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Dear Parents,

You may have noticed lots of fencing going up behind the mobile classroom and around the old boiler house this week. I am pleased to tell you that KCC have agreed to replace our very old, unreliable boilers, so that this winter we should have absolutely no problems with our heating throughout the school! When the company came to look at the boilers they said they were almost as old as the school!! So it is time they were replaced! We are having the added bonus, that not only will they be replaced, but whilst the old ones are being removed they are going to take advantage of the boiler room being empty and it will be having an update too - the walls are going to be sandblasted and painted, insulation removed and it will all look like new (including working boilers) by the time half term is over they have promised us! I am sorry for any inconvenience this work may be causing, but I am sure you agree it will be more than worth it!

This week saw the start of many of our after school clubs. There is at least one club running every night after school, many of which have long waiting lists, and some nights there are up to 4 clubs running! If you are unsure of which clubs are on when have a look at the school website (more of which in a minute!) Can I take this opportunity to thank all staff who run these clubs? Teachers run the clubs because they enjoy doing so, but it is out of their own time, and they often spend considerable time planning and preparing the clubs they run. We are really lucky to have such dedicated teachers, who always give the 'added extras'

All being well the new school website will be up and running over the weekend. We are just waiting for it to be 'switched over' - keep you eye out for the big change over! The new one is very similar to the old one, but looks much more modern and I think is easier to use. I would welcome any feedback you have about it when you next see me, or Mr O'Brien.

I hope you have a nice weekend



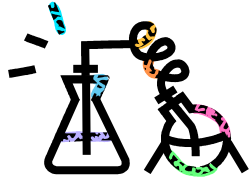
Diary dates

16th October - Class photographs
24th October - Y5/ 6 Landing Pad assembly (2:15pm)
25th October - Year 3/ 4 Landing Pad assembly (2:15pm)
26th October - Year 1/ 2 Landing pad assembly (2:15pm)
26th October - last day of term!
5th November - Development day

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals have increased in price to £2:20 a day / £11 a week.
Next week we will be on the week 3 menu

This week's Science challenge.



Well done to the following children for completing the Science challenge at home and bringing us their photos: Alastair Maxwell, Ellie Donaldson and Callum Shorter.

Here is this week's challenge:

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments/oilandwater.html>

Don't forget to bring in evidence of your experiment next week and give it to Miss Sotirou or Miss Dawe (this could be a photograph, your results or the experiment itself). The photos will be displayed in the next few weeks.

Look out for next week's fun experiment!

Development Day - 5th November

As I mentioned in last weeks newsletter Monday 5th of November will be a staff training day. If you would like to use the After School Club for child care, it will be open from 8:30am - 6pm on that day.

There are a few places left

Places will get booked up quickly so please do call Di on 079 09 935 821

Useful questions to ask your child when you listen to them read at home

This week the questions below will help enhance your son / daughters skills of inferring meaning from the text. The answers will not be found in the text directly, but they will have to think carefully about their answers based on what they have read.

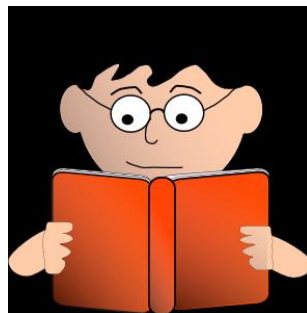
- What sort of person is? What makes you think this?
- How do you know this character was feeling...? Find two pieces of evidence.
- Why do you think this character did / said....?
- What does this tell you about.....?
- What does this description reveal about the character
- What choice would you have made and why?

Use these questions alongside the ones from last week when reading with your son / daughter.

Notice for parents of pupils in Y6

I hope you all received your letters yesterday advising you of how to apply for your son / daughter's secondary school places. If not it may be in the bottom of a bag somewhere. You **MUST** apply for a place by 31st October by going to www.kent.gov.uk/ola

The letter I sent home with more details on will be on the website this weekend – under newsletters. Please check for more details.



Every week - take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend!



These are the actual size of head lice in different stages of growth

Please do check your son / daughters hair. At this time of year we do find we have several outbreaks of head lice. The most successful way of treating them is with a Nitty Gritty comb that you can buy from Sainsburys and low cost hair conditioner.

Mrs Hughes Money saving tip of the week

Buy your advent calendars early!

Lots of supermarkets have got special deals on their advent calendars at the moment – but they won't last. Buy yours early to save a few pence!