

THE FEDERATION OF THE DOWNS & NORTHBOURNE CEP SCHOOLS

Newsletter - November 2018

What a complete change in the weather since the end of the half term break! I hope that you made the most of the sunshine during the break. The children should now all be in their winter uniform. They do need to have a coat in school every day and as always all items of clothing and personal possessions need to be named.

Term Two leads into our busy Christian Festival of Christmas and details of our Church services can be found on the diary dates page below.

We look forward to seeing you in school or at Church over the coming weeks.

Our learning theme this term is *"Eureka"*

Reception

In reception we will be exploring the story of the Three Little Pigs and finding out how the third little pig had his eureka moment building a brick house. The focus in RE is Incarnation. We will be learning about the Christian Christmas story. In maths we will continue building on our number recognition and counting skills.

Year Two

This term we will be looking at Transport and how Karl Benz's invention of the car was an incredible 'Eureka' moment which has changed the way we live our lives. We will be using the book Mr Gumpy's Motorcar as our inspiration for our English work. Our big question during RE will be 'Why Does Christmas Matter to Christians?'

Year Four

Our focus this term will be on factual writing based on the non-fiction book "100 Inventions That Made History". We will be learning about famous inventors and their inventions through researching facts and information using safe searches on the internet and writing biographies and leaflets. In RE this term we will be asking the question 'What is the Trinity?'

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This term the children will be looking at the gospel and thinking of the big question – What would Jesus do? In Science, we will be learning about electricity, the pupils will be undertaking varied tasks and experiments. In Geography, we will focus on mapping skills linked to the local area. We continue to work on a number of writing outcomes and solving one-step and two-step word problems in maths

Year One

We will be starting the term by reading 'A day with the Animal Railway'. This book will be the inspiration to make our own moving vehicle for an animal to travel in. We will continue our adding and subtracting journey and begin to use our knowledge to solve problems and to justify our thinking. This term in RE, we will be focusing on the question 'Why does Christmas matter to Christians?'

Year Three

This term we are learning about Space! We will be thinking about discovering a new planet and using persuasive language to try to convince people to visit! We will be doing artwork using colour mixing and looking at our solar system! We are learning about Sikhism in RE.

Year Five

In Year 5, we are planning to link our learning to vehicles and transport. Our exploration of this topic will involve using DT skills in order to create controllable vehicles, as well as learning about the history of various modes of transport. In RE, we will be learning about Incarnation answering the question - Was Jesus the Messiah?

Children in Need – 12th-16th November

Information will be available to you shortly but there are plans to

- a) Hold a second hand book sale on two nights during this week
- b) Have a spotty dress up day on Friday 16th November

All for donations to raise money for Children in Need



Are the leaves that fall from trees in autumn rubbish?

Discuss together as a family....share your best examples with your class teacher

Term One Attendance Review

We would like to thank all parents for ensuring that their children are attending school and getting to school on time.

Our attendance from the beginning of September 2018 until 19th October 2018 is currently 95.9%.

RL	97.2%	2G	94.7%	4G	95.1%	6T	96.4%
RS	96.1%	2O	93.5%	4C	95.9%	6C	95.8%
1M	95.7%	3EU	97.7%	5T	96.7%	Whole school	95.9%
1P	95.5%	3B	96.4%	5A	96.0%		

Please remember to phone in and inform us of your child's absence. It is helpful if you can give their full name and class as well as a reason for absence.

Notable Achievements

A number of children have shared with the whole school their achievements in after school activities

Our football team took part in a local competition, at Northbourne Park School, featuring 10 teams and came fourth.

Gabrielle Y5 – South East Gymnastics competition and came 3rd.

Tianna Y5 – Success in a horse riding gymkhana.

Marie Y5, Poppy Y5 and Harriet Y4 completed a charity walk and raised £90 for children in need.

Amazing achievement – well done to you all.

Midday Supervisor

Are you an enthusiastic and self-motivated person? Do you think you would be interested in being a midday supervisor? Our midday's work term time only, for 5 hours and 50 minutes per week and the position is subject to full DBS check, safeguarding procedures and a six month probationary period.

If you think you might be interested please contact Ms Luxford via the school office to discuss the role further.

Milk – Children can have milk at morning break:

- Free milk for children under the age of five
- Free milk for children who are currently a free school meal child
- £1.10 a week for children aged five or older and not a free school meal child.
- If your child is a pupil premium child contact school if you would like milk for your child at no cost to you

For more information contact the school office or register at www.coolmilk.com

Clubs – Term Two

Clubs will start week beginning 5th November and run for 4 weeks. Clubs on offer this term are:

Years R-2: Dodgeball, Film, Colouring; Years 2-6: Lego, Craft, Cookery (Y5), Board games, Dodgeball, Library

Payment and consent forms - Please do ensure that if your child is offered a club that the payment and consent form are returned before the first night. Please do remember to collect from clubs on time – 4pm for clubs run by school staff and 4.15pm for clubs run by outside providers such as PACE.

Clubs do need to have 8 or more children to run. This term we do have good numbers but that is not always the case. Currently, we are operating clubs at a loss – this means that the school is subsidising the clubs from our main budget. This cannot continue and we may have to review our provision and our costings.

Dates for diary on the next page

100 Years since the end of WW1

During the week beginning 5th November we will be marking this momentous occasion through:

- Collective worship every day to track the war
- Year group led activities related to the war
- Poppy making from bottle base (*please do send in empty plastic bottles*)
- English Heritage resources available for year groups to explore
- House leaders and Young Carers are visiting Dover Castle for a day of exciting war focused activities
- A poppy display and 2 minute silence on Friday 9th November.

Poppies will be available, for donations, during this week. Please remember to send some money in with your child.

Year 3 Bible Presentation

The congregations of the Parish of Walmer Churches, Walmer Baptist Church and Walmer Chapel raise money each year to provide Bibles for our Year 3 pupils.

These will be presented to the children in Year 3 on Thursday 8th November at 2.40pm in the school hall.

Parents are welcome and invited to attend.

New Year R Admissions 2019

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 it is time to think about a school place for September 2019.

Apply to <http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places> between **6th November 2018 and 15th January 2019.**

Phone the school office to make an appointment for a viewing

DATES FOR DIARY

Dates for the new academic year: 2018 - 2019

Term One 3rd September 2018 – 18th October 2018

Half term break 19th October – 28th October 2018

Term Two 29th October – 19th December 2018

Christmas break 20th December – 2nd January 2019

Term Three 3rd January – 14th February 2019

Half term break 15th February – 24th February 2019

Term Four 25th February – 5th April 2019

Easter break 6th April – 22nd April 2019

Term Five 23rd April – 24th May 2019

Half term break 25th May – 2nd June 2019

Term Six 3rd June – 23rd July 2019

Staff Development Days when school is closed to children

Friday 19th October 2018
Monday 26th November 2018
Friday 15th February 2019
Friday 21st June 2019
Monday 24th June 2019

Term Two

Monday 29 th October	Children return to school = WINTER UNIFORM Year 2 Forest school starts
Wednesday 31 st October	Individual school photos
Friday 2 nd November	Year 3 swimming starts
Monday 5 th November	Clubs start (4 weeks)
Thursday 8 th November	Year 3 Bible Presentation – school hall 2.40pm – parents invited
Week beginning 12 th November	<i>Children in Need – after school second hand book sale-details to follow</i>
Friday 16 th November	Spotty Dress Up day for Children in Need
Monday 26 th November	Training day – school closed to children
Monday 10 th December	Middle School Christmas Service at St Mary's 2pm
Wednesday 12 th December	Upper School Christmas Service at St Mary's 2pm
Thursday 13 th December	Lower School Christmas Service at Walmer Baptist Church 2pm
Friday 14 th December	Open Afternoon from 2pm
Tuesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 19 th December	Last day of term two – children can be collected from 1.30pm

Term Three

Thursday 3 rd January	Children return to school
Monday 7 th January	Year 5 Forest School starts
Friday 11 th November	Year 3 swimming starts
Tuesday 5 th February	On Line Safety Day TBC
Thursday 14 th February	Last day of term three for children – normal finish time
Friday 15 th February	Training day – school closed to children

Term Four

Monday 25 th February	Children return to school
Monday 25 th February	Year 1 Forest School starts
Friday 1 st March	Year 3 swimming starts
4th/5 th /6 th /7th March	Book Fair
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term four – children can be collected from 1.30pm

Term Five

Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return to school = SUMMER UNIFORM
Tuesday 23 rd April	Year 3 Forest School starts