



STOP PRESS...

**Special Dinner
Thursday 6th – Pizza Day
Everyone who has a school dinner gets entered in a free
prize draw**

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Last Friday was 'Jeans for Genes' day at school and it was great to see the children support such a worthwhile cause. I am pleased to say that everyone's contributions helped us to raise a fantastic £341.30! A huge thank you to everyone involved.



Last Friday 40 children in Year 6 set off for Marchants Hill for a weekend of outdoor and adventurous activities at a PGL centre. The children's behaviour was excellent and I know they had the time of their lives! It was an action packed weekend with the opportunity to try new things and overcome many fears and worries. Some of you may have seen my daily updates on the website which shows just how much fun everyone had – even the staff. The photos

capture memories that the children will remember for a lifetime. My thanks to the staff who gave up their weekend to keep the children safe and to ensure they enjoyed themselves. I think they have just about caught up on their sleep and they are slowly getting their voices back! The children who did not attend this trip had a wonderful time making pizzas and visiting the park.



On Thursday morning we hosted our first ever Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money for an amazing charity. It was a lovely charity event and I was pleased with the good turnout. I would like to thank everyone who came along to support this charity and who made the delicious cakes for us all to eat. Early indications show that we have raised around £253 but I am sure more will be added before the end of today.

Today in school the teachers have taken part in the 'Naked Teaching Day'. Don't panic – it is not what you are thinking! This has involved teachers not using any technology or resources in lessons. The aim of the day is to raise awareness of the plight of children who attend makeshift schools in slums, under bridges, under trees and in refugee camps. It has allowed the teachers the chance to put the supplies back in the store cupboard, unleash their inventiveness and undress their lessons. It has been a real challenge for some staff but allowed them to be quite creative whilst educating the children about the challenges children, who are less fortunate than they are, have to face. I am sure the children will tell you all about it tonight!

Have a lovely weekend!

J. A. Bryant
Headteacher



This week the **Attendance Bears** have been awarded to

KS1

Class 5

Miss Jones

100%

KS2

Classes 9 & 11

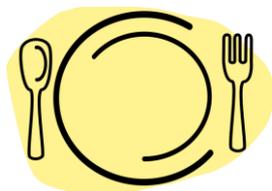
**Mrs
Livingstone/Mrs
Matthews**

98.7%

Congratulations to all classes!

Whole School Attendance

97.1%



Special Dinner

To celebrate the year's first Special Dinner day we are offering the children the chance to win a £25 gift voucher. All children who have a school dinner of Thursday 6th October will go into a free prize draw. There will be a lucky winner in KS1 and KS2.

Make sure you sign up for our pizza day!



Coffee mornings

We have decided to set up some informal coffee mornings for parents where parents can come in for a tea/coffee and enjoy some time to 'chat'. There will be a member of the Senior Leadership Team and some other key staff available on Thursday 10th November, Thursday 24th November & Thursday 8th December.



Poppies at St Margaret's

Please continue to send in your empty plastic bottles! It would be great if every child could make a poppy to go on show at the church. Thanks to everyone who has already sent them in!



Harvest

A letter was sent home last week explaining that for Harvest this year we are going to support the Thurrock Foodbank. All donations are welcome to provide food for families in need. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



Early Years Admissions

Do you have a child who is set to start school in September 2017 or do you know someone who is looking at schools for next September? If the answer is 'yes' then make sure you come to visit the school from Monday 3rd October to Friday 7th October during the day to see the school in 'action'. There will also be an Open Evening on **Wednesday 5th October between 3.30pm and 7.30pm**. Please contact the school office to make an appointment.



PTA AGM

The next meeting for the PTA AGM is on Tuesday 4th October at 7.00p.m.
All welcome to attend. Thank you.



NEWSLETTER – EARLY YEARS

This will be the last newsletter sent by paper copy to parents/carers of Reception children. If you do not receive your newsletter on ParentMail please inform the school office. Thank you.



LETTERS SENT HOME THIS WEEK

Learning Mentor – All years – sent by ParentMail – 26th September
PTA Peter Pan theatre tickets – sent by ParentMail – 26th September
Isle of Wight next instalment – Year 5 – sent by ParentMail – 27th September
Change to dinner menu on 6th October – All Years – 29th September

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES...



October

Monday 3 rd - Friday 7 th	Open Week for prospective parents (<i>tours to be arranged through the office</i>)
Tuesday 4 th	PTA AGM (7pm)
Wednesday 5 th	Open Evening for prospective parents (3.30pm-7.30pm)
Thursday 6 th	Year 4 Egypt Day
Saturday 8 th	Year 5/6 Wembley Visit
Tuesday 11 th	Early Years Phonics Meeting 9.30am
Wednesday 12 th	Class 7 Harvest Celebration (2.20pm) Early Years Phonics Meeting 6pm
Thursday 13 th	SEN Coffee Morning (9am) Class 1 Road Safety Walk with parents (9.15am) Class 11 Road Safety Walk (10.30am) Class 8 Harvest Celebration (2.20pm)
Friday 14 th	Class 2 Road Safety Walk with parents (9.15am) Class 12 Road Safety Walk (10.30am) PTA Music Quiz Night (7pm)
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st	Science Week
Tuesday 18 th	PTA Movie Night (Time TBC)
Friday 21 st	Early Year's Superhero Day