



## TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

TERM THREE NO.1

WEDNESDAY 17TH JANUARY 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! I do hope you had a lovely Christmas break. I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about all the fun our children had during the holiday.

We started the Spring term with our Faith in Action week, including a fantastic whole school visit to Canterbury Cathedral and visitors from local charities and organisations. Please do talk to your children about their learning during the week.

We have another exciting term ahead. Take a look at the 'Topic Write Ups' in this newsletter to find out what each class will be learning this term.

Our spring parents' evenings will take place on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February. Sign up sheets will be put up outside classrooms after school on Monday 29th January.

Regards,  
Angela Matthews  
Head of School

### Parent Forum

Dear Parents,

I am looking to reform the Parent Forum, with the aim of having a meeting in the coming weeks. There are several issues I would like to discuss with the group including-school funding, charging for clubs, school uniform and school packed lunches. I am also aware there will be agenda items from the parent community. I need several willing volunteers who are able to meet with me termly for half an hour, either at the beginning or end of the school day.

If you are interested in being part of the forum, please leave your name in the school office.

Many thanks  
Jo Hygate



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## OUR SCHOOL VALUES

Hope

Trust

Inspiration

Acceptance

Forgiveness

### Breakfast Club Contact:

**07483 155631**

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club or your child is unable to make their booked session then please contact us in the first instance.

"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

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Hindleap meeting parents 3.30pm  
House Colours Tag Day  
Young Voices at the O2  
Friends meeting - 3.30pm Oaks  
Parents evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm  
Parents evening 4.30pm - 7.00pm  
Tag Day (Friends)  
Friends Valentines Disco  
Year 6 Hindleap Warren  
**Tag Day - Chocolate tombola**  
Year 6 Leavers Play 2.00pm  
Year 6 Leavers Play 6.00pm  
Year 6 Leavers Service (PM TBC)

Thursday 18th January 2018  
Friday 26th January 2018  
Tuesday 30th January 2018  
Thursday 1st February 2018  
Tuesday 6th February 2018  
Wednesday 7th February 2018  
Friday 9th February 2018  
Thursday 22nd February 2018  
Monday 12th - 14th March 2018  
**Friday 16th March 2018**  
Wednesday 11th July 2018  
Thursday 12th July 2018  
Thursday 19th July 2018

#### Parents' Evening Class Schedule:

Acorns - Tuesday 6th February only from 1.30pm  
Willows - Tuesday 6th 3.30 - 5.30pm & Wednesday 7th February 4.30 - 7.00pm  
Elms - Wednesday 7th February 3.30 - 7.00pm  
Sycamores - Tuesday 6th 3.30 - 5.30pm & Wednesday 7th February 4.30 - 7.00pm  
Oaks - Tuesday 6th 3.30 - 5.30pm & Wednesday 7th February 4.30 - 7.00pm

Temple Ewell CEP School

Join Mrs Wallace and Inclusion team for an opportunity to share SEN ideas over croissants and coffee!

**9.00 - 10.00**

Thurs 25th Jan 2018 

**INCLUSION  
BREAKFAST**

New dates are shown in **bold** type.

## Academic Year 2017/2018 Dates

Term 3	Thursday 4th January to Friday 9th February 2018
Half Term	Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2018
Term 4	Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March 2018
Easter Holiday	Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018
Term 5	Monday 16th April to Friday 25th May 2018
Half Term	Tuesday 29th May to Friday 1st June 2018
Inset Day	Monday 4th June 2018
Term 6	Tuesday 5th June to Friday 20th July 2018
Inset Day	Monday 23rd July 2018
Inset Day	Tuesday 24th July 2018
Inset Day	Monday 3rd September 2018
	<b>Term 2 or 3 Inset Day TBA</b>
Inset Day	Thursday 3rd January 2019
Inset Day	Friday 4th January 2019
Inset Day	Monday 3rd June 2019





# The Bulletin Board

## **After School Club Cancellations**

There will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 24th January 2018.

## **Entering Classrooms**

Can we remind all parents/carers that you are asked not to enter classrooms at all during drop off or collection times, thank you.

## **PE Kits**

Could you please ensure that PE kits are brought in with your child on the first day of term. Lessons start as normal on the first day back and so your child could potentially miss vital learning time if it is not brought in.

## **Packed Lunches**

Please be reminded that we are a Healthy School and we ask that children do not have chocolate or sweets in their packed lunch boxes.

## **Smoking and Vaping**

Could you please refrain from smoking and vaping within the school grounds and driveway.

## **School Gate Procedure**

Can we remind parents not to let anyone in the gate who may be waiting, they need to notify the office themselves so we are aware of who is onsite.

The school gates are closed at 8:55am and will be opened again at 3:00pm for parents' collecting children.

## **School Hours**

The school hours are 8:50am to 3:15pm. You can deliver your child to the playground from 8:40am (when staff are on duty) and collect from their class at 3:15pm. The school gates are closed at 8:55am and will be opened at 3:00pm. If someone else is collecting your child from school, please make sure the class staff or office are aware. If your child is off sick an adult needs to inform us and the nature of the illness. If your child is in late, an adult needs to come to the office and sign them in.

## **Medicine in School**

If your child requires medication during school hours, could you please send it in pre-measured doses or sachets and if the medicine is to be kept refrigerated this will need to be sent in in a cool bag with ice packs.

## **Nourish School Dinners**

Please be reminded our school dinner caterer, Nourish requires payment in advance of a dinner being required. Dinners cost £2.20 per day or £11.00 for the whole week. Children are to request their dinner during class registration as normal.

## **Raising Concerns**

If you have any concerns about your child, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance. This can be done after school or by making an appointment through the school office. Please be aware that class teachers do not have time first thing in the morning to discuss concerns in any detail. Specific issues should not be discussed with members of staff out of school.

## **The Fox Pub**

The Fox car park is for their customers only, please do not use the car park for school drop off or pick up please.

# RHYMES WITH SCHOOL

## WORD SEARCH

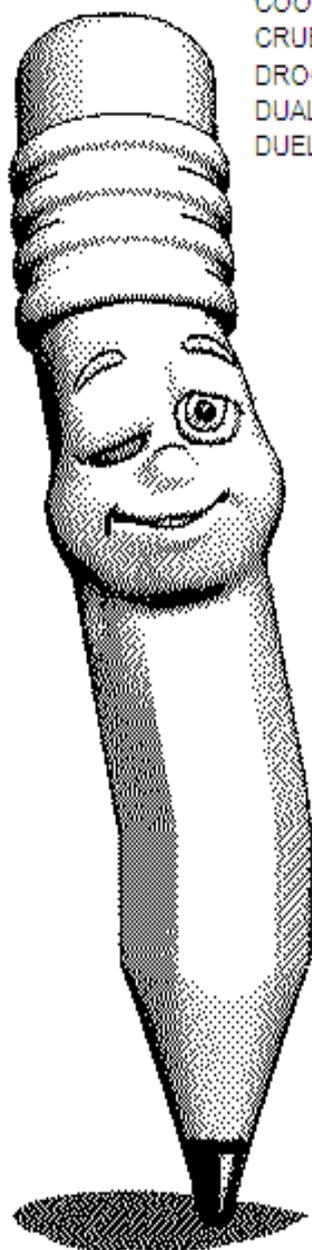
Find and circle all of the words from the word list below.

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P M L L W N H L I X B R K L E

# Faith in Action Week

On Tuesday 9th January as part of Faith in Action Week we all went to Canterbury Cathedral. KS2 also went to see the Canterbury Mosque and then made the pilgrimage to Canterbury Cathedral stopping at the University's Labyrinth and St. Thomas' Catholic Church on the way.

A hugely beneficial day was had by all in exploring the different faiths and where people practise these.

A special thank you to both the children who were all perfect representatives of our school and to Mrs Mousley, Mrs Waller and Mr Woodland for their help on the day.

Thank you also to Mrs Tidey for organising a fantastic visit.



# Faith in Action Week

We had a representative of Dover Food Bank kindly come and visit us as part of Faith in Action Week to speak with all the children.

The children were told how Foodbank works and how it helps those in need of its services.

Please find below a current list of Dover Foodbank's most wanted items.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them into the office where we can arrange for them to be collected, thank you.



## January 2018 – Most Wanted

**Milk – powder**

**Tinned fruit      Rice pudding**

**Custard**

**Potato – instant mash**

**Evaporated milk**

**Washing up liquid**

**Can openers      Baby wipes**

**Nappies – size 5**

**All non-perishable food items happily  
accepted.**

**Thank you for all donations received**

**(We currently have good supplies of: meat, fruit squash, biscuits)**

## Acorns

### **(Term 3)**

#### **Travelling Ted**

This term, Acorns will be exploring places all over the world while Ted goes on his travels. With so many places around the world, we will definitely come across animals that live there and will be investigating animal categories and features of different animals through Science.

We will be taking a look at artwork from different countries including African Kente cloth, Mexican maracas, Japanese hand fans and Indian Rangoli patterns. With all the amazing artwork we will be looking at, we will need some great new vocabulary to help us describe what we are seeing in literacy!

We kick started this term with our Faith in Action week and will continue to learn some of the many special stories in the Bible and just what it is about them that makes them special to us.

You will be so impressed with our Maths this term as we find out more about addition and subtraction through counting on and counting backwards, place value or numbers 0-20 and even starting to count in multiples of 2, 5 and 10.

### **(Term 4)**

#### **New life**

Acorns will be exploring all things spring related this term!

We will be looking closely at plants in science, how to categorise them, what makes a plant a plant and how we can grow them. This will link in with our maths topic of measuring. I wonder whose beanstalk will grow the tallest?

We will definitely need some instructions to go along with how to grow our plants and how to measure them correctly. In literacy we will be learning all the instructional language we need so that anyone can follow our investigations!

Lots of creepy crawlies and small animals come out in the spring time and we will be exploring them through Eric Carle stories, because who doesn't love 'The very hungry caterpillar', 'The angry ladybird' and 'Mr Seahorse'?

Please come and talk to us if you want to find out more. We will be sending home class newsletters to keep you informed with any important information when necessary and also events that are coming soon.

### To Infinity and Beyond!

#### **5, 4, 3, 2, 1 BLAST OFF!**

Join us on our adventures as we journey into space through literacy, writing space adventures, space poems and wanted posters for those cheeky aliens causing havoc in space!

As we travel into space and beyond we will be using our maths skills to use directional language for our Beebot aliens and space vehicles to programme sets of instructions as we manoeuvre around space and planets dodging meteorites and comets.

We will be researching and plotting a timeline of the history of space exploration and designing and making rockets and space craft using everyday materials.

Through music and PE we will be listening to the War of the Worlds music CD as we practise and perform movement in dance.

For our class role play area we will be designing our own space shuttle with control panels from empty chocolate and gift boxes and inserts leftover from Christmas presents and making alien and space explorer passports.

Science this term is focusing on Animals Including Humans and we will be investigating what an alien would need to know about humans and aliens when visiting Earth. This term our investigations will be exploring our senses.

Our RE begins with an exciting whole school Faith in Action week with a pilgrimage to various places of worship in Canterbury, special visitors and widening our learning experiences of faith. Willows will then be discovering peace, forgiveness and trust through The Gospels.

### Life As We Know It!

Continuing our Animals Including Humans science topic Willows will be exploring, identifying, classifying and researching animals with David Attenborough. Taking our science topic through maths we will be using information about animals and humans to sort them into groups using Venn diagrams and bar graphs.

Our history also includes sequencing events in our lives in our own life timeline and through geography we will be finding out what countries animals come from.

Art this term includes finding out about famous artists Henri Rousseau and his Tiger in a Tropical Storm painting and using various media and medium to design our own animal in the jungle.

Continuing our animal theme through literacy we will be reading The Very Hungry Caterpillar, We're Going on a Bear Hunt, The Jungle Book and The Caterpillar, a poem by Christina Rossetti, We will be using these ideas to create our own poems about animals.

The independent homework this term will be about Animals including humans and you can choose any animal or lots of animals to do your presentation on. Further information on this is included in a separate letter.

## Elms

Dynamic Dynasties – China and it's ancient past!

This term we will be learning about China and its ancient civilizations, we will be looking at how Chinese culture has developed over time and influenced other cultures. Our work in History will mainly focus on the Shang Dynasty and in Geography we will be exploring the landscape of China and how it has changed.

Our Literacy will be themed around traditional Chinese stories, as well as modern day stories set in China.

In maths we are continuing to develop both our mental and written calculation skills through real life problem solving. We will be exploring themes such as fractions, measures and time as well as the four operations (+, -, x and ÷).

Within Science we will be learning about the properties of different materials. We will be investigating their properties whilst developing our fair test skills.

'What is the trinity?' is our focus within R.E. lessons this term. We will be exploring what the trinity means to Christians. We will also learn about baptism and its importance to Christians.

## Sycamores

### Running Rivers

This term the Super Sycamores are going to be preparing for their very own Art's Award. We will be experiencing as many types of repeat pattern printing as we can, taking our inspiration from the patterns from the fabrics of the Indus valley. This will lead to them creating their own piece of work for an art show.

We will be learning about the Indus Valley and its important civilization that was built around the banks of the Indus River. How did they live? What was special about them and the valley they lived in? We will also take a closer look at rivers, where they come from and where they go.

In science the Sycamores will be exploring States of Matter. How gas, liquid and solids are related; how we can change from one to the other and can they go back to their original state?

During literacy this term we will be experiencing the writing of Neil Gaiman and his book 'Coraline'. We will be using his writing for our inspiration to write our own mystery story.

In numeracy we will learning the written method for multiplying and division. This will mean working hard to put all the skills of partitioning and addition from term one and two into practise.

## Oaks

### The Amazing Anglo Saxons

The Anglo-Saxon period stretched over 600 years, from 410 to 1066! The early settlers kept to small tribal groups, forming kingdoms and sub-kingdoms. We will be learning about the migration of these settlers, their different languages, clothes, diet and ways of life over the next two terms.

In our Topic lessons, we will study maps, creating our own Key and grid referencing system. This will involve using an Atlas and the internet.

In our history lessons, we will study how England was split into 7 different kingdoms and learn about a legendary battle in 55AD where a Danish King of Kent was declared the new ruler of the realm!

Literacy lessons will involve creative story writing, focussing on the text Beowulf, which originally was an old English poem describing how a fierce monster attacked a Great Hall. This also relates particularly well to our Computing sessions on animating images as well as in Science lessons for investigating the different properties and changes of materials.

Mathematics will focus on ratio and proportion (for an Anglo Saxon recipe) as well as algebra which will be used to help repel those pesky Vikings in the form of word problems!

So take out your woollen garments, prepare your shields and axes and let the learning begin!