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Dear Parents,

The landing pad assemblies this week have been a perfect way to end the half term. I hope you managed to attend one of them. It has been a pleasure to see the children performing on stage so confidently, and with an obvious sense of enjoyment. You can really tell that they have enjoyed learning about their themes this half term. Some of my favourite parts of the landing pad assemblies have been watching the children singing on stage. It is really quite a scary thing to do when so many parents are watching! It has been even more remarkable that the children in Inkpen and Donaldson classes have sung their harvest songs with such confidence. It is hard to believe that they have only been in school for such a short period of time! They did so well. It has been a super way to end the term for myself and Mr O'Brien.

This week Dover Transport Museum came to school to collect a Penny Farthing that we have had in school for many years. When the 'link' part of the school was built (this is the area Ms Thompson, Miss Milborrow, Miss Sotiriou and Mrs Wookey have their classrooms) it was found in the foundations of this area. We have had it in school for 20 years as an artefact, but over the last 3 or 4 years it has been hidden away in the boiler house. Dover Transport Museum is opening a new bicycle display area this year, and were really keen to display it in the museum. We felt this would be a good thing to do, as the only person who sees it in the boiler house is Mr Wright! If you go to visit the museum please do take a photograph of our penny farthing and let us see it!

Next half term is a busy one (I have included all the Christmas dates over leaf on the newsletter). Please remember that we start the term with a Teacher Training Day on Monday 5th November (so the school will be closed to children). Di still has a couple of places at the After School Club on Monday 5th November if you would like your children to attend please give her a call (details are on the reverse)

Have a lovely half term!



Diary dates

5th November - Development day
14th Nov - Open day for children starting school Sept 2012
28th Nov - Bags to School collection day

1st December - Christmas Crafts morning
12th Dec- Year 5 /6 Landing Pad Assembly
13th Dec- Year 3/ 4 Landing Pad Assembly
14th Dec - Panto trip
17TH Dec - Christmas gift wrap evening
18TH Dec - Christmas gift day
19th Dec - Nativity (AM)
20th Dec - Christmas Fair (evening)

January 7th - Start back after Christmas

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week.
After half term the school lunch menu will start on week 1 again!

Development Day - 5th November

If you would like to use the After School Club for child care, on Monday 5th November (it will be open from 8:30am - 6pm on that day) please phone Di on 079 09 935 821

Half term Science challenge.



Have you seen your photo on display yet?
Have a look outside Miss Sotiriou's classroom when you get a chance. Here is this week's challenge:

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments/lemonade.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).
Look out for next half term's fun experiment!
Miss Dawe

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

This week the questions are all intended to help children explain and comment on the writers' use of language, including grammatical and literary features at word and sentence level

1. Why did the author choose to open with a question?
2. What do the following words tell you about...?
3. Why do you think this is an effective way to describe...?
4. Which word tells you that....?

Notice for parents of pupils in Y6

Please remember that you **MUST** apply for secondary school a place by 31st October by going to www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Half term holiday fun!

Indoor sports and spooky fun will be held at the Community Centre on Friday 2nd November 12-2pm for children aged 6yrs+

For more info contact Tanya the Community Warden on 07811 271303

Mrs Hughes Money saving tip of the week

50% off all toys in Sainsburys until Tuesday!

Start your Christmas shopping early (or top up what you have already brought!)

There are some real bargains to be had!

Every week - take a peek!

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



These are the actual size of head lice