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Welcome back to school for a busy term 2. The term has been kick started with a successful parents' evening. We understand that there's some frustration with not seeing each set teacher and we are looking into ways to resolve this. For the moment, please make an appointment with your child's set teacher at a convenient time if you would like to see them.

This term we have some exciting new after school clubs starting. This includes: Girls' Football for Years 3-6, Gymnastics for Years 3-6 and Young Voices Choir for KS2. These clubs are additional to last term's continuing clubs such as Basketball, French and Cupcake decorating. The office have extra copies of all club letters should you need one.

Personal Property in school

We fully appreciate that pupils like to bring in special belongings from home to school. As a school we have the highest expectations of our pupils in all respects; however, unfortunately the school is unable to accept liability for lost or damaged property. Please be mindful of the value of possessions brought into school.

Parking

We continue to have reports of very poor and unsafe parking over the chevrons. Please take care when parking to drop off and pick up your children. I have number plates from two cars in particular who have been spotted parked on the chevrons. Remember the chevrons are there for the children's safety.

Year 6 Kingswood Thanks

As I wrote from Kingswood at the end of last term, Year 6 had a great experience. I know that, with the weather we had, washing machines will have taken a bit of a pounding over half term—I'm sure the children see it as a challenge to get as much mud as possible on them in some activities! As I'm sure you know, a huge amount of work goes in to making the trip the success that it is. Special thanks need to go to the Year 6 Class Teachers, Mrs Nolan and Mrs Armstrong, as well as our support staff, Mrs Ball and Mrs Emmerson for guiding the classes through the experience. Thank you for giving up your own time. Thank you to all the children who made the trip such a success and were a delight to spend the week with.

Alfie the Attendance Alligator



Rhinos	97.8%
Hippos	98.9%
Tigers	95.8%
Lions	98.6%
Leopards	97.8%
Panthers	97.2%
Monkeys	93.9%
Crocodiles	96.7%
Pandas	95.8%
Zebras	95.3%
Bears	94%
Giraffes	96.4%
Elephants	94.8%
Penguins	92.9%

Superstar corner

Congratulations to **William, James, James, Matthew, Matthew, Charlie, Oliver, Joshua, Harry, Ryan**, (picture below) who all performed brilliantly to earn their team- APM Holtwood Colts U8's-the Maidstone Invicta League Autumn Trophy! I'm glad to see all your hard work and dedication is paying off!

Katie in Panthers was awarded 1st place in three events at her first Majorettes competition.

Emily in Monkeys won the U8's drawing competition. Her work is published on the last page of the most recent edition of Primary Times.



This week's letters home (or via parentmail):

All: Parent Consultations, Change to Inset Day, Poppies
Year R, 1, 2: - Yr 1 & 2 Phase Newsletter
Year 3: Young Voices rehearsals, Reculver Visit, Gymnastics Club, Girls Football Club
Year 4: Young Voices rehearsals, Reculver Visit, Gymnastics Club, Girls Football Club
Year 5: Young Voices rehearsals, Phase - Newsletter, Gymnastics Club, Girls Football Club
Year 6: Young Voices rehearsals, Phase - Newsletter, Gymnastics Club, Girls Football Club

Dates for your diary: New dates are in red

11th November from 10am Open Morning for children who have children starting in Year R Sept 2015
14th November Children in Need Day—PJ day and donations for the Dance Group from Maplesden
17th November Year 3 & 4 Trip to Reculver
20th November Year 6 Trip to Maidstone Museum
20th November 6pm Phonics Evening for parents from Acorns
4th December Friends' Christmas Fayre 3:30pm
5th December Friends' Christmas Disco 6:30pm

Poetry in Performance

The new national curriculum encourages children to learn poems and short stories by heart and perform them. This morning, Year 5 and 6 took to the stage. I was very impressed with their 'Poetry in Performance'. I particularly liked 'Walking with my iguana' and Kirash's excellent dancing! Well done Year 5/6. Thank you to our parent spectators.



Christmas dates for your diary

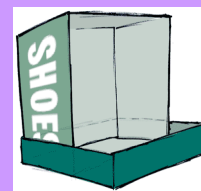
Thursday 4th Dec—3:30-5:30pm Christmas Fayre
Friday 5th Dec—6:30 -8pm Christmas Disco
9th +10th Dec—Christmas Journey with St. Nicholas Church

Morning performances will be at 9:15am, afternoon at 2pm.

Wednesday 10th Dec - pm - Year 3 dress rehearsal
Thursday 11th Dec - am - Year 3 performance
pm - Year 4 dress rehearsal
Friday 12th Dec—Friends' Secret Santa Day
Monday 15th - pm - Year 4 performance and year 2 dress rehearsal
Tuesday 16th - am - Year 1 dress rehearsal
pm - Year 2 performance
Wednesday 17th - am - FS dress rehearsal
pm - Year 1 performance
Thursday 18th - pm - FS performance
Friday 19th - Party Day in school - non-uniform (Last Day of term)

Message from the Year 5/6 team

Year 5+6 will be creating the Christmas Journey as part of their art work this term. The children will be making 3D models. We would like to create the models inside shoeboxes. Please could you send any spare shoeboxes you may have at home into school via your children by Friday 21st November.



And finally.....

I have noticed something that a lot of children are finding challenging in maths across the school—using inverse. This means working backwards. For example: $9 + ? = 16$ for KS1. KS2 might be asked I think of a number. I double it, add 31, and then subtract 4. My answer is 149, what was my number? If your children would like to practise at home, why not try:

<http://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/262>

Thinking question.....

If you lived 2,000 years ago, would you rather have owned a horse, a cow or 10 chickens? Why?

All suggestions to Miss Ridout welcome, the best will be read in Friday's assembly. All suggestions earn 2tps.

**Have a good weekend,
Miss Ridout**