



TERM DATES

15.1.18 Pray for Schools, Grace Cottage, 100 Bow Rd. 10:30am.
22.2.18 Safer Internet Assembly, 10:05 by Digital Leaders. All welcome.
6-7.3 Parent Consultations
16.3 Indigo Class Assembly
28.3 Easter Service, 09:00, St John's
23.4 St George's Service, 9:00, Flagpole

TERM DATES 2017-2018

Term 3 4.1.18 – 9.2.18
Term 4 19.2.18 – 29.3.18
Term 5 16.4.18 – 25.5.18
Term 6 4.6.18 – 20.7.18

Advance TERM DATES 2018-2019

Term 1 5.9.18 – 19.10.18
Term 2 29.10.18 – 19.12.18

Holidays should not be taken in term time. School matters.

News Flash!

NO DOGS, please, on the playgrounds. I appreciate that dogs are precious family members but we need to follow one rule for all dog owners for the children's safety. Thank you.

UNIFORM REMINDERS:

No trainers, please. Children will be asked to change into plimsolls for the day if they wear trainers.

Plain stud earrings only. Anything more elaborate is at risk of getting pulled during playtime or PE.

Plain headbands only. Save the glitter and glam for weekends. Girls will be asked to remove any headbands that are a distraction.

CLUBS are up and running. Please check the club list which came home or pick one up from the office.

Dear parents, **Welcome back to school and Happy New Year!** The Christmas holidays are now a distant memory – for both teachers and children - as we run full pelt into the new (and very short) term ahead. There's always something new to report in our busy school so here goes:

Our library is nearing 'works' completion as the painting and carpet will be done over the next two weeks. That means we can focus on the development of the space as a library – an irresistible place for children and adults to gather and read. Your child may have come home today with an application form to be on the Library Committee. We are appointing one child from each year group (Years 1-6) to represent their class and put forward the best ideas for our reading spaces. If your child is interested and has requested an application form to bring home, feel free to support your child to put their ideas down clearly and succinctly. After we've gathered the children's ideas, we'll brief interior design studios to amalgamate our best ideas into one cohesive library space. We are hoping the library will be opened this spring term though we also want to take the time to get it right. The space should be suitable (and flexible) for the next 50 years! If you have any suggestions or ideas, please speak with me or anyone at school. All staff are involved and excited about the next steps.

Lunchtimes are shifting slightly from next week to accommodate a longer afternoon for KS2. The children have been fully informed. Reception and Years 1-3 will eat first, staggered from about 12:10 or as soon as the hall is set up, and then have their play. Years 4-6 will have playtime first from 12:15 and then eat lunch. They will have time for a short run around after they've eaten before the bell goes for all classes at 1:15pm.

We encourage active playtimes and the children don't let us down : football, netball, 4-square champ, dodgeball, tag and general running around ensures plenty of exercise and a good afternoon of learning ahead. If you have a child in Years 4-6 and he or she would like to play football on the field, they are encouraged to bring in warm kit to pull on over their uniform and a pair of football boots. A number of our Year 6 have been enjoying the freedom of the field - and improving their goal kicks! Footballers only, though, as we can't monitor the whole field in the wet months.

And if anyone feels they are in a time warp with the sudden appearance of Ms Ward in Yr 3, she is back – but only temporarily until a new teacher is appointed. We are grateful to her for dropping things in Bristol to help us out during this interim period.

Enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely,
Chasey Crawford Usher
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SCHOOL NEWS

On Wednesday afternoon Orange Class had a lesson by Mr Warren, one of our governors, about boats. He told us about how his father, who designed boats and how he makes his own motor boats (only small ones).

Also, Mr Warren showed us some pictures of boats so we could guess what they were. It was really interesting having Mr Warren at school and we say a huge THANK YOU.

Isabelle Edwards on behalf of Orange Class



Are you entitled?

The office often gets asked by parents about how to apply for Free School Meals. To make it easier to find we have now put the link on the school website. Just go to www.wateringbury.kent.sch.uk and click on the Free School Meals picture. Free school meals are available to any family should you receive the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not including Working Tax Credit) - if the household income is below £16,190
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- an income-related Employment and Support Allowance

It is important to remember that even if your child already receives free school meals because they are in KS1, you should still apply as this opens up additional funding for both your child and the school.



CHURCH, SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Our Christian value for this term is JUSTICE.

In worship this week, we've been exploring friendship (how do we choose friends? By their qualities or our circumstances? Or both? How did Jesus select his disciples?) and justice. Thank you to Father Nick for the 'unfair' Tug-of-War which had our Year 1s catapulting across the hall floor!

MESSY CHURCH at St John the Baptist Church on SATURDAY 3rd February from 3pm - 5pm to include tea. This is a fun, light-touch worship session for families with children up to 8 years. - stories,, action songs, craft and painting!

Seven O'Clock Service (SOS) is a new initiative within the parish and Canon Jean Kerr will take the first service on 21st January at 7pm at St James the Great, East Malling. All are very welcome. For more information contact lisaglasscote@gmail.com

SPORTS NEWS



Larkfield v Waterringbury Girls' Football fixture

- **Friday January 26th 6:30pm-7:30pm**
- **At - Larkfield Football Club
Larkfield Recreation Ground
Larkfield
Aylesford
Kent ME20 6PU**

Come along and support your school team!

Family First used to provide us with magazines for families with great ideas about activities, fitness and health. They are now producing an online copy only which you can access via the link:

http://www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff_mag/