

School News

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SCHOOL DIARY

Friday, 6 December - PTA Christmas Gift Wrapping Service

Tomorrow, 6 December, is the final day the Christmas shop will be open for children to buy a small gift for all family members. The children really enjoy being able to buy their own presents for family and friends and in the process this is a great fundraiser for the PTA who pay for things that benefit all the children such as Forest School. Items are priced from 50p to £3.00. Please ensure your child brings any money in a labelled purse, wallet or envelope.



Friday, 6 December - St. Nicholas Day Service at 9.15am at St. Mary's Church, Eastry for Fledglings, Year 1 & 2

Parents and carers are invited to join the Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 for the St. Nicholas Day Service at St. Mary's Church, Eastry on Friday, 6 December. **Please note there will not be a Year 2 Worship this day as the children will be attending the service.**

Friday, 6 December - Children's Christmas Disco and Fun Evening

The PTA are hosting this event on 6th December (Infants: 3.30-4.30pm & Juniors: 4:45-5:45pm). **Tickets are available to buy from the school office at a cost for £2** (to include unlimited drinks). There will be a tuck shop, stalls selling small items including glow toys and face painting. There will also be a small craft stall in the foyer selling lovely handcrafted felted fairies, woodland animals, snowmen, kittens and cats and many more Christmas tree decorations with prices ranging from £2 to £15. Please can all children bring any money in a labelled purse, wallet or envelope. **All children should wear school uniform to school but Fledglings, Year 1 & Year 2 may bring a change of clothes.**



Monday, 9 December - PTA Bags2school

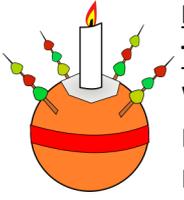
Don't forget that the bags will be collected on 9 December. The following 'good quality' items will be really appreciated:

● Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing ● Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around) ● Handbags ● Hats ● Bags ● Scarves and ties ● Jewellery ● Lingerie ● Socks ● Belts ● Soft toys ● Household linen ● Household curtains ● Household towels ● Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers).

Please bring bags to school on the morning of 9 December by 9.00am and leave on the grass verge in the car park (or in the hall if wet). Please do not bring items before this date as we do not have any room to store these. The more items donated the more money the PTA will make for the school.

SCHOOL DIARY - CONTINUED

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES



Monday, 9 December at 1.30pm - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday, 10 December at 1.30pm - Whole School

We are holding two Christingle Services which will be led by the children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 on Monday, 9 December at 1.30pm and Tuesday, 10 December at 1.30PM at St. Mary's Church, Eastry. **Please note the change in time to that previously published** (please also note the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will receive their Christingle on the Monday and Fledglings, Years 1 and 2 will receive theirs on the Tuesday). **Last week the children brought home a Children's Society collecting candle together with assembly instructions. We should be grateful if you could return this by Tuesday, 10 December** so that we can send this to the Children's Society before Christmas. **Please do give generously as money raised goes to help children less fortunate.** In the interest of safety please can we also ask that any children with long hair have this tied or clipped back, thank you.

Nativity Plays



Wednesday, 11 December at 2.30pm & Thursday, 12 December at 9.15am

Children in Fledglings, Year 1 and Year 2 are practising every day for our school Nativity Play and once again it is promising to be a real treat. You and your families are welcome to attend on Wednesday, 11 December at 2.30pm or Thursday, 12 December at 9.15am. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wednesday, 11 December - School Christmas Dinner



Thursday, 12 December - Walking Nativity at 2.00pm

You are invited to line the playground and the streets to watch the Christmas procession, led by Reverend David Ridley, and Year 4 & 5 complete with donkey! They will walk to the church, for a short service, and will then walk through the village, hoping to find a room at the Inn for Mary and Joseph, finally finishing at the Old Fire Station attached to the Five Bells. Further details have been sent home with children in Year 4 & 5 including arrangements for where to collect your child. Please ensure that slips are returned to school by Friday, 6 December. **Please also let the school know if you are able to help at this event, thank you.**



Friday, 13 December - School Talent Show

 During week commencing 9 December children are invited to perform a talent to their class. This can be on their own or as part of a group. The class will then decide a winner who will go on to the final and perform their talent to the whole school on Friday, 13 December. We do hope the children will enjoy taking part in this 'in school' event and I very much look forward to seeing our talented children perform.

Friday, 13 December - Christmas Jumper Day!

Children may wear a Christmas Jumper to school on Friday, 13 December.

Friday, 13 December - Last Day of Term 2

Monday, 6 January - First Day of Term 3

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you Sainsbury's & the PTA!

We would like to thank Sainsbury's, Deal who have donated 12 boxes of crackers for this year's Christmas Dinner. The PTA will be buying the remainder so that all the children have a cracker to pull on Wednesday!



Other Community News

Rent-A-Santa

Eastry Fire Station are again helping Santa to deliver presents to children in the local area. If you would like them to visit you please provide a present at Bickers Post Office with your name, address, contact telephone number and cost of delivery which is £3.00 per present. The last collection of presents is 16 December. Delivery to Tilmanstone, Ash, Sandwich and Worth will be on the evening of 17 December and for Woodnesborough and Eastry will be on 18 December from 6.00pm onwards. All funds raised go to the Firefighters Charity.

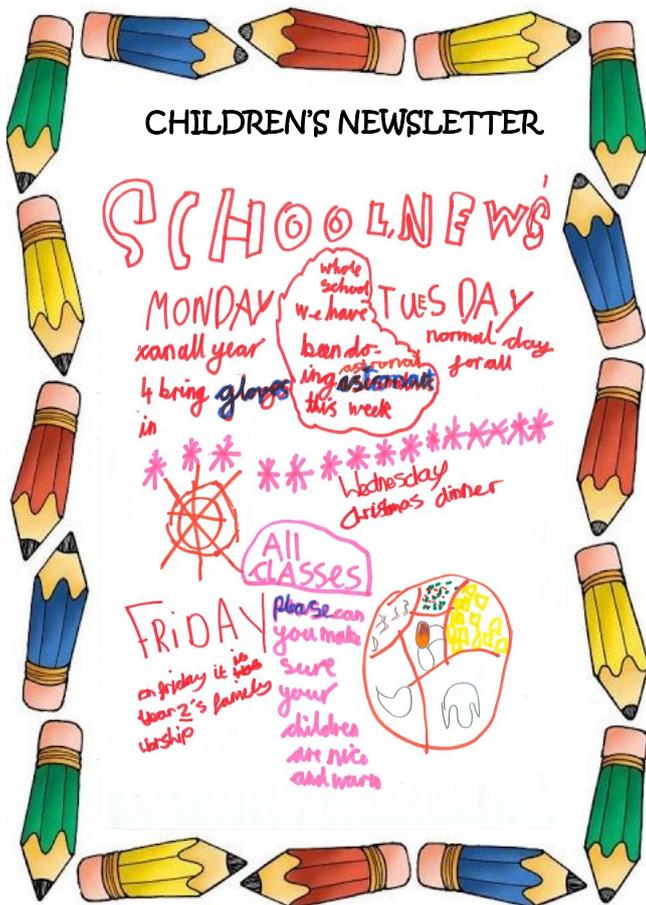


Art Competition for Pilgrims Hospice

Are you a budding artist?

Why not take part in an art competition run by the Pilgrims Hospice and have an opportunity for your art work to be displayed at The Beane Museum in Canterbury and be viewed by over 10,000 visitors.

The theme is 'What makes you unique?' Art work needs to be a minimum of A4 size and maximum of A2 including frame. All entries must be 2D artwork/photography and ready to hang - either framed or a box canvas both with mirror plates already attached. Entries need to be returned by 31 January and the school will then choose a maximum of 10 entries per year group for submission (The year groups are Years 3-6, Years 7-11 & Year 12-13.) Overall winners in the competition at the Beane will be chosen by a judging panel with an additional 'Peoples vote' prize. Winners and their families will be invited to a prize giving ceremony later next year.



CONGRATULATIONS BUDDING MATHMETICIANS!

On Friday Flynn, India, Jacob and James from Year 6 took part in a Primary Maths competition at Sir Roger Manwood's School against other local primary schools. Despite some stiff competition from 18 other teams we are pleased to announce that they came in 3rd place. Many congratulations, we are all very proud of you.

INTERNET SAFETY SECTION

Your children may be getting a device for Christmas that has internet access. We thought you might find the NSPCC website useful as it has information on:

- How to set up parental controls
- Safe sites and apps
- An online course 'Keeping Children Safe Online'
- Information on Share Aware
- Advise on talking to your child about staying safe online
- & lots of other very useful information

Please visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

There will be no staff led clubs running the first week after the Christmas break. During the first week we will send out details of the clubs that will be running during terms 3 & 4.



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS	
Week commencing 9.12.2019	
MONDAY	
Cooking Club	NO
Dance Club	NO
TUESDAY	
Golf Club	Yes
Fun, Indoor Games	NO
Netball	NO
Science	NO
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
Multisport Club	Yes
Running Club	NO
Art Club	NO
Football Team Practice	NO
FRIDAY	
Football Club	Yes
If you are interested in joining any of our After School Clubs, please ask at the school office – thank you.	

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing the children on Monday, 6 January 2020 for the start of Term 3.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Kate Espley
Headteacher