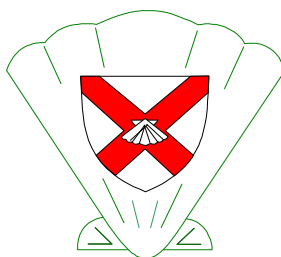


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'They shall grow not old'



A message from the Head of School

Welcome back to Term 2. I hope you all had a good half term – even if it wasn't overly restful! This term is always busy and full of excitement but also a time for reflection. November brings Bonfire Night with the thrilling fireworks but also the more solemn occasion of Remembrance Sunday. This year is particularly poignant with the centenary of the end of WWI. Thank you to all those who have been sending in donations for poppies.

The contractors have now started work on the roof of the Junior School and, whilst there is some noise and disruption, we are managing to keep calm and carry on. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation while things are a bit trickier. Having this work on site means that we need to be extra vigilant when entering and leaving the school grounds. Please make sure that you use the infant path whenever possible and take extra care when crossing the roads. It is even more important that the entrance to school and the zig zags are kept clear. Despite several reminders, people are still pulling up to drop their children off – this is putting others at risk. I do appreciate that the traffic and parking are troublesome but we would rather you were a couple of minutes late, than dangerous.

Both schools have consultation evenings coming up in the next few weeks which are a great opportunity to find out how your child is getting on at school and have a conversation with the class teacher. However, if you have a more urgent concern or query please contact your child's teacher in the first instance as these things are much better dealt with quickly.

This week, we have heard some sad news that Mrs Cox, from the Infant School, will be leaving us at the end of the month. She has been at the school for over 13 years now and so will have worked with a lot of your children. We are very sad to see her go as she has been a fantastic member of staff but I am sure you will join me in wishing her well in her new job.

Thank you for all your support of your child's learning and the school. Remember to keep safe when enjoying Bonfire Night celebrations.

Debbie Johnson
Head of School



5Y & 5W Trip to Bromley Environmental Education Centre at High Elms– Monday 5th November

Many thanks to those who have already paid for this trip to BEECHE. For those who haven't you can pay on Parentpay or by cheque to St. James' Junior School. Please do check the weather for Monday as warmer rainproof coats may be needed.

Individual School Photographs – Wednesday 7th November

Parent Teacher Consultations - 14th & 15th November

Most of you have now booked your appointments online via Parentmail. For those who haven't please do book up quickly as the time slots are filling up. If anyone would like help with the booking process please do contact Angie Walker in the school office.

5W Class Assembly – Friday 9th November

This will start at 9.10am so parents are welcome to join us straight after drop off in the morning.

Junior School Applications – Yr3 2018

Applications can be made for Year 3 2019 from 5th November. These are online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola. The closing date is 15th January 2019. You should then get an email to confirm. We don't need to see the copies of the applications and there are NO supplementary forms needed

Travelling Book Fair – Friday 16th and Monday 19th November

This will be in the library straight after school. There will be a wide selection of children's books on sale - some costing as little as £1. The more books sold the more money raised for extra books in the classrooms so do pop along.

PTA Bag2school – Children can wear OWN CLOTHES on this day – 14th November

A great opportunity for a pre-Christmas clearout. This company pays the school per kilo of donated items which are resold and reused overseas. In addition to clothes, they also accept bed linens, curtains and towels; a good way of increasing the weight of donations! Information on the company can be found at: www.bag2school.com

Children in Need – Friday 16th November – Wear something spotty

Children should be in their school uniform this day but **if** you would like to bring in a donation to Children in Need (we suggest £1) then they can wear something spotty eg hair band, socks, tie or hat.

St James' Church Christmas Fair

This is on 24th November from 10am – 1pm. Please do come along and support your local church – there will be some delicious treats on offer as well as lots of fun activities to try. It will get you in the Christmas Spirit!

Dates for your diary – See new dates in bold

02/11/2018	Secret Presents Room Donations
02/11/2018	Own clothes day for present donations
05/11/2018	5Y & 5W Trip to BEECHE
07/11/2018	Individual School Photos
07/11/2018	PTA meeting at Infant's 8pm – Parents invited
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
14/11/2018	Own clothes day in exchange for bags of clothes
15/11/2018	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm
16/11/2018	Children in Need – wear something spotty for a donation
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
24/11/2018	St James' Church Christmas Fair
30/11/2018	PTA's Juniors' Disco
06/12/2018	Secret Presents Room
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