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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Harvest Worship this week at the church. Unfortunately I was unable to attend as it clashed with the Headteacher PESE Appeals but I have heard from parents, staff and the children how wonderful the service was. Special thanks for Julia Perfect, Estella Last and Jean Barber for organising, leading and playing in the service.

I was so impressed with the gifts that have been given in aid of the Canterbury Foodbank. I have no doubt that these will be greatly appreciated and what wonderful examples of **compassion** and **generosity** (two of our Christian Values) in action.

### Hygiene and Illness in School

You will know that, as a school, we regard children's attendance in school as incredibly important and since joining the school a year ago, I've been astounded by the level of support the school receives from parents in this regard.

However it is a fact that children do get ill and although I have no statistical evidence for this, my own anecdotal experiences as a parent suggest that the majority of 'bugs' my daughter catches come from her classmates.

Most of you will know that we have a young girl in the school whose immune system is currently compromised. This means that she is more susceptible to the bacteria and viruses that most children would normally shrug off. As a school we have a responsibility to each other, and to this girl in particular, to ensure that we do all we can to limit the spread of any infection, no matter how mild.

We will be speaking to the children about good hand hygiene. Washing hands properly is one of the most important things individuals can do to help prevent and control the spread of many illnesses. Good hand hygiene will reduce the risk of illnesses like flu, stomach upsets and other infections being passed from person to person.

I'm sure that we all already do this but it would be greatly appreciated if parents could also reinforce this message at home.

### PESE News

Some news for our Year 6 parents now. Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Those of you who are considering a grammar school will receive your child's Kent Test outcome on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October. If you are considering applying to a church school locally (e.g. St Anselm's, Archbishop's etc.) and require a minister's signature on your supporting documentation Rev. Estella will be holding a drop-in session on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October between 8.15am – 8.45am and 2.45pm – 3.15pm in order to meet parents and discuss this. If you are asking her to sign to say that your child has been baptised please ensure you bring your child's baptism certificate with you.

*James Tibbles*

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Headteacher



# Washing Your Hands



**1** Wet Hands  
under warm running water.



**2** Add Soap  
to help kill germs.



**3** Scrub for at least 15 seconds.



Scrub the front and back.



Scrub your wrists.

Scrub between your fingers.



**4** Rinse well under warm running water.



**5** Dry hands with a clean towel.



## Upcoming Events

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| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>    |  |                               |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | School Photographer in (Individual & Sibling)  | Year 5/6 Handball Competition |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b> | Year 5 Thanet Science Challenge                |                               |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b> | 9am: Volunteer Reader's meeting in the library | Year 4 Swimming               |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Year 5/6 Able Writers' Day                     | Road Safety Assemblies        |

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| <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>    |  |  |
| <b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Tennis Festival                            |  |
| <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> | Open Afternoon for Parents (3.15pm to 6pm) |  |
| <b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | Year 4 Swimming                            | 4pm: Kent Test Results to Year 6 Parents   |
| <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | Year R and 6 Height & Weight Checks        | Messy Church on Saturday  |

### Half Term Holiday

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| <b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>    | Staff Training Day       |   |
| <b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Staff Training Day       |   |
| <b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> |                          |   |
| <b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>  | 4JH Trip to Dover Museum |   |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>    |                          | Canterbury Festival on Saturday  |

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| <b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | 4ST Trip to Dover Museum          |                                     |
| <b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | School Immunisation Team in (Flu) |                                     |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b> |                                   |                                     |
| <b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>  | Year 4 Swimming                   |                                     |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>    |                                   | Fireworks on Bridge Rec on Saturday |

#### Term Dates (2019-20)

These have now been set and are as follows:

- Term 1:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct
- Term 2:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Term 3:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Term 4:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb to Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Term 5:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May
- Term 6:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

#### Term Dates (2020-21)

\* Five staff training days to be determined

- Term 1:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct
- Term 2:** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Term 3:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Term 4:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April
- Term 5:** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May
- Term 6:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

## School Photos

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October for individual and sibling photos.

If you have a younger child that you would like to have in the photo with their older sibling please come into school from 8.20am.

Please can I ask that, if you do not wish to have your child's photo taken, that you inform the school office? All children will have their photo taken unless we hear from you.

## Road Safety Assemblies

Earlier on this year, I was asked at a Parent Council Meeting if we could arrange for some Road Safety Assemblies for the children. Given that it is now starting to get darker earlier in the evenings, we have arranged these to take place this Friday.

## Open Afternoon

On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October, school is open for parents to come in and see what the children have been learning about in their Da Vinci topic. There is a great deal of amazing artwork around the school and I'm sure that the children are looking forward to it being displayed for you to come and see. The school will be open from home time until 6pm.

## PESE: Kent Test (11+)

A reminder that results will be emailed or posted out to parents on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm**. Please don't call us on Thursday asking for results as we are not permitted to share or discuss any results until the Friday.

## Height & Weight Checks (Year R and Year 6)

All parents of children in Year R and 6 should have received a letter via ParentMail about this national programme. If you have not then please speak to a member of staff in the office.

## October Half-Term Break

The last day of Term 1 will be on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October and the children will return to school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October as we have two staff training days at the beginning of the week.

## Canterbury Festival

Once again, children from Bridge & Patricxbourne will be performing in the Spiegel tent on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November as part of the Canterbury Festival. Mr Miles will be organising a rehearsal for all children involved taking place at our school on the Thursday before.



## Flu Vaccine Nasal Spray

This is part of a national programme to vaccinate all children from the flu virus and comes in the form of a nasal spray. This will take place in school on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have any questions about this then please speak to a member of the office staff.

## PTA Fireworks Event

This will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November and tickets will soon be on sale across Bridge and (of course) from the school office. Due to increased costs, family tickets will be a flat fee of £20.

Gates open at 5.30pm at the Recreation Ground and we look forward to seeing you there!