

WELCOME BACK

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Message FROM MR REID

It was wonderful to welcome the children back on Monday morning. They have been so excited to be back at school.

The children have **settled well and are working hard** to adapt/remember the school routines.

Having asked **my own daughter** what she felt about being back at school she said she missed going for walks, being with mum and having access to much better snacks! The focus of this week's year group assemblies has been to explore the feelings associated with coming back to school. I asked each year group the same set of questions and we discussed possible responses:

What if I miss being at home?

*I know Monday is going to be tricky but I am going back to school like I used to.
Don't spend too long focussing on anxiety.*

How do I sit still and concentrate again?

*It is OK to struggle and feel frustrated when learning.
Your ability to focus in school will return quickly.*

What if I have forgotten how to socialise?

*Your social skills may be a bit rusty, but so will everybody else too.
Remember a good friend listens, takes turns and shares.*

What if I have lost some independence?

*You may have got used to asking for help all the time.
Some of you may have experienced the opposite and had to work on your own most of the time.
Working independently makes you feel proud and helps you to learn more.*

Should I start this week to break my screen habit?

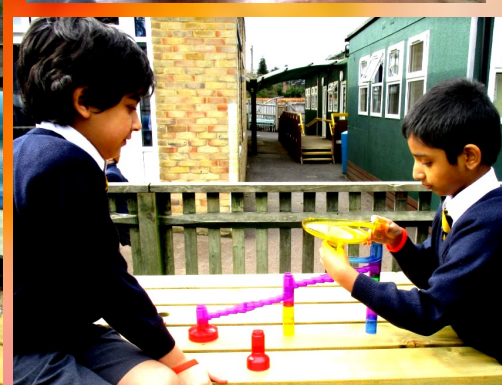
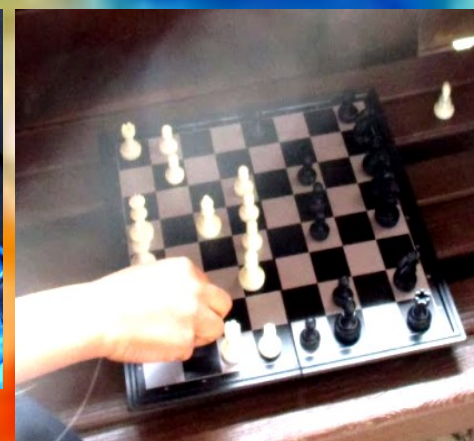
*YES! Try and remember how much screen time you had before lockdown.
Are you getting any screen free time?
Are you going outside?
Are you reading for pleasure?*

Assembly

Toy Pods

The opening of the Toy Pods this week to the whole school has been a **great success**. The children have so enjoyed playing with the wide range of toys, games and puzzles. It has been uplifting to see the pleasure and excitement the Toy Pods have caused. Playing collaboratively with a toy, game or puzzle is a great way to facilitate play with other children after a period of isolation. It is also great fun too! Please see pictures on the following page.

TOY PODS



THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Please subscribe to our school calendar [here](#) by clicking on the subscribe button on the website.

SCHOOL FUND

If you have not yet contributed to our school fund this year, please remember to make your donation via www.schoolgateway.com.

Your support goes a long way in supplying classroom equipment and supplies for all children.

Thank you kindly.

GRAND DESIGNS UPDATE

We are excited to announce that we submitted planning permission for our Grand Designs Project last week. This is to build a space to house our Breakfast and After School club with the long term aim of raising funds to replace our year 3 classrooms.

If you would like to make a donation to our building project, please do that via the capital donation request on www.schoolgateway.com

PARKING & OUR NEIGHBOURS

Please consider our neighbours when dropping off and collecting your children in the morning and afternoon.

Many thanks for your support.

ZOOM CHOIR LIVES ON!

Mr Clarke will be carrying on the weekly Whole-School Zoom Choir every **Monday from 4.00 - 4.30pm**. This is open to any child in school, whether or not they have sung in choirs before. Please only join if your child is keen to participate and can commit to coming each week. The Zoom link is the same as during lockdown and can be found on your child's Google Classroom page under 'Music'.

[Click here](#) to join the zoom meeting
Meeting ID: 722 2036 0110
Passcode: jazzhands

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

To check if you are eligible for free school meals, please [click here](#) and select APPLY ONLINE.

We are very happy to assist you with the process - please do call the office. We can submit an application on your behalf, but need your consent, name, date of birth and national insurance number.

FIRST NEWS

Please find your copy below:





STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to all our STARS of this week!

3A

Dylan K

3S

Jessica N

3W

Autumn J

4C

Annabelle W

4SF

Ethan W

4W

Edward H

5A

Jygraj K

5B

Ben G

5J

Isabella V

6B

Hannah S

6D

Elise A & Sharon O

6P

Lily G



CHESS CLUB

This week we had a small, good-natured tournament in which Ben H scored a decisive victory and Dylan D, Poppy Grace DL and Mrs Peters were joint second!

Next week is our second inter-school tournament on Wednesday 17th March at 5pm. We need as many players as possible to take part, so please have a go. Click on '2nd Spring Kent Primary Team Battle' and 'Join'.

PTA

This week is all about
the Mum's.

Mothers,
Mothers-In-Law,
Step-Mothers,
Grandmothers,
Carers ...
all of whom are
Wonderful!

We wish every single one
of you the most lovely,
restful Mothering Sunday –
we are so looking forward
to delivering hampers to
those who have ordered
them – we have to say, they
really are gorgeous.

We are going to give our
PTA Lead Team (4 of the 5
of us are mums) a day off on
Sunday, and then we are
back to work with our East-
er events!

Have a great weekend.



EVENTS / COMMUNITY



EASTER CAMPS!



EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Fun packed, multi-activity camps for children aged 4½ to 14 years.

Little Musketeers

Do you know anyone who would like to try out our new & exciting **LITTLE MUSKETEERS ADVENTURES!**? Children can join us on **THURSDAY** afternoon on Zoom as we return with three brand new and exciting adventures, brought to you by Actor and fencing coach Andy Mudie.

THURSDAY 11th March - 4:15pm-4:45pm

The Knights of Camelot

THURSDAY 18th March - 4:15pm-4:45pm

Attack on the Jedi Knights

THURSDAY 25th March - 4:15-4:45pm

Captain Flaming Beard & The Quest Of The Golden Egg

Each sessions costs just **4.50** or you can book ALL three sessions for a discounted price of **12**.

Parents can follow the link below to confirm their child's place on a Little Musketeer Adventure.

<https://www.littlemusketeers.com/book/london/>

Suitable for children aged 4-10.

Fancy dress and toy swords are encouraged!

All abilities welcome.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at:

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