



Dear Parents and Carers,

Many Thanks to the twenty one parents who attended the 'Life without Levels' assessment meeting last week. It was positive to have a good turnout of parents. The presentation that was used last week will be published on the school website for those who were unable to attend. Also being sent out this evening will be a copy of the expectations required for each year group and these along with the overall areas of expectation will also be published.

You will see from the dates for your diary section, and in the information overleaf, that there is an opportunity for parents to meet the school's Family Liaison Office (FLO) and Children's Centre staff on the 9<sup>th</sup> February for breakfast. The aim of this breakfast meeting is to give parents an opportunity to share with us and the Children's Centre the services they would like. We hope that as many parents as possible will take advantage of this opportunity. If you would like to attend, please collect a ticket from the school office, this will help us in getting our preparations right.

Apart from the school's newsletter, please remember to look at the school's Twitter site – Over the last few weeks there have been a variety of maths problem solving worksheets published which can be used by parents at home to help support children's learning – they are particularly useful for children in years 4 and above. We are also gearing up to launching our Busters Book Club over the coming weeks – do watch out for more information on this and please remember to read regularly with your child. Remember, every little helps.

Wishing you all a very good week

Yours sincerely

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**

### **Cold weather**

During the current cold snap we would like to remind you that all children should have a suitable warm, waterproof coat in school every day. When it is very cold, as it is at the moment, please send your child with gloves and a warm hat. If we have severe weather we will endeavour to keep the school open. If we are forced to close, you will be informed. Please ensure the school has your up to date contact details. Thank you.

### **Ofsted report**

We have been asked by a number of parents when our Ofsted inspection report will be published – The school is still waiting for this report and as soon as we have received it, we will send it out to our parent community.

## **Dates for your diary**

### **Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Year 6 Open classes for parents 3.00pm to 3.45pm

### **Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Jan**

Rugby Tots, week 2 for Yr 2, please remember PE kit.

### **Tues 26<sup>th</sup> Jan**

2.30pm Year 5 Parent meeting re: Kingswood residential

Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultation 4.30pm to 7.30pm

### **Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Jan**

Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultation 3.20pm to 6.00pm

### **Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Year R & 2 Open classes for parents 3.00pm to 3.45pm

### **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Breakfast and chat with the FLO and Children Centre staff 8.30am – 10.30am

Year R & 2 Parent Teacher Consultation 4.30pm to 7.30pm

### **Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Year R & 2 Parent Teacher Consultation 3.20pm to 6.00pm

### **TERM DATES**

**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Term ends

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb**

Term starts

**Easter Holiday**

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April

## Maths workshop for parents.

Our next parent workshop will be held at **2:15pm on Friday, 5th February**. This session is aimed at Key Stage 2 parents and will provide you with strategies to support your child's maths learning at home. We will also be introducing parents to 'My maths' an online learning platform for children to complete interactive maths activities at home, helping them further with their learning.

The Key Stage 1 session will be held after the half term break at **2.15pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February**.

Please do try and come along to these informative sessions.



This weeks collective worship focus is:

**REFLECTING ON THE LIGHT WHICH REFLECTS**

"As water reflects the face, so one's life reflects the heart."

**Proverbs 27:19**

## Attendance

Well done to classes Birch who achieved 98.2% and Eagles who achieved 98.1% attendance in the week ending 15th January.

Whole school attendance to 15th January was 94.7%.

**Thank you for realising the importance of sending your child to school every day.**

## Messy Church

The next Messy Church at St Nicholas Church is on:

**Friday 29th January**  
**at 3.15pm.**

Please join in. All ages are welcome!



## Star Awards

**Star of the week awards went to: Hedgehogs:** Elise, **Badgers:** Jack A, **Otter:** Samuel, **Owls:** Peggy, **Kestrels:** Sophie B, **Birch:** Joseph J, **Willow:** Harry L, **Rowan:** Ethan G, **Chestnut:** Lauren H

**Work to be proud of awards went to: Squirrels:** Hollie D, **Hedgehogs:** Mia N, **Otters:** Jordan L, **Badgers:** Douglas, **Eagles:** Johnny, **Kites:** Rebecca C, **Maple:** Logan S



## Nicholas Bear went to: Birch

### Romney Marsh Community Church – Friday Club

Friday club meets on Friday 6pm – 7.30pm for children in school years 3 – 6. It is an informal social time for children to join in with fun games and activities and chill together.

### Learning Links – At New Romney Children's Centre. Starts 21<sup>st</sup> January, 9.30 – 11.30am

**Would you like to understand more about how your child learns and what makes them tick?**

Join us for this fun, exciting programme of workshops to explore children's play patterns and how you can tap into their world.

An exciting and fun 10 week programme looking at promoting your child's self-esteem and self-worth, understanding more about how your child learns through play and how you can support their play and learning at home.

**Free crèche provided, please contact the centre on 03000 420000 to book your place!**

### Breakfast Bonanza

Come and join the school FLO, Lisa Baker and staff from the Children's Centre in helping finding out what services parents would like.

Drop your children at school and use the time to join us for breakfast and a chat.

**On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 8.30am to 10.00am**

All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Please RSVP by collecting a ticket from the school office to help us plan for catering.

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