

Newsletter

Friday 9th July

Easing of Lockdown Restrictions

We have now had guidance from the Dept for Education regarding the lifting of Covid restrictions from 19th July and the implications for schools. Guidance for parents/carers can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

This DfE blogpost may also be helpful.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2021/07/06/parents-pupils-teachers-and-students-find-out-what-step-4-of-the-covid-roadmap-means-for-you/>

The key messages are;

- face masks are no longer needed for staff or visitors
- class bubbles no longer necessary (so we can return to mixed lunchtimes and assemblies)
- hand hygiene still recommended as good practice to prevent infection in general
- schools should "maintain an appropriate cleaning schedule"
- ventilation (open windows and doors) still advised (but within reason to avoid unnecessary loss of heat in winter)
- from 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive case.
- children should still stay off school if they have Covid symptoms or have tested positive

This is great news, as we can now move to the school day timings as set out in last week's newsletter and can welcome parents and carers to volunteer in school and to school events. We do still need to be cautious however, as the risk of Covid has not completely disappeared and we need to be ready to adapt if the situation changes.

Pupils of the Week

Well done to this week's Pupils of the Week. Their certificates and golden ties have been awarded in class assemblies today.

Class R	Sienna J	For excellent use of phonics in her independent writing
Class 1	Emilia B	For showing determination in her reading
Class 2	Alice S	For great perseverance to improve her presentation
Class 3	Genty-Marie C	For writing a brilliant river poem
Class 4	Alfie B	For being determined to make good choices
Class 5	Euan B	For being a fantastic leader and showing determination
Class 6	Whole Class	For an excellent production of 'Porridge'

Porridge

Well done to the Class 6 team for preparing such an entertaining production of "Porridge", a humorous retelling of the Goldilocks story with plenty of intrigue, laughter and music. The younger children really enjoyed the show, and Year R loved seeing their Big Buddies on stage.

Musical Success

Congratulations to Beth Murray has passed her Grade 2 piano exam and to Scarlett Brown who has passed Grade 1. Well done to both girls!

Farewell Mr Hill

Our caretaker, Mr Graham Hill will be leaving us at the end of term, as he has resigned for personal reasons. We are grateful for everything that he has done for the school over the past 13 years and wish him well for the future.

Reports

Each child has been issued with their annual school report this week. Please contact us (or check your child's bag!) if you haven't received it. If you would like to discuss the report, please make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher.

Hilltop

Good luck to Class 6 as they set off for their residential trip to Hilltop Outdoor Centre in Norfolk. I am sure you will all have an amazing time and I hope that the weather is kind.

Multi-Colour Day

Thanks to everyone who has turned up in beautifully bright colours today. The PTA are very grateful for your donations.

Sports Hoodies

We are thrilled to be offer a new, optional, addition to our PE kit in the form of school hoodies. These are quality garments with embroidered school logos that can be used in PE lessons. Parents/carers can pre-order the hoodie online from Monday at <https://simmonds-ltd.com/boughton-monchelsea/>. The hoodies cost £15.95 (postage and package are free). As a special offer, all orders placed by 10th July will receive a 10% discount.

Class Photographs

If you have not yet brought your class photograph orders in to school, please do so by **Monday, 12 July**, to ensure the prints arrive back before the end of term.

Kent Learning Zone

We still cannot distribute bulk emails and do not have access to our electronic calendar or historic emails. We are continuing to use Google Classroom and Tapestry to send out newsletters and general information. Parent Council reps will alert class WhatsApp groups when new information from the school is released.

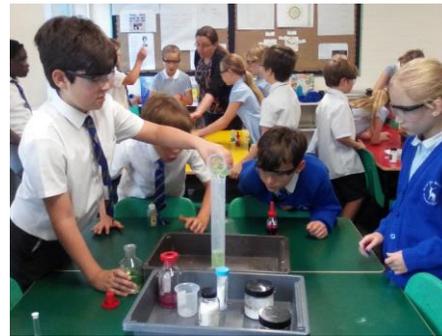
I hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

R. Roberts

Key dates for 2021-22

Term 1	Term 4
1 st Sept (school closed for staff training)	21 st Feb – 1 st April
2 nd Sept – 22 nd Oct	
Term 2	Term 5
1 st Nov (school closed for staff training)	19 th April – 26 th May
2 nd Nov – 17 th Dec	27 th May (school closed for staff training)
Term 3	Term 6
4 th Jan (school closed for staff training)	6 th June – 21 st July
5 th Jan – 11 th Feb	22 nd July (school closed for staff training)

Year 4 Potions Workshop



Multi-colour Day

