



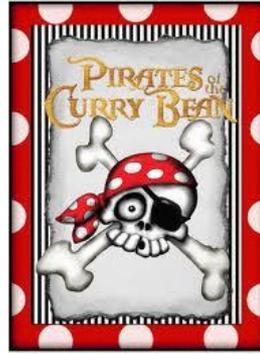
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PIRATES OF THE CURRY BEAN

As we enter Term 6 there are many exciting things that are happening for our pupils. Years 5 and 6 are rehearsing for their end of term production which will take place at St Margaret's Village Hall on the evening of 5 July 2019 at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening on the high seas as they perform the children's comedy 'Pirates of the Curry Bean'. Tickets will be on sale soon through the school office at £3.00 for adults and £1.00 for children. Please bring the family along to support the children and to recognise their hard work in rehearsal.



SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day was slightly earlier than usual this year. Our thinking was that the weather would be cooler which is always better when you're involved in a full day of sport, and it was. Our pupils were involved in mixed age team games and sports in the morning, where they collected team points towards their grand total. The afternoon was packed with traditional races such as the egg and spoon race, sack race and running races.

This year Team Wells won the overall competition and our sportsmanship awards went to Josh Nixon, Amelie Underwood, Amber Witte and Abby Mallott. Well done to all of our winners and to everyone who participated.



OPEN AFTERNOON

Parents and other family members are invited to come along to our annual Open Afternoon on Friday 19 July 2019. The afternoon involves children performing a range of musical pieces they have learned this year in a short concert. This concert will be held in the East Langdon Parish Hall and parents are welcome to join us from 12.30pm onwards for refreshments prior to the performance at 1.00pm. After the performance we will all make our way back to school where parents will be able to collect their child before visiting their class to look at work produced this year and to receive their child's Annual Report. Parents are welcome to talk to staff about their child's learning at this time, although if a more in depth discussion is required then we do please ask you to make an appointment for another day. **Please note that on this day ALL children need to be collected by 2.00pm or immediately after the concert, whichever is sooner.**



CONCERNS

Just a reminder that all worries, concerns or complaints should come through the school so that we can help you deal with them. It has come to my attention in the last couple of weeks that a couple of parents have voiced concerns to friends via social media or they have been vocal in public, including at another local school, about concerns related to their child or our school. If we do not know of your concerns, we are unable to help you with them or to learn from them. It saddened me to hear that one of our parents had been very vocal with their negative opinions of our school in public but we knew nothing of this. I was very grateful to the person who did inform us so that we could learn from what we heard. This is a very open school, we do ask your opinion often and we do learn from it. I know that many of you tell us that you are happy with the school and how we educate and care for your children, but if there are things that we need to improve, then do please let us know.

ART WEEK

During the first week of this term, as you will know, we held an enrichment week dedicated to Art.

The week started with the children making their own sketch books from a range of different types of paper. They bound them with string and ribbon and elastic bands and added papers to them as the week progressed and they filled up. Playtimes were filled with children drawing or writing about their learning, making collages or collecting objects for inspiration. The children also decorated an old shirt to wear as an overall for the workshops held during the week. The level of detail in some of these shirts was AMAZING! Pupils doodled cartoon characters or 'took their pen for a walk' to create patterns and shapes. We have some budding designers clearly; they were almost too good to wear!

The workshops focused on a range of materials and techniques by a number of famous artists.

From Andy Warhol's iconic soup tin pop art, through to comic book art by Roy Lichtenstein, Aboriginal art, animals in the style of Steven Brown and collage - there was more than enough to keep everyone interested and involved. The children used oil pastels, poster paints, acrylics and IT to produce their own works of art. A really popular workshop was the natural art activity which involved gathering natural materials from the school grounds and using these to create patterns and pictures. The children amazed us with their final results which are currently decorating the school garden and allotment.

The week ended with an open gallery for parents to come and see what the children had been doing. There were many positive comments and some very proud children showing their work to family and friends. At the end of it all the teachers reflected on what had been achieved during the week and overwhelmingly they noted that the children were inspired by art and that their involvement in it outside as well as inside school was huge. Who knows, maybe one day it will be recorded as the inspiration for a successful career. For those of you who didn't get a chance to see the gallery, the work will remain on display for a couple more weeks in the school hall.



SINGING FESTIVAL

Once again this year, Mrs Newton led a successful collaboration singing festival at St Margaret's Village Hall on Friday 14 June 2019.

Our choir had learned, with their other collaboration peers, some songs from scratch and rehearsed songs they have been singing this year, ready for their performance in the afternoon.

Parents and friends joined the choir in the afternoon where they were entertained by the choirs from other schools before a grand 'super choir' performance by all. Their singing of 'Eye of the Tiger' was fantastic, a real highlight. Well done to our choir children, they were once again a credit to the school both in performance and behaviour.



PARKING

I have had a request from our neighbours that parents refrain from parking in the private parking area allotted for residents of West Side. This is not a parking area for all, but clearly marked that it is for residents only. The village hall car park is only a few moments walk from the school and can be used for parking your car when dropping off or picking up at the end of the day.

It is really important that we don't upset the neighbours to the school. When they approach me, they are usually quite irate and it can be a very uncomfortable meeting. I know that in the past some of you have been on the receiving end of this also. I can understand their frustration, so for me and for the sake of equilibrium, please do not park in this area.

PTFA SUMMER FAIR Thank you to the PTFA who ran our Summer Fair on Saturday 7 June 2019. Thank you also to all of you who came along to support it, despite the high winds and threat of rain which thankfully held off. The Year 6s ran their stalls admirably and their profits will go towards leaver's hoodies. In total £901.61 was raised which will go towards our grounds improvement projects.

As the children move into the Summer, we begin to look at the new year starting from September. We plan what the staffing structure will be from September and how we will move children into their new classes so that they feel happy, safe and secure in them and consequently learn effectively.

The following is the class structure for September:

- Year R - Mrs Seccatore and Mrs Trenchard
- Years 1 and 2 - Mrs Keem and Mrs Harris
- Years 3 and 4 - Miss Langley and Mrs Capell
- Years 5 and 6 - Mr Jones and Mrs Britton

Mrs Newton will be with us in the afternoons, working alongside Mr Jones to support and challenge Year 5 and 6 children. She will work with individuals, pairs and groups to embed skills in the core subjects of English and Mathematics.

The children will have two full transition days this year, on Thursday 4 and 18 July 2019.

Children from some year groups will begin to move into their new classes for some subjects this term, starting from Monday 17 June. Some Year 2 children will be taught Mathematics by Miss Langley for the rest of this academic year and some Year 4 children will be taught Mathematics by Mr Jones.

Our decision about who will be taught where will be based on your child's current performance in mathematics and where we think they will make most progress without stress.

We haven't chosen class names yet this year, but will let you know what they are very soon.

A PARENTS GUIDE TO FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

Every so often I have a conversation with a parent about a worry they have about their child's interest or involvement with an online game. This week alone, three parents/carers have communicated their concerns about their child and Fortnite. When a concern arises I look at the website www.childnet.com which gives sensible advice to schools and parents about online matters. The following is an article from their website about Fortnite which might be of interest to you.

With any screen based game I have concerns when I see children who are tired due to late nights playing on the computer or tablet, children who don't play or interact with people for real, rather than online and children who are unsupervised - those that tell us that their parents don't know that they play games online or that don't check who they are playing with. If you are concerned about your child and online games, have a look at the childnet website, it is full of sensible and useful information and guidance to help parents.

14.12.18

At Childnet our Education Officers go into schools each day to deliver online safety Education Sessions to pupils, parents and teachers. Recently in these Education Sessions we have been noticing an increasing number of young people talking about the game 'Fortnite'. In this blog we are giving guidance to parents about Fortnite, looking at what the game is and some of the things to be aware of.

What is Fortnite?

Fortnite is an online game, Battle Royale is a part of Fortnite where players do not have to pay to play. In Battle Royale, the free segment of Fortnite, 100 players compete against each other to be the last person standing in player vs player (PVP) combat. Users are playing against people of different ages from across the world, and Fortnite has in game audio chat so that players can talk and interact with each other as they play.

What age rating is Fortnite?

***Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 12**, PEGI have said this is due to the: **'frequent scenes of mild violence. It is not suitable for persons under 12 years of age'**. This PEGI rating only takes into account the content in the game and not the contact element, where players may be exposed to swearing and offensive language from strangers in voice or on-screen text chat.*

What do I need to know?

In order to play Fortnite you have to create an account. To create this account you need to provide an email address (which you will have to verify) and display/user name. However you are not asked your age in order to create an account.

As Fortnite is an online game you will play against players of different ages from across the world. You can turn this communication off in your setting or choose who you play against. You are also able to block or mute other players who are behaving in an inappropriate manner.

Although Battle Royale is free to play, other aspects of the game are not. There are packs which give you different access to the full game and extensions, in game currency and 'skins' which edit the design of your character. These start at £8 and go up to £119.99. The game does ask players to make additional in-game purchases whilst playing, though these are not required to play the game.

Fortnite does feature violence when players are in combat with each other, the animation of the game is very cartoonish, and the violence isn't bloody or gory. However, it is worth noting that the aim of Fortnite is to defeat other players by fighting against them.

Fortnite is currently available on PC, Mac, PlayStation and Xbox, and on IOS (apple products) and Android. It is downloadable from the Fortnite website, this download gives access to both the free and paid for versions of the game.

Our advice

It's important to involve yourself in your child's online life and a simple and effective way to this is by talking to them about their life online. Try to maintain an open dialogue with your child and find opportunities to talk to them about what they love to do online. Parents can help children access the amazing resources the internet has to offer whilst keeping them safe online at the same time. Asking your child about how they play Fortnite and what they like about it is a great way to start a conversation. Our conversation starters can help you to have this conversation.

Play with them - it may seem daunting, but one of the best things that you can do is to engage with the gaming environment and begin to understand what makes Fortnite so attractive to young people, as well as giving yourself an idea of the reporting tools available within the game.

On Fortnite you can report players who are behaving inappropriately by using the in-game feedback tool located in the game Main Menu, you can also make a report by emailing the creators of Fortnite.

Common Sense Media allow parents and young people to give their reviews of games that they have played. They have created a very useful video guide to Fortnite with footage of the gameplay involved.

MINIBUS DRIVERS URGENTLY NEEDED

Are you a competent driver, with a clean drivers license, who would like to support the school by becoming a minibus driver? If you are interested and meet the criteria below, then please let the office know. Our minibus drivers help out when they can, when our staff are unable to drive because of other commitments. Currently, two parents help us but one is leaving for the big wide world of secondary school this year so we welcome other offers of help. Interested? Please speak to Dee Howson in the school office.

From KCC Minibus Driver guidance:

a) Existing car drivers:

Those who held a full entitlement to drive a car **before** 1 January 1997 will continue to be able to drive a 16-passenger seat minibus in the UK and throughout the EC without restriction, until their licence expires, but **not** for hire or reward i.e. for use as a taxi.



Diary Dates

Date	Event	Time
19.6.19	Collaboration Art Workshop - named pupils Book Fair	9.00am-2.30pm 3.00pm
20.6.19	Dover Castle Class Assembly Book Fair	2.30pm 3.00pm
24.6.19	Beginning of Assessment Week	
25.6.19	Collaboration Y3/4 Cross Country event - named pupils PTFA Meeting	1.00pm 1.45pm
27.6.19	Year 2 Parents - Rippledawn Meeting	3.10pm
4.7.19	Whole school transition day 1	
5.7.19	KS2 production - 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean' at St Margaret of Cliffe Village Hall	6.30pm
8.7.19	Year 6 Collaboration event at Green Park School	9.30am - 2.30pm
9.6.19	Full Governing Body Meeting	3.30pm
10.7.19	Collaboration Dance Workshop - named children	1.00pm-2.30pm
11.7.19	Year 2 Residential Visit - Rippledawn	
12.7.19	Year 2 Residential Visit - Rippledawn Collaboration Council Meeting at Dover Council Offices Year 3/4/5 PTFA Movie Night	1.00pm TBC
17.7.19	Online Safety Day 2 - Internet Safety	
18.7.19	Whole school transition day 2	
19.7.19	Open Afternoon - Music Performance at Langdon Village Hall, on completion parent's evening and end of year reports	1.15pm
22.7.19	End of Year Achievement Assembly	9.00am
23.7.19	Year 6 Leaver's Service - East Langdon Village Hall End of term 6	9.30am 2.00pm
2.9.19	Staff Development Day - School closed to pupils	
3.9.19	Staff Development Day - School closed to pupils	
4.9.19	Beginning of Term 1 for Years 1-6	
9.9.19	Beginning of Term 1 for Year R	8.45am- 12.00pm

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