



Newsletter Friday 17th November 2023

Headteacher News

Dear Community,

I hope this finds you well. We are striding into the second term already and the jingle jangle of Christmas is in the air. Nativities being put together, costumes being made and the excitement in the children is building. Our team is planning the Christmas service in the church and the tree is being ordered for the hall. It's a wonderful term ahead.

I often talk about our values and I truly believe they build on the good work you do with your children at home. It's important that we recognise when we see and engage with the values we teach and this term I have really felt the values echo throughout the school. I was filled with pride last week. Pride in the staff, pride in the children and pride in the school as a whole. It really was an absolute privilege to lead our remembrance service on Friday last week. The children walked with a silent gracefulness onto our KS2 playground and gathered together as a large school community of over 660 children and all of our

staff team. Our proud teachers lead them to stand respectfully around a wonderful wooden cross that our local church lent us. As the children read their poems and presented their class wreaths, there was a reverence in the air which resonated through each and every one of us. It was the first time I've seen the whole school together, and it really was awe-inspiring. You would have all been so extremely proud of the children's attitude to this important service.

Our values of respect and pride also echoed through the voices of our Year 6 pupils during our parent tours. We had a team of our confident year 6 pupils speaking about the school and what it means to them. They were trusted to write their own words and share them with the hall full of prospective parents. They delivered on this and I struggled to hold back a few tears of pride. They said such warm and honest things about the school. The responsibilities around the school that they had, how they enjoyed curriculum topics they studied and how it felt like a family.

The compliments from our visitors were well received and all of the visitors spoke so warmly about the behavior and attitudes of the children in the school, the wonderful site and the calm and focused feel of all of the lessons.

Learning

Our maths team spent some time in the classrooms across the school this week and it was a pleasure to see how well your children are engaging in the maths curriculum. The relationships with the teachers were really trusting and the children challenged often to think about mathematical concepts. The classrooms were full of practical resources to support the visual understanding of tricky concepts and the children spoke really positively about the new maths work books. Mr. Bedford-Cooper and Mrs. Weston were also joined by our governing body and all are really doing a wonderful job in ensuring our maths curriculum is challenging for all and ensuring potential is limitless.

Colder weather..

We are two weeks in to the second term of the year and we are really noticing the change in weather. The season of wet play is upon us and most of the children are coming in wearing their warmer coats. It's important that children get to play and run free to burn off energy. For this reason, our aim is for children to be outside so there may well be times, in lighter drizzle, that children are out playing. Please do make sure that a suitable coat is worn to school for this reason.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Mr North



Assistant Headteacher News

Hi everyone it's Mr Farley this week.

Our theme for this week has been compassion - one of our school values. We opened the week with odd socks, discussing anti bullying week with the children and have closed our week with Children in Need. Walking round nearly all classes this week I've seen a huge amount of compassion tokens on your children's photo frames which shows they've taken on board the messages delivered to them by their teachers and through this week's assemblies.

Part of our continued drive for improvement involved a number of leaders monitoring maths this week. It was lovely to see your children engaged and excited during their maths learning and able to talk about their successes.

Have a lovely weekend.



Year R Admissions September 2024

If you have a child due to start in Year R in September 2024 we would advise that online applications are now open for parents wanting to apply. The closing date is midnight on the 15th January 2024. Applications should be made online. Offer day is 16th April 2024 where you will be offered a school for your child.

Please see link below for full details and for the link to make your application. There is also a booklet with lots more information for parents to read.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places#tab-2>

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Thomson in the school office.

Remembrance Service

On Friday the 10th we held our Remembrance service. All pupils, staff and representatives of our governing body gathered on the playground to lay wreaths and read poems as a mark of respect for those who have served to save lives and protect the peace. We finished our service listening to The Last Post while the rain fell. The children ignored the drops of distraction from above and stood silent and proud. It was a poignant moment for us all. The children's wreaths made a wonderful display of respect in our main entrance too. We hope you got to see it.

Some of our school council also went to the service at village church and represented our school so well. Thank you to Mr. Hogwood for giving up his time to do this.

We will remember them...



Diary Dates

Term 2

21 Nov - Amber Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

23 Nov - Netball team first league t home Loose V Staplehurst 3.30pm (hosted at Loose)

23 & 24 Nov - Year R & 6 Height & Weight Checks

27-30 Nov - Scholastic Book Fair - times to be confirmed

28 Nov - Drama Workshops for Years R, 1 & 2

28 Nov - Jade Class Assembly 9am Orchard Hall - families invited

06 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents & siblings 9.30am Brook Hall

07 Dec - Piano Assembly (Jo Wilson) 9.00-9.30am Orchard Hall

07 Dec - Year R Nativity to parents 2.00pm Brook Hall

12 Dec - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day (to be confirmed)

15 Dec - Last day of term

15 Dec - Christmas Services at All Saints Church Loose

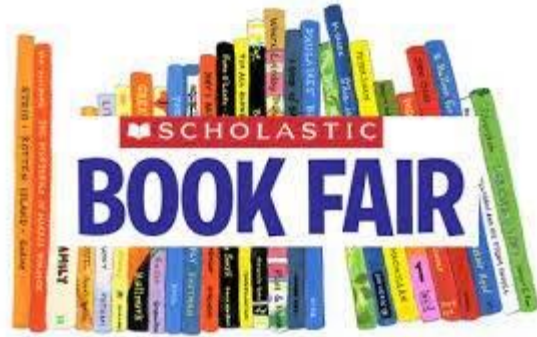
15 Dec - Open afternoon from 2pm - children can be signed out from 2pm onwards



Scholastic Book Fair

On Monday 27th November until Thursday 30th November, we will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair in school. More details will follow shortly but please put the dates in your diaries. This will be the perfect opportunity to stock up on any books that you might like to buy your children as Christmas presents.

Miss Spelman and Mrs Coleman



Bad Parking

We have had more complaints about bad parking around the school site again - in particular cars blocking driveways. Please do not block residents driveways this is extremely inconsiderate. See photos of vehicles - the registrations are **LO23 WOU**, **CE17 WVV** and **CK08 OAB**.





MacMillan Coffee Afternoon Total

We raised an amazing **£700** for the MacMillan Cancer Charity last term from our cakes sales and coffee afternoon. A huge thanks for all your donations.



Ethic of Excellence

A huge well done to the following children from their Ethic of Excellence Award!

Week ending 17th November 2013

Ellie B - Aquamarine Class

Toby S - Topaz Class

Ruby W - Sunstone Class

Lucy S - Amethyst Class

Bailey S - Peridot Class

Andreas M - Zultanite Class

Evie E - Quartz Class



Shout Outs

Well done to Harry T in Quartz Class who has been selected to play cricket for Kent. He was welcomed into the Kent Cricket Academy and was given his kit. Amazing achievement!

A huge well done to Stanley T in Jade Class who carried the colours for Boughton Monchelsea Beavers group at the Remembrance Sunday Service at St Peter's Church, Boughton Monchelsea. He was beaming with pride throughout.

Blakely R in Ruby Class has been doing brilliantly in recent gymnastics competitions (he is in the Pegasus squad for vault). So far this term he has won a gold and a bronze medal. Mrs Muir is so proud of him!





Quacking News

Quacking news!

Thank you to all the KS1 children who found Opal class's missing duck. He was found resting on the King's coronation display in the foyer with their descriptions and paintings of the duck.



The Big Ambition Survey for children to complete

We have been asked as a school to share the information below by the local authority.

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza, is seeking to capture the voices of children and young people through running The Big Ambition survey. The Big Ambition' survey will enable her to hear directly from children and young people about what they need from the government to make their lives better. She wants to make sure that Kent is fairly represented in all government decisions. Ahead of the General Election, it has never been more important for young people to have their voices heard. By doing this survey, you will be helping her to ensure that the voices of children in our area are heard by politicians and decision makers.

You can access the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition .

Further resources can be found on The Big Ambition [webpage](#).

Lost Property

The Lost Property area is once again overflowing, with the vast majority of items being unnamed. There are approximately 30 unnamed school jumpers and cardigans and many other unnamed items. All of the Lost Property needs to be cleared by the end of term please. Any items that haven't been claimed by the last day of term will be recycled or donated to charity. Please do come along at the end of any school day and have a look if your child/children are missing any items. The Lost property area is located in the KS2 Year 3 & 5 cloakroom area (next to Orchard Hall), in 2 large white container boxes under the windows. Many thanks for your help.



House Points

1st - Donaldson

2nd - Curie

3rd - Parks

4th - Attenborough

Well done to Donaldson this week!



PTA Events & Dates

It's Chriiiiistmas .. well not quite but it's certainly on the way. And to get you in the Christmas spirit our Christmas Fair is on the 25th November from 12-3pm. We've got over 20 stalls full of gifts and goodies, as well as waffles, hog roast and lots of fun and games for the children. If you've seen our socials, you may have noticed that a loathsome green fellow by the name of Grinch will be attending in his very own bubble dome. So don't miss out and make sure you come along to support your school and all the wonderful local businesses who will be there.

We still need volunteers for our Christmas Fair, so if you can donate your time, we'll give you VIP treatment with a fast pass for not only our Elf Stations, but meeting the Grinch himself! Just contact the PTA to get yourself on our VIP list.

All the Christmas artwork has successfully been received by Xmas4Schools so look out for your email/text in the next 2-3 days with the link to your child's design.

Our Lucky Lotto winner this month is Chelsea Neary!! Well done Chelsea.

As usual our uniform shop is open every Wednesday morning in the Owl Room (opposite Moonstone class)

Many thanks,

Lisa (on behalf of the PTA)



Community News

LOOSE SWISS SCOUTS – QUIZ NIGHT, SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

Loose Swiss Scouts have their annual quiz night on Saturday 18th November. Why not gather your family, friends and neighbours, create a team of between 6-8 people and come along for an evening of fun whilst supporting a good cause.

Venue: LOOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL **Tickets:** £7.00 per person

Arrive: 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start **PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK** To book call Kay on **01622 757449**



Please see below the latest Dads Space event - it's on the 25th November at the Albion Pub in Boughton Monchelsea from 10am until 12pm.

 WWW.DADSPACE.CO.UK

CALLING ALL DADS!
SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 10AM TIL NOON

FREE AWARD WINNING MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT GROUP FOR DADS ON YOUR DOORSTEP

 **CHAMPION 2023**



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MAIDSTONE EVENT:
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MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, ME17 4HW, UK

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