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A Learning Ladder for Life

Dear Parent/Carer,

Friday 20th October 2017

We have come to the end of Term 1 and would like to thank all parents for their support throughout the term. Please can we remind you that there will be no clubs on the first and last week of next term. A letter will follow explaining this in more detail.

You should have received your child's school photos by now. You may either bring your orders to school by 10th November or order them online at the website given within the photograph sample package.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing break from school and on that note please could you talk to your older children about road safety. We have unfortunately had a call from a concerned member of the public about some children, in our school uniform, playing 'chicken' across the Loose Road on their bikes after school. This is obviously extremely dangerous and we would hate to receive news that someone had been hurt whilst out playing. The nights are getting darker, and the weather worse, raising the risk of serious injury as a result of this type of behaviour.

Have a great break and see you safe and sound next term.



Diary Dates

- 30th October 2017
First day of Term 2
- 31st October 2017
Deadline for secondary school applications
- 3rd November 2017
Head Teacher's Tea Party Reports Home
- 7th November 2017
Open morning for prospective parents in Nursery and Reception.
- 9th November 2017
Phil the bag
- 10th November 2017
Parent consultations PM
- **13 November 2017**
Years R-4 Flu Vaccs
- 24th November 2017
Year 3 trip to Maidstone Museum
- **30th November 2017**
Year 6 Health Check

Core Values Winners

Year R Red— Bonnie (for support) and Jessie (for Bravery)

Year R Blue— Henry (for Perseverance) and Toby (for Perseverance)

Year R Green— David (for Support) and Cara (for Support)

Year 1 Red— Ella (for Perseverance) and Alexandra (for Perseverance)

Year 1 Green—Thomas (for Sincerity) and Brandon (for Perseverance)

Year 2 Red— Flynn (for Sincerity) and Faizan (for Perseverance)

Year 2 Green—Max (for Sincerity) and Olivia (for Support)

Year 3 - Dean (for Perseverance) and Leah (for Perseverance)

Year 4—Mahala (for Perseverance) and Reben (for Perseverance)

Year 5—Aurel (for Sincerity) and Kiera-Rose (for Perseverance)

Year 6—Alfie-James (for Support) and Joseph (for Support)

Attendance Winners

Well Done to Year 5 for week ending 13/10/17. (100%)



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Year 2 Focus

This term, year 2 have been studying superheroes. We wrote fact files and acrostic poems on our favourite superheroes and have also created instructions on 'How to be a Superhero'. In maths, we have hugely improved on our place value skills and are now using this to add and subtract. We have also had fun solving superhero word problems. In art, we have created lolly stick puppet superheroes and designed a landscape for them to fly through. In science, we have looked at how different materials suit different purposes and thought about how we can make a superhero lair based on the strengths and weaknesses of the materials. We have also enjoyed throwing and catching in PE and are working on trying to improve our team work skills.

More recently, we had the opportunity to share our home learning projects with our classes and each other. This was a great afternoon and it was lovely to share ideas and find out more on what each child has learnt this term. We would like to thank all of the children and their adults for making this afternoon a success. We look forward to starting a new topic and seeing all of the hard work children do next term.



Kent Selection Test Results and Applications for Secondary Schools

Well done to all of the children in Year 6 who passed the selection process for grammar school. Also please remember that all applications need to be in for Year 6 secondary school placements by the 31st October.



Winter illness

With the weather now getting colder, colds & coughs will be beginning to become a regular problem. Please remember that we can give medicine in school, so please try and send your children to school every day. Just drop any medicine into the office with instructions on the appropriate dosage.

It is also extremely important that children wear an appropriate coat to school every day. We still see a number of children without a coat at break and lunch times.



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