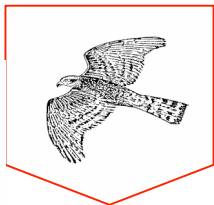


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Dear Parents,

It is that time of year again when it is cool enough in the morning to wear a jumper / fleece to school, and then by lunchtime warms up enough for the children to take their outer layers off.... the problem is where they leave them when they take them off! I have spoken to many frustrated parents and staff this week who have spent endless time looking for lost jumpers! The teachers have spoken to children about taking jumpers off and leaving them in a sensible place; however in the excitement of a playtime they often get distracted! Can I ask you to ensure all outer layers are names clearly, and then I can assure you that the child's lost jumper will be returned to their classroom in the shortest possible time. Mr Wright will be making another lost property box this weekend that will be kept in the corridor near to the pink toilets. All unnamed jumpers etc will be sent to that place! I hope this system will work - keep your fingers crossed!

Miss Walker is not in school today - she has a very exciting day ahead of her, she is graduating from Christchurch University with a Masters degree in Primary Education. We are very proud of her. We presented her with a bouquet of flowers in assembly yesterday; the children were very impressed and gave a big round of applause. It is great for them to see how the adults in the school are still studying and learning all of the time.

Next week is an important week for Y5 and Y6 pupils. Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATs test and Y5 their Summer term QCA tests. The children know their timetables, so please ask them more about it. Please can I ask you to make sure the Y5 and Y6 pupils are at school bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready to start each day promptly.

It has been nice to welcome visitors into the 2 reception classes this week - on Thursday afternoon and this morning some of the parents of pupils in these classes have been to spend some time learning with their children. The children have really enjoyed having their parents in the classroom with them, and the parents have said that they have enjoyed being in school too, and that it has been fascinating to see their children in a different context and be able to understand more about the way their children learn.

It is the Hythe Round the Houses run on Sunday - we have runners entering the race - thanks to Miss Varnals for leading all the training sessions. If you would like to come along to watch the children will be running between 10 - 10:30am. It is always an enjoyable morning.

Have a nice weekend,

Aly Ward

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Diary Dates

- * Monday 10th - Friday 14th May - Y6 SATs week
- * Wednesday 19th May - Governors meeting
- * Thursday 20th May - School Bank Open
- * Tuesday 25th May - Reception Classes 'Hearing Tests'

These are the details I received in an e mail from KCC this week – I thought they would be of interest to you all. If you need any more advice please speak to Mr O'Brien.

It has been brought to our attention that a number of pupils are using social networking sites such as Facebook, bebo, etc. These sites can be used to set up profiles and communicate with friends and family; however, they can also be used to bully, scam and abuse young people. The minimum age limit for many of these sites is 13, but we are aware that many young people (and indeed adults) have lied about their age or identity online and have online profiles.

A serious matter has arisen, where several students at a number of different schools in Kent have been approached online via Facebook by someone known to the police, with very inappropriate content and messages. This matter has been reported to the police and CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre) and is being dealt with appropriately, but we wish to highlight this concern to all schools for further discussion with pupils and parents/carers.

Useful advice for parents/carers:

- Know how your children are using the internet and discuss rules and boundaries for safe use and behaviour much like you would in the real world
- Make sure your children understand that people can lie about who they are online
- Make sure your children know how to protect themselves online such as setting profiles to private, only adding real-life friends and not sharing any personal information (including photos in school uniform)
- Wherever possible locate the computer in a family room and supervise its use, only allow children to use webcams with adult supervision
- Be aware that games consoles and mobile phones can also allow children to access the internet
- If anything happens online that makes you or your child feel worried, scared or uncomfortable then report it to the website/service provider and the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) at www.thinkuknow.co.uk
- Visit www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents for more information on how to keep your children safe online

Money Saving tip of the week

Tesco's club card vouchers are due soon. Look out for them, you can use them to make days out cheaper – they can be worth up to 4 times their face value – and you can plan a day out over the half term holiday!

Remember:

Once a week, take a peek!
Actual size of headlice in stages of growth



Further to last weeks newsletter I was excited to see on page 81 of the Folkestone Herald a photograph of the school football team taken at the end of their match at Folkestone Invicta ground.



Breakfast bars

Ingredients

- 150g Demerara sugar
- 3 tablespoons golden syrup
- 150g butter or sunflower margarine
- 250g oats
- 100g raisins or sultanas
- 75g chopped nuts
- 50g seeds
- 50g dried apricots
- 25g dried cranberries (optional)

Equipment

- Scales
- Tablespoon
- Wooden spoon
- Scissors
- Saucepan
- Mixing bowl
- Baking tin (32cm x 19cm)
- Oven gloves

Method

Heat the oven gas 4, 180°C
Grease the baking tin.
Weigh the sugar, butter and golden syrup and place in the saucepan.
Heat the ingredients gently, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon until the sugar has melted completely. Meanwhile weigh the oats, seeds, nuts and fruit and place in the mixing bowl.
Cut the apricots into small pieces with scissors.
Stir the melted ingredients into the oats, seeds, nuts and fruit and make sure they are well coated.
Spoon the mixture into the greased baking tin and flatten down with the back of a metal spoon.
Bake for 35 - 45 minutes until golden brown and firm to touch.
Allow to cool before turning out and cutting into 16 bars.

Letters sent home this week

No letters have been sent home this week