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A prayer for the New Year

Lord,

You make all things new.

You bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this New Year For all the potential it holds.

Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

Dear Families

Happy New Year to everyone.

I hope that the Christmas holiday enabled some rest and restoration as well as some festive celebrations.

I would like to thank you for all the Christmas cards and gifts that you have generously given. The kind words of support written in Christmas cards and e mails are especially appreciated. Thank you.

Early Years Admissions

The admissions dead line for applying for places to our Foundation Stage - Reception class is this Wednesday 15th January 2020.

If you have a child who will be starting school in September this year, please complete the Kent online admissions application form, even if you already have children attending this school. If uncertain, please phone the school office and speak to Mrs Lawton for assistance. Thank you.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Staffing

With some new staff and a change in roles and leadership responsibilities, we are excited by the opportunities for growth in our school and the fresh ideas and incentives this creates.

We can now warmly welcome Miss Megan Rolph officially on to our teaching staff. She is teaching in Yr 4 and will be carrying out her Newly Qualified Teaching initial year with us. This is a privileged opportunity for us to nurture and develop a new person in to the teaching profession. The teaching profession, in general, is struggling to recruit and retain teachers and we have been very fortunate to attract Miss Rolph to start her career at our school. Mrs Abbott will continue to teach Yr 4 every Thursday when Miss Rolph takes her planning and preparation dedicated time. I will be mentoring Miss Rolph along with Mrs Abbott and Ms Watson.



Please also welcome Mrs Comlay who has taken on the role as a temporary learning support assistant supporting in Year 6. She brings work experience from Worth School and The Downs, where she was employed covering a long-term absence.

Please remember that Mrs Porteous is the interim Deputy Head teacher. Mrs Porteous is in charge in my absence.

Ms Watson is leading the school on data management and assessment, and is a member of the senior leadership team along with Mrs Hogben and Ms Warner.

The Child Protection / Safeguarding lead officers are:

- Justine Brown – Lead DSL
- Mel Hogben - Deputy DSL
- Emma Cotterill – DSL
- Louise Friend – DSL, pending training taking place on 21-01-20

Dates and events for the term

DATE	EVENT AND WHO	WHERE	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
22-01-20 & 23-01-20	Roller Coaster STEM workshops	School	Mrs Hodgson is carrying out some amazing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical cross curricular learning activities in every class across the school
30-01-20	Fire Safety Talks Keeping safe in our homes. Whole school.	School.	Kent Fire awareness officer.
11-02-20	Safer Internet Day – S.I.D	School	Every class will be carrying out age appropriate educational awareness training. Ks 1 and Ks 2 pupils will create information booklets for families to read.
12-02-20	Save the Date Coffee morning for parents and carers. Please come along and join us.	Expressive Arts Centre – Parochial school	Tea, coffee and cake will be the backdrop of this informal opportunity for families to learn about Social Media and internet safety as well as ask any general questions of our SENCO, and myself. More information to follow
13-02-20	LAST DAY OF TERM 3		
14-02-20	No school for pupils		Staff training day.



Themes for Collective worship and Character Education this term

WEEK	Week commencing	THEME
1	06-01-2020	School Vision Statement overview Feeding of 5000
2	13-01-20	St Frances - PEACE
3	20-01-20	St Bernadette – TRUTH
4	27-01-20	St Joan of Ark - Courage
5	03-02-10	St Padre Pio - diligence
6	10-02-20	St Valentine – Kindness and compassion Safer Internet week
	HALF TERM	

Slippers

Some class teachers already invite our pupils to bring in a pair of slippers to wear in school and this is a popular option with many pupils.

At this time of year, the pathways are covered in sludge and puddles, children often have damp feet and muddy shoes that they sit in all day.

If you would like your child to wear slippers in school please send the slippers into school in a bag with their names written in the slippers and on the bag.

The slippers need to be practical, please avoid novelty or odd shaped slippers in order to avoid any accidents or tripping over their own feet! Thank you.

