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Dear Parents,

Another busy week this week at school - school photographs, parents evening, World Book Day and a surprise visit from KCC Food Standards Safety Inspectors!

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed as book characters for World Book Day on Thursday - knights, fairy tale characters, footballers, a dragon, lions and a sheep! There were also characters from Charlie and the Chocolate factory and Harry Potter and a couple of children dressed as Dennis The Menace (!!) to name a few. Thank you for all your support with organising the costumes - it was really a wonderful day. Over the weekend I expect the photographs will be added to the school website.

Thank you also to all parents who attended your parent evening meetings this week - It has been good to see so many parents in school discussing the learning of their children with the teachers and supporting their learning journey. I know some parents have appointments next week and the week after, it is hard to squeeze so many appointments into two evenings!

On Monday KCC Food Standards Safety Inspectors arrived for an unannounced check of the school kitchen. At the end of the check the team award the establishment a star rating ranging from 1 star to 5 stars. We are very proud to announce that our kitchen was awarded 5 Stars!! We know the team who work in the kitchen work tirelessly to ensure a good standard of cleanliness is maintained as well as cooking delicious food - but a big well done to them! It is always nice to be recognised for the good work you do isn't it?

On the same note I was really chuffed to receive a letter at the end of last week from an organisation called Project Salus. Mrs Wookey had submitted an application to renew our Anti-Bullying Accreditation in July and they have written to tell us that we were successful in the audit that had been submitted. The judging panel were 'particularly impressed' with

- The proactive attitude... to pupil voice, pupil surveys and engagement in Anti-Bullying Days and E safety days
- The clear policy and guidance for staff, pupils and parents including the informationon the school website
- The children have an understanding of how to prevent bullying and how to act in a range of situations

A copy of the letter will be added to the Ethos page of the school website and a new logo on the bottom of our headed paper!

Have a great weekend

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Dates for your diary

9th March – No singing club KS1
9TH March – PTFA meeting
13th March – Red Nose Day
28th March – Easter Craft Morning
1st April – last day of school

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
The new menu is available on the school website

Red Noses

Red noses will be on sale every morning before school next week in the school entrance / outside depending on the weather. Red noses will cost £1 each.

On Red Nose Day we ask that children come into school wearing uniform as usual and their red noses as an optional extra!

Attendance

The class with the best attendance last week was Modigliani with 100%.

EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2015 - 10AM TILL 12PM

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Sunday 29th March 15 at the school from 10am till 12pm. It is one of the main events in the PTFA's calendar and one of the children's favourites.

Easter Egg Donations

We would be very grateful if you could donate Easter Eggs, of any kind, for the event. Please drop them into the school office or give them to Miss Ward or Mr O'Brien in the mornings/afternoons. Look out for the special offers at the supermarkets.

On the Day

The Easter Egg Hunt will start just after 10am. KS1 and KS2 will be split into two different sections of the field/playground. These areas will be indicated to you on the day. The KS1 children will go first with the KS2 children following on five minutes later. The rules of the Easter Egg Hunt will be communicated before it commences. Please remember that this is a fun event for the children. The adults will also be able to hunt for their own treasure!

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.

It might be useful to know that the children will not return to school in September until Monday 7th September. Teachers will be back in school on 3rd and 4th September. I expect if you are looking to book a week away leaving on the 31st August – 4th September would be cheaper!

I do consider it to be vitally important that children return to school in September as the term starts and not come back to school later. In the first few days classes complete team building activities, bond as a team and set the rules and routines for the classroom. If children miss this time they often find it harder to settle back into school life.

Football update

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Hawkinge played their first Herald Cup match of the season on Friday. Hawkinge had many chances in the first half but couldn't put the ball in the back of the net, leaving the score at 0-0 at half-time. Harry Dean scored a superb opening goal early in the second half. This was soon followed by further goals from Lewis Kirby and Jack Laws. Jimmy Tonkiss was then fouled in the penalty area and Tegan Graham-Lund converted the resulting spot-kick. The final goal of the game was scored by Lenny Atherton to complete a fine all round team performance.

The players that represented the school were:
Adam Hall, Jude Farnham, Tegan Graham-Lund, Andrew Davey, Joshua Tanner, Lewis Kirby, Jimmy Tonkiss, Lenny Atherton, Jack Laws, Harry Dean and Lyall Ellison.

The school will be closed for a staff training day July 10th

Every week – take a peek! Please check your child's hair for head lice this weekend, there seems to be an outbreak of head lice in school