

THE ARCHER

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 2

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

Thank you for your support in following all the advice we have issued in relation to our operation during the COVID-19 pandemic. After four school weeks all these routines and practices have become embedded and are working effectively. Guidance is being updated almost daily and we are continually planning to ensure we comply with the latest regulations. I will communicate any changes we have to make as we progress over the coming months.

ENTRY TO BUILDINGS

Thank you for following our guidance and not entering the school buildings before or after school. If you need to contact the office, please phone 01322 225694.

MUSIC MARK AWARD

I am pleased to inform you that the school has been awarded Music Mark status as a recognition of the value we place on music and the commitment we have to delivering a broad and balanced curriculum. Many thanks to Mrs Archibald for her hard work in making this possible.

VIOLINS

I am really pleased that we have been able to recommence violin lessons through the Mick Jagger 'Red Rooster Project' with our Year 4 children. This gives the whole year group the opportunity to learn to play a significant musical instrument. In delivering the lessons, we are very closely following guidelines in ensuring the children's hands, the tables and the violins are sanitised.

JAPANESE

Year 6 pupils have benefitted from Japanese lessons delivered by specialist staff from Dartford Grammar School for several years now. It is really pleasing that these lessons will continue after half term.

FOUNDATION STAGE

Welcome to all our new parents of children in Foundation Stage, I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting the children over the past few weeks as they have become familiar with the new routines and expectations. We look forward to working with you over the coming years.

A big thank you to all the Foundation Stage staff who have worked so hard to support the smooth transition of the children into school.

CLASS DO-JO

Thank you to everyone who has registered for Class Do-Jo, this has proved an excellent means of promoting and maintaining communications between home and school. If you need any support setting up your account, please email the school office via office@wentworth.kent.sch.uk



HALLOWEEN/CHRISTMAS

I have received several emails with suggestions of Halloween and Christmas events or activities. We will be considering such events as we move through the school year against the back drop of ever changing regulations. We will endeavor to ensure the children have a range of enjoyable experiences but must also ensure that the safety of the Wentworth community is paramount.

PARKING

May I, once again, remind you to please show consideration to our neighbours by not parking across their driveways. We have always enjoyed positive relationships with our local community and want this to continue.

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - Tuesday 6th October

The school photographers will be with us on Tuesday for the individual children photos. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions that we are working to in school means we cannot mix any of our year group bubbles or have any children mixing between different classes when collecting their siblings. It is with regret that we will not be able to have the sibling photos carried out on this occasion.

On Tuesday your child will bring home details from Kittle Photographic with their individual photo ID and password. You can either use your phone and scan the QR code, or order via kittleorders.com in order to purchase any photos.



SCHOOL FIELD

The James Road car park side of the school field has now been re-turfed and has two new sports ends installed. This provides children with the opportunity to engage in a range of sports activities both during playtimes and during curriculum time. This, once again, enhances our sports provision.

ADMISSIONS TO PRIMARY SCHOOL - RECEPTION 2021

If you have a child who was born between 1.9.2016 and 31.8.2017 you can now start looking for Primary School places for September 2021. Please ensure that you make your application online via your home authority (Bexley or Dartford). Kent Admissions site goes live from 5th November 2020. Applications must be submitted before 15th January 2021.

KENT NHS COMMUNITY TRUST HEALTH SERVICE - FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME - further details to follow

On Friday 27th November, the school nursing team will be in school to administer the annual flu nasal vaccination to children from Year R - Year 6 (for children whose parents will have given their online permission only). Full details from Kent NHS Trust will be sent to us during October. We will email this information to all parents/carers as soon as this is received and will also send paper copies inviting parents to complete the new online consent form.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

We have collected £69.00 so far for Macmillan - a big thank you! If you would still like to donate, please scan the QR code, which will take you to our Wentworth page - leaflets were sent home earlier this week.