashford Class - Charlie B

Othello Class - Robert

Einstein Class - Mary Kate

Zephaniah Class - Polly

Da Vinci Class - Claudia

House Points

Knole - 191

Chartwell - 109

Penshurst - 175

Ightham - 147







