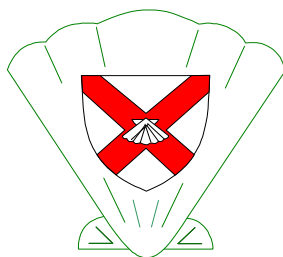


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A message from the Head of School

The recent fog and the beautiful colour of the changing leaves are reminders that summer is now behind us and we can begin to look forward to all the exciting events that autumn and winter bring. As I walk around the schools now, I can hear refrains of songs about cabbages, conkers and cauliflowers so Harvest must be upon us. We will be going to the church on Monday for our Harvest Festival, so please put some extra goodies in your shopping trolleys this weekend for our food bank collection. Please see below for more information about our Harvest Celebrations.

We are well into the term and everyone is back into the routines and joys of school life. I have met with teachers to discuss pupil progress and we are very pleased with the quality of work that the children are already producing – long may the hard work continue. We thank you for the support you give to your children, especially with tasks like reading and learning tables.

Next week the infants will be taking part in drama workshops so be prepared for dramatic re-enactments at home! At the Juniors, Year 6 will be having a visiting artist on Tuesday to look at upcycling craft activities. Also, some of our Year 5 and 6 children will be attending a writing workshop. Lots of exciting things to look forward too later in the term too.

Thank you all for your continued support of the school and your child's learning.

Debbie Johnson
Head of School

Harvest Festival – Monday 8th October

Please bring in tins and other non-perishable items for Monday. Make sure they're within date – no pulses, or kidney beans or fresh produce please. We will be passing the donations to St. Augustine's Church who supply the local hostels, poor families in Tunbridge Wells and the 'Winter Shelter' etc. There will be a special service just for the children at St. James' Church on Monday where they will be joined by the Infants.

Cooler weather

As the temperature falls, children are starting to bring in more warm clothes such as hats and gloves. Please ensure that these are clearly named and so that they can be returned to your child if lost.

Drop off and pick up

Please ensure that younger siblings are closely supervised before and after school. They should not be climbing on rails nor running around the trees and bushes. Thank you.



Dates for your diary – See new dates in bold

08/10/2018	Harvest Festival for Pupils – Joint service with the Infants
09/10/2018	FancyTat (up-cycling crafts) to visit year 6
10/10/2018	Able Writers' Day for some children in Year 5 / 6
11/10/2018	11 plus results
19/10/2018	4F Class Assembly at 9.10am – 4F Parents invited
19/10/2018	Last day of term 1
29/10/2018	Staff development day
30/10/2018	First day of term 2
31/10/2018	Deadline for Secondary School Applications
07/11/2018	Individual School Photos
09/11/2018	5W Class Assembly at 9.10am – 5W Parents invited
14/11/2018	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
14/11/2018	PTA 'Bags2School' day – Donations of clothes – More to follow
14/11/2018	Own clothes day in exchange for bags of clothes
15/11/2018	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
W/C 12/11/2018	Anti-bullying week
16/11/2018	Book Fair after school – All welcome to come and buy
21/11/2018	PTA Sponsored Bounce
21/11/2018	Own clothes day for Sponsored bounce
19/11/2018	Book Fair after school – All welcome to come and buy
23/11/2018	6T Class Assembly at 9.10am – 6T Parents invited
30/11/2018	PTA's Juniors' Disco
07/12/2018	3H Class Assembly at 9.10am – 3H Parents invited
11/12/2018	Year 4 Christmas Play at 9am to children only
11/12/2018	Year 4 Christmas Play at 2pm to Parents
12/12/2018	Year 4 Christmas Play at 2pm to Parents
14/12/2018	Wear a Christmas jumper for 'Save the children'
14/12/2018	Christmas Lunch
14/12/2018	Flu Immunisation for Yrs 3, 4 & 5
18/12/2018	Christmas Service at St. James' Church at 2pm – Parents invited
19/12/2018	Last day of term 2
03/01/2019	Staff development day
04/01/2019	Staff development day
07/01/2019	First day of term 3