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Dear Parents,

We started the week with a busy day on Monday! Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a fantastic Virtual Reality workshop as their launch pad for their theme, "How have rainforests changed over time?" They enjoyed visiting a number of different rainforests around the world, from Borneo in Indonesia to the Congo and the Amazon. They learnt about (and saw!) some of the fascinating animals and plants that live there, including some very amusing gorillas and giant rhino beetle. The children also saw how deforestation is affecting rainforests around the world, and how it might affect the habitats for the animals that live there. Finally each class had the chance to visit one extra place. A few visited Australia to look at their class city, and Seoul class visited Chichen Itza to find out more about the ancient Mayan temple! It sounded like all of the children really enjoyed this experience and it was a great way to start the theme.

Year 5&6 enjoyed a trip to Kearsney Park and the River Dour to launch their theme 'Why are rivers important to the global community?' They took part in a variety of different activities including finding out about how the river is used by wildlife and the general public. The children really enjoyed finding and identifying different types of wildlife in the river; several children even managed to catch some fish (which were then safely returned to the river)! Other activities included measuring the width and depth of the river, seeing how fast the river flowed, taking photos of the river for use during Art and Computing lessons this term, and writing poems inspired by what the children had seen on their visit. A great time was had by all and it was a brilliant way to launch the theme.

Following the overwhelming success of our food drive during Hawkinge Health Week in Term 6, our orange Food Bank Bin is now a permanent fixture & will be outside at home time every day – All donations are welcome but this month, they are particularly in need of Long Life Milk, Long Life Juice, Deodorant, Instant Mash, Tinned Meat & Fish (hotdogs, tuna, etc.) Please contribute whatever you can so Shepway Food Banks can continue to help hundreds of families in our district every year; your support really does make a difference. Thank you.

Finally, sorry for the confusion with the photograph permission letter this week – thank you for completing the new letter giving us permission (or not) to use your child's photograph in a variety of ways. If you have not yet returned it to school please do so by Wednesday.

Have a great weekend,

Diary dates – term 1

September

23rd – Full Governing Body meeting

October

1st – Height and weight checks Year R and Y6

2nd & 3rd – Parents Evenign

3rd October – Free School Lunch (more info to follow)

15th October – Year 1 & 2 Landing Pad Assembly
2:15pm

16th October – Year 3 & 4 Landing Pad Assembly
2:15pm

17th October – Year 5 & 6 Landing Pad Assembly
2:15pm

Djembe workshop

On Wednesday children in Years 5 and 6 took part in a Djembe workshop. Djembes are an African drum from Burkina Faso and are used in many community events and celebrations. Rich from Rich Rhythms taught us some different rhythms to play and combine.

We also learnt start and end signals to ensure everyone played their djembe at the same time! It was very loud and lots of fun! We are going to be continuing with this by learning additional rhythms in our music lessons this term.

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:30 a day if your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6.

School meals will be served from week 3 next week.

The lunch menu is on the school website.

Tuesday 15th October



It will be World Maths Day on Tuesday 15th October. Children will be completing different mathematical challenges in school on this day in addition to their maths lesson. Children can come into school on this day dressed in an outfit displaying a number/numbers or anything related to maths. There will be prizes for the best outfits across the school. Examples of different outfits worn on a previous World Maths Day can be seen on the school website:

<https://www.hawkingeprimaryschool.co.uk/picturegallery/2013-2014/spring-2014/>

Secondary School Open Evenings

Folkestone Academy – Thursday 3rd October 2019 from 5-8pm. Principles speeches at 5:30pm, 6pm 6:30pm, 7pm

Turner Free School – Thursday 26th September and Thursday 10th October – please contact the Turner Free School directly on 01303 824400 to arrange an appointment.

Year 6 Applications to secondary school for September 2020

Please complete the LA Secondary Common Application Form (Kent SCAF) online indicating up to 4 schools, in order of preference. This must be completed by 31st October 2019. The website address is:

www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Lost property

We seem to have an extraordinary amount of lost property seeing as we have only been back for 3 weeks – from coats to plimsolls! If your uniform is labelled Mrs Epsley does a great job of reuniting lost jumpers with their owners, however it is impossible to do if they not named. Just a name written with a sharpie would be sufficient (obviously even easier for us if you have name labels!)

Thanks you Mrs Epsley for all your hard work with this.