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MESSAGE FROM MR REID

GRAND DESIGNS UPDATE

You will have seen the good progress that has been made **this week** involving plenty of demolition. The children have adapted brilliantly and the disruption has been minimal so far. Please could I remind Year 3 and 4 parents to wait at the top (field end) of the playground as this helps provide a distinction between the classes when they come out and waiting parents.



LEARNING WALK

During the spring term I complete a **weekly learning walk** alternating between Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6. I spend 10 - 15 minutes in each classroom and take the opportunity to chat to the children about their learning and look at work in their books.

It has been great to see the **wide range of learning** taking place this week including hockey coaching (led by a professional hockey coach from Sevenoaks Hockey Club) in Year 3 and yoga in Year 4.



SHOES

Please could you ensure your child is **wearing black school shoes** each day to school (unless they have a medical condition). This is the same for boys and girls.

COVID UPDATE

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the **option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative** with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6. The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. **All test results should be reported to [NHS Test and Trace](#).**

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

I hope you all have a good weekend and the sunshine lasts.

NOTICES

STATIONERY

Please can you check with your child if they need to **replenish** any of their personal stationery in class.

Most children need a **glue stick** at the moment.



REPORT ABSENCES

All absences should be reported **via our website before 09.00am** in the morning. Click on the link and complete the quick form— NO need to email/call any more:

[Daily Absence Form](#)



VACANCIES

Please find a **list of our current vacancies** on the [KENT TEACH](#) website.

Vacancies

FUTURE DATES

20 Jan— PTA second hand uniform sale

27 Jan— PTA cookie in a bag sale

11 Feb— PTA Valentine's raffle

11 Feb —Term ends



NUT FREE SNACKS & CEREAL BARS

Please can you ensure your children bring a **healthy snack** to school.



UNNAMED COATS, HATS & GLOVES

We have a bin bag full of unnamed coats, hats and gloves **in the foyer under the table** for parents to look through.



STAR OF THE WEEK



| | |
|-----|-----------|
| 3B | Cecily B |
| 3MW | Maisie M |
| 3W | Lena M |
| 4C | Will G |
| 4SF | Jessica M |
| 4S | Laila K |

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|-----|-------------|
| 5A | Robert B |
| 5J | Shalom O |
| 5S | Nathaniel C |
| 6B | Sophia M |
| 6H | Ava T |
| 6SB | Dylan R |



PTA NOTICES



**ORDER DEADLINE
25TH JANUARY 2022**

COOKIE BAG SALE

Friday 28th January 2022

pre-order via
www.pta-events.co.uk/amherstpta
by midnight 25th January 2022.

Cookie bags will be delivered to classrooms
and will be individually wrapped

Suggested donation per bag is £1 -
no limit to donation or number of bags you
can order

AMHERST PTA

UNIFORM SALE

**PTA 2ND HAND
UNIFORM SALE IS ON:
20TH JANUARY 2022
3PM - 4PM
PAYMENT VIA CASH,
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



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Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival March 5th & 6th 2022

Does your child enjoy writing poetry, reading, acting, singing or playing an instrument? If so, you might like to consider entering them for the Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival.

This annual festival of classical music, speech and drama takes place over the weekend of 5th & 6th March at Kent College Pembury, & offers competitive and on-competitive performance opportunities for children and young people up to 18 years. All standards from beginner (approximately Initial Grade) to advanced are welcome. We provide a friendly and supportive environment in which entrants can perform to parents and friends, and benefit from the advice of specialist adjudicators.

The closing date for this year's festival is Friday **14th January**. To find out more, please see our website at twaf.co.uk and feel free to email me for further information or with any questions.

Celia Barstow

Chairman, Tunbridge Wells Arts Festival



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IN
WONDERLAND**

**Why is a
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WRITING-DESK?**

OTFORD VILLAGE HALL

JANUARY 22ND 2:30 & 7:30PM

JANUARY 23RD 6:30PM

JANUARY 29TH 2:30 & 7:30PM

JANUARY 30TH 6:30PM

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/7oaksplayers>



First Aid for Families

Venue: Virtual via zoom

Date: 3 -week course starting Tuesday 25th January 2022

Time: 10am-12pm

To book a place please email westkentchildrenscentre@kent.gov.uk

Please kindly note this is an adult only course.

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.