
Term 2 – 12th November 2018

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It is national Anti-bullying week this week and we will be taking part in a number of activities this week to help all our children understand the following key aims:

- **The definition of respect**
- **That bullying is a behaviour choice**
- **That we can respectfully disagree with each other i.e. we don't have to be best friends or always agree with each other but we do have to respect each other**
- **That we all need to choose to respect each other both face to face and online**

A big thank you to all the staff but particularly Miss Ireland in getting this organised.

**Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher**

New Parent Governor

The closing date for Parent Governor nominations was last Friday and as we had only the one nomination there will be no requirement to hold an election. I am therefore very pleased to be able to welcome Mr Barney O'Kelly to the governing body.

Parents Evening

Parent's Evening will be taking place tonight and tomorrow evening. The teachers have a lot of parents to see so please can I ask that you keep to your time slot as much as possible, to prevent things over running. Should you need more time, this can be arranged with the teacher at a mutually convenient time. I thank you for your co-operation.

Sporting News - Volleyball Event

A team of six Year 5 and 6 children participated in the Ashford Volleyball Event at Towers School last Tuesday. Within their Pool they narrowly lost to Brabourne, lost against Kennington and drew with Ashford Oaks in a very exciting match. They then went on to play a final match against Aldington which they won very convincingly. I'm really proud of every child who participated and it's been lovely to watch them develop their skills and confidence during both their training sessions and within the competition. Well done everyone. Mrs Maher

Upcoming Events

12 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
12 th Nov	Parents Eve 5:00-7:30pm
13 th Nov	Parents Eve 3:30pm-6:00pm
22 nd Nov	Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-5
30 th Nov	Non-Uniform day for PTA Christmas Fair
5 th Dec	Walk in Wednesday
7 th Dec	Christmas Fair
10 th , 11 th	KS1 Performances
13 th Dec	all at 2:00pm
14 th Dec	Carol Service - 9:45am
14 th Dec	Pantomime
19 th Dec	End of Term 2
3 rd Jan	Start of Term 3

Reading Award

Well done to Ahlberg class (Year 4) who have won the reading award this week with a total of 68% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Hawking and Kinney classes (Year 5 and 3) with 64%.

Litter Angels – Damien Green MP

Hawking Class entered a competition to design a poster. The Ashford wide competition is run by Kent based anti-litter charity, Litter Angels, which was set up to educate children about the impact that litter has on our local environment. The charity is backed by McDonald's and Keep Britain Tidy.

We are very proud of all of our entrants.

A special congratulations must go to Nina who was the overall competition winner. Her winning poster will be displayed in McDonald's car parks across Ashford and both the school and Nina have won a cash prize.

We also won the school competition – our school's finalists were judged to be the best! So well done to all three girls whose certificates and prizes were presented by Damien Green MP.



World War One Centenary

Hawking Class and Miss Sexton designed and created a wonderful banner to be displayed at the Centenary memorial and beacon lighting on Sunday Evening at the Millennium Green. I am sure that you will agree it is absolutely stunning!

Churchill Class have also worked on a project examining some of our local heroes from World War One and World War Two. They put themselves in the shoes of these soldiers and wrote letters home examining their experiences. We are very proud to have marked such an important event in our history.



Class Assemblies for Terms 1 and 2

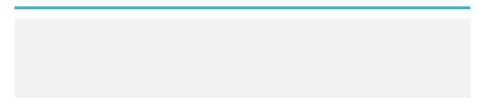
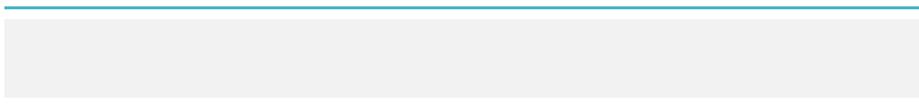
These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

15th November : Hawking class (Year 5)

29th November : Alhberg class (Year 4)

Parking outside the school

Please can I remind parents once again about parking considerately outside the school at drop off and pick up times. I have received a number of complaints recently about parent who are parking on yellow lines, or in places that could endanger children. Thank you in advance for your support.



PTA News & Updates

Christmas Fair - Friday 7 December

There is a dedicated event page on Facebook for updates, including the fabulous raffle prizes. Please keep an eye on this page for updates.

If anyone can spare time to help at this event, running a stall, setting up or clearing up, then please speak to Louise Morgan, or email louisemorgan73@icloud.com. There is a list in the office; we still need a few more volunteers for stalls.

Non-uniform day – This will take place on Friday 30 November, in exchange for donations for the hugely popular chocolate tombola stall at the Christmas Fair

Lego cards – Sainsbury's have kindly donated us a large box of lego cards. We will be organising a swap session soon!

PTA meeting - The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 November at 7pm in the Farriers – all welcome.

Cupcake Friday – Cakes will be on sale at the book fair on Friday 16 November

