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The Bible tells us that some time after the shepherds visited the newborn Jesus , three wise men arrived from the East bearing gifts. We have told the children how the feast of Epiphany reminds Christians how God invited the whole world to meet Jesus, using a guiding star!

5th January 2024

Happy and Bright New Year

Welcome back everyone to a new and exciting Spring Term. I thought I'd start the year with a fascinating fact: If, like me, you were heartened to hear that the shortest day took place at the Winter solstice on 22nd December, you will probably be looking forward to longer days and lighter mornings. But if you are an early riser (like all teachers!) it does seem a bit strange to find things are still getting darker each morning as we enter January. This is not your imagination, but a real phenomenon caused by the fact that our clocks are not properly synchronised with the sun. You can read a full explanation here!

Whatever is happening with our mornings, the fact remains that we are now entering the season of new life and growth. The Spring Term at Bodsham will include Safer Internet Day and a Drop in Zone to see your children's work before half term. In March we will have Book Week which includes World Book Day, parents' evenings, a visit from KIC theatre and of course our Easter celebrations to look forward to! Full details and dates are available on the school website calendar

You should be receiving your Spring Term Newsletter from class teachers on Monday that sets out what the children will be studying across the curriculum this term – so I'll keep this newsletter brief!

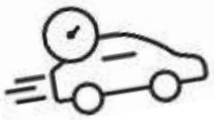
New Year, New You!

This is a good time to make a resolution to make sure the children are coming to school looking smart and in the correct school uniform. Please ensure hairbands are plain and not decorative, long hair is tied back (boys and girls!) and school shoes (not boots or trainers) are worn on non-PE days. Jewellery should be limited to stud earrings that can be removed for PE lessons – no bracelets, necklaces or smart watches please!

A Taste of the Caribbean!

The Woodpeckers returned to school this week with a Caribbean vibe. They always know it's going to be an exciting day when it begins in the Studio with our artist in residence, Miss Carter. The children have listened to the Reggae song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley and have been painting and drawing Jamaican birds and landscapes. In the afternoon, the children worked together to make Caribbean fruit salads to take home and enjoy!

Parking Concerns



There have been a number of worrying reports about near misses between children and cars around the school recently. The problem seems to arise at home time when children are walking past parked vehicles. We have decided to cone off the area in front of the school gate at home time to create a clearer pathway to the Timber Batts car park. Please don't attempt to park there, but rather use the hard standing in front of the barns. Parents should also supervise children closely as they leave the school site. Despite my representations to the Local Authority, School Hill remains a road subject to the national speed limit, so cars could potentially be travelling up or down the hill at 60mph

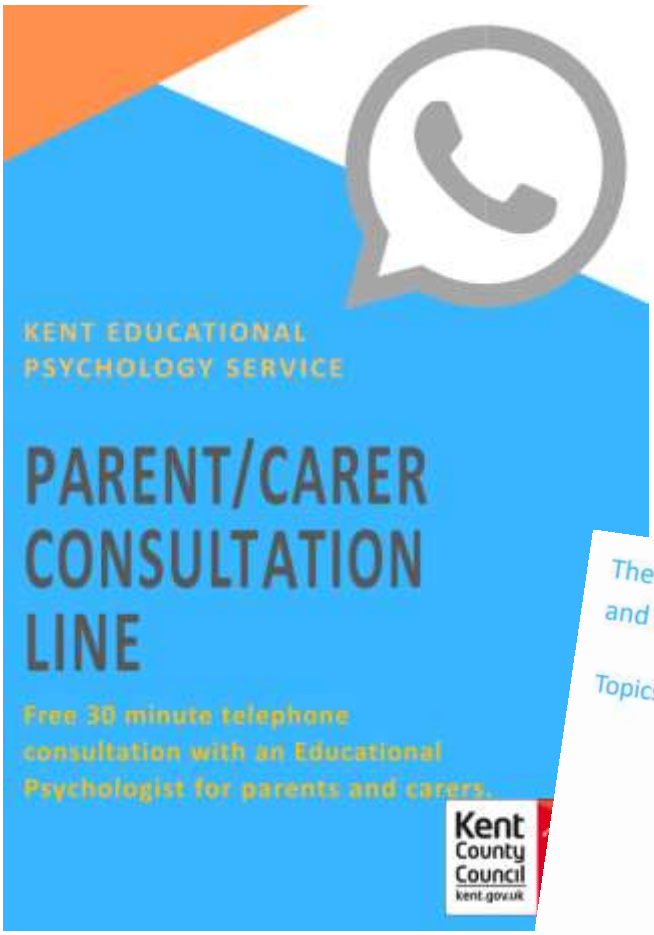
School Applications Closing Date

A reminder to parents of children due to start school this year that the closing date for applications is 15th January. You will need to name up to 3 schools on your application form which can be found on the KCC admissions website.

Happy New Year everyone!

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher

Community News



The aim of this service is to provide advice and guidance to parents and carers to support children's wellbeing and learning.

Topics that parents and carers can use this service to discuss include:

- Social and emotional issues
- Concerns about learning
- Family relationships
- Concerns about behaviour
- Daily routines including sleep

kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk

If you would like to make use of this service please send a message to the email address above including the following information:

- your name, telephone number and the district of Kent in which you live.
- your child's school year.
- the area of concern including a brief description of what you wish to discuss.
- a convenient day of the week and time of day to call (am or pm).

We will do our best to respond within 10 working days but this is subject to availability, particularly during school holidays.

Donations needed

Good quality second hand items including clothes and shoes (ladies, men's and children's), toys, linen, bric-a-brac and accessories.

Jumble sale
3rd February from 10am-2pm at the Hythe.

These can be dropped off at the following hubs

Age UK Ashford, The Joe Fagg Community Centre, Stanhope Rd, Ashford, TN23 5RF.

Age UK Lyminge, 63 Station Rd, Lyminge, Folkestone, CT18 8HQ.

Age UK Hythe, Sanford House, Stade Street, Hythe, CT21 6BD.

From 2nd – 31st January 2024. 9am – 3pm Monday to Friday.

For further details please contact
01303 269602
vc@ageukhla.org.uk

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QUIZ NIGHT

WEDNESDAY 24TH JANUARY 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00PM
QUIZ STARTS AT 7:30PM

Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, Ashford, TN23 5RF

£6.00 per person

Put your knowledge to the test and join for an evening full of fun and questions!
Everyone is welcome.
Teams of 6 (maximum).
You are welcome to bring your own food and drink, however refreshments are available to purchase on the night.

Booking is essential,
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