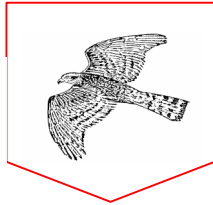


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Dear Parents / Carers

We welcome Mrs Carroll back to school today. She is returning to work for 3 days a week officially from Monday, but she is in school teaching Y3 today. Mrs Carroll will be in school every Monday, Tuesday and Friday. During that time we aim to keep her busy by covering the 10% Planning, Preparation and Assessment time teachers have in Key Stage One on a Tuesday, working with small groups of children in KS1 to help improve their learning on a Friday and releasing other staff on Mondays. I am sure you would all like to join me in welcoming her back.

It is also a special day for Miss Hanner and Miss Ledwith; they are not in school today because they are attending their graduation ceremony in Canterbury, in the Cathedral! We are hoping that they will bring some photographs to show the children in assembly of them wearing their gowns and mortar boards!



Can I remind you that on Thursday a photography company are coming in to take class photographs – please send your children in with hair brushed, breakfast removed from their shirts and full uniform! It will be nice to have the opportunity to have a reminder of their class in years to come with their teacher.

I understand there has been some reporting in the local media about asbestos in schools, on the reverse of the school news letter there is a statement from Kent County Council that they e-mailed me earlier this week, I have included it for your information, as I have had several telephone calls from parents. If you need any more information give me a ring, be please be reassured that the children are all safe in school.

Have a nice weekend

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Diary Dates

30th January – Bring things in for Bring and Buy sale
2nd February – Bring and Buy Sale
4th February – PTFA meeting
5th February – Class photographs
6th February – Non uniform day for Kent Play Clubs
14th February – break up for half term
23rd February – start back at school
2nd March – development day – school closed.



Bring and Buy Sale

Don't forget it is the Bring and Buy Sale next Friday the 2nd February. You could get your Christmas shopping for December 2009 very early!

Development day reminder

A reminder that 2nd March is a school development day if you would like to send your son / daughter to our 'After School Club' on that Monday please either contact Mrs Crook (01303-892224) or Cindy on 079099 35 821.

The cost of the club is £19 for the full day (8am -6pm) and £9.50 for either a morning (8am -1pm) or an afternoon (1pm - 6pm).

Chinese New Year

Children in Spiders and Ladybirds have been learning about Chinese New Year, and how it is celebrated around the world this week. They have made Chinese Lanterns, Chinese Dragons and had a Chinese New Year Party in their classrooms. They had lots of fun trying to eat food with chop sticks! I will ask Mr Rogers to add the photographs to the school website in the next week – keep your eyes peeled for them!



PTFA meeting

Don't forget – PTFA meeting on the 4th February at 7pm.

The agenda items are:

- The Easter Egg Hunt
- The summer Fete



Kent County Council statement

Following media reports on asbestos in school buildings, Kent County Council would like to reassure children, their families and staff working in schools across the county that their safety and wellbeing is of paramount importance to us.

We follow Health and Safety Executive advice on surveying and managing asbestos and are very confident in the procedures we have in place.

Kent County Council Cabinet Member for Education Mark Dance said:

"KCC has a legal obligation to make sure *that an* asbestos survey is carried out for all maintained schools in the county.

When a survey identifies asbestos-based materials, KCC will fund and undertake encapsulation or removal works, where appropriate. Schools are responsible for nominating a responsible person on site and maintaining their asbestos register containing the survey report. This should be retained on site at all times and be available for inspection. KCC provides advice and guidance to all schools about the management of asbestos.

Further info is available on our website at

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/support-services-and-advice/property-group/asbestos-fact.htm>



Why do moths flutter around lights?

Some scientists believe that moths are attracted to lights because they think that the light is coming from the stars or the moon. Moths sometimes use starlights or the moon to help them find their way over long distances, and electrical lights can trick them!

Next week – Why do lice like living in hair?

Think about / talk about....

Do slugs get jealous of snails?

