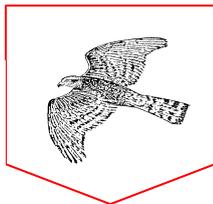


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Dear Parents,

It has been so nice to see blue sky for most of this week and the wonderful daffodils on the Hawkinge Hill on my drive into school in the morning - make things feel so much nicer than the shocking weather of the last few months doesn't it?

With the wonderful improvement in the weather comes the complicated issue of mislaid fleeces and jumpers at playtimes! They are often discarded and then can go missing for weeks! If your son / daughter does not have their uniform clearly named please do so to ensure a rapid return of fleeces found on the school playground / field! In the last couple of newsletters I have advertised a company called Idea Arc which is ran by a parent of children at our school. The company produces iron on, bright name labels. Go to www.ideaArc.co.uk if you would like out find out more.

This week 12 children in Y5 have 'qualified' as School Buddys. They have had a weekly training session for the last term from a member of the Project Salus Team and this week they took their test and became fully qualifies. The role of buddies is to ensure lunchtime playtimes are fun for children. They distribute play equipment for children to use, they look out for children who might not have anyone to play with and find them someone to play with and generally organise playtimes under the watchful eyes of the Midday Supervisors. Our new buddies are: Billy Mills, Emilee Piggott, Aisling Clarkin, Izzy Browning, Nikita Lawrence, Codie Reeves, Ananya Ramamurthy, Maddeline Brown, Nicole Brown, Kayla Curtis, Grace Bowden and Andrew Davey. Well done to you all - and thank you for all your hard work!

We have had 2 confirmed and 1 possible case of scarlet Fever in school this week. The infection is highly contagious and the bacteria are carried in saliva and mucus, meaning it can be spread by sneezing, coughing or breathing out. Early symptoms of the disease often include a sore throat, headache, a temperature over 38.3C, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours, a fine red rash develops - which feels like sandpaper - and spreads from the stomach and chest to the rest of the body. It can also cause a strawberry red-coloured tongue. Children aged between two and eight are most commonly affected. If your child starts to display any of the signs please take them to see the GP and inform us!

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Diary Dates

Saturday 29th March - Easter Crafts
Sunday 30th March - Easter Egg Hunt
March 31st - Year 3/ 4 class assemblies
April 1st - Corduroy, Paddington and Year 5 / 6 class assemblies
April 3rd - Year 1/ 2 class assemblies
April 4th - Last day of term

School Lunches!

Don't forget school meals cost £2:20 a day / £11 a week.

Next week the kitchen will be serving from week 4

Menus are available on the school website

Advance Warning:

There will be 2 Staff Training Days in June – June 2nd and June 24th

If you would like to book your son / daughter in to the After School Club for the day please contact them on 079 09 935 821.

Can you help?

Next term, Year 5 and 6 will be thinking about their aspirations for the future and what sort of careers they might like to have. We are hoping to hold a careers afternoon where people can come in and talk to the classes about their jobs, what inspired them to choose this career, what skills they need to be able to do this career etc. If you think you might be able to spare some time one afternoon to talk to the children about your job please see one of the Year 5/6 teachers to give them your contact details. We will then get in touch once we have identified a suitable date. Many Thanks. Miss Dawe. Miss Hanner and Miss Staø

Buildings update

The building work continues, two classes have now been plastered and this good weather speeds the drying process nicely, although the builders are wanting some rain so that the new guttering can be tested! Wiring in the classes is still in progress and routes have been carefully planned taking new water pipes into the new building, trying to ensure that they are hidden as much as possible. Next week we are hoping that all the scaffolding will be gone and blue panels will be arriving and fitted along the bottom of the new and existing classes.

Mrs Hughes

Easter Holiday Fun!

Folkestone Town Council are running 2 free workshops during the Easter holidays at the Town Hall

Romans

14th April 10.30-12.30 at the Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street

- Become an archaeologist and find Roman artefacts
- Make your own mosaic
- Go on a treasure hunt
- See and touch real Roman items

Suitable for children aged 7-11, all children must be accompanied by an adult

Bugs & Butterflies

16th April 10.30-12.30 at the Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street

- Find out why Victorians collected bugs and butterflies
- Make your own felt butterfly
- See real bug and butterfly collections
- Go on a picture nature trail

Suitable for children aged 8-12, all children must be accompanied by an adult

To book a place please contact Rebecca McCutcheon 01303 213179 or rebecca.mccutcheon@folkestone-tc.gov.uk

Tickets for the PTFA Easter Egg Hunt will be on sale every morning from 08:30 till 09:00 and every afternoon from 15:00 till 15:30 next week, in the school hall. Each ticket costs £1.00. Any donations of Easter Eggs can be given to Miss Ward or Mr O'Brien leading up to the hunt next weekend. All donations are gratefully received and very much appreciated. The hunt starts at 9am and we look forward to seeing you all there.

Attendance / holidays

Please do remember that we are not in a position to be able to authorise holidays for children during school time. If there is a reason your son / daughter needs time out of school for an exceptional circumstance please complete the exceptional circumstance form that can be found in the school office or on the school website – [About Us / Policy link / Attendance Policy.](#)

Every week – take a peek!

Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend, there seems to be an outbreak of headlice in school