



**TERM DATES**

2.2.18 School Disco KS1 5:30-6:30pm,  
KS2 6:45-8:00pm

22.2.18 Safer Internet Assembly,  
10:05 by Digital Leaders. All welcome.

1.3.18 World Book Day

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!

**Scarlet Fever** There has been one preschool case reported by one of our school families but no cases reported for children in school. Thank you for informing us of the explicit reason for absence as it helps us to track illness and sickness trends.

**Congratulations, Mrs Brazil!**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Brazil and her husband are expecting their second child at the end of May. Nearer the time, we will let you know how we're covering her teaching responsibilities during her maternity leave.

**Swing Train** is a lively fitness/dance class that parent Louise Nicholson is running on Mondays in the school hall from 8-9pm. Come along and try a session!

**School Disco!** FOWPS are running a school disco on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February:**

KS1 5:30-6:30pm

KS2 6:45-8:00pm

Dear parents, **High sugar snacks have been in the headlines recently** and your child is coming home with a **change4life** leaflet which urges them to take on a 7-day challenge to reduce their sugary snack intake. Thank you for taking time to read the leaflet with your child and get them excited about taking up the challenge. Completed challenges can be put in the prize draw box in the reception area and we'll draw a winner next Friday morning in assembly. We will also share the children's healthy snack ideas in upcoming newsletters. As headteacher, I cannot ignore the government's call to action. No sugary drinks or juice is now simply part of school life. We cannot police packed lunches nor would we want to. But we can set certain rules (like no chocolate or chocolate bars) which are easy to remember and are in the children's best health interest. From next week, we are requesting the children bring in crisps only on Fridays. School dinners serve chips on a Friday and it makes sense for packed lunches to include crisps on the same day. I hope this makes it easier for parents and removes any arguments about it. Crisp and chip Friday, a once per week treat. If children have crisps in their bag on other days, they will be asked to put them back into lunchboxes and save them for after school. Fresh fruit is always available as a snack alternative and will set any child up well for the afternoon. Public Health England's warning is real and important : we are facing a health crisis. Working with children and families to ensure healthy eating at school is a responsibility for all of us. Thank you for supporting 'Crisp and Chip Friday' to limit the number of crisp snacks your child brings to school.

**World Book Day is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** and we are holding a combined book and arts week. Each class will focus on a particular book or novel and the overarching theme is 'Movement and Travel'. We are fortunate to have two authors coming in to speak and work with the children that week and they are Billy Bob Buttons and Christopher Lloyd, should you wish to get their books out of your local library to share with your child before the events. This is a great way to get your child interested in using the library and finding new authors. We are encouraging children to dress up **as a book character** on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March but this is not a non-uniform day. The children need to come up with a book character (no film or tv characters, no football kit, no superhero outfits please) that inspires or appeals to them. Now is a good opportunity to discover a new book with your child that may have just that character in it. If children would prefer not to dress up as a book character, that's fine. They can come to school in uniform with their favourite book and explain to the class why it's a favourite. Thank you for keeping books interesting and exciting for your child. They are the way into new worlds. I hope you'll enjoy searching old favourites and new books with your child as you look for an inspiring and fun book character.

Yours sincerely,

*Chasey Crawford Usher*

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KLZ : [www.klz.org.uk](http://www.klz.org.uk), then log-in with your child's log-in (in Homework Diary)

Stay e-Safe. [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)



## SCHOOL NEWS

**Welcome to Mr Russell in Year 3!** We are delighted that Mr Russell will be teaching full-time in Year 3 from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. He is so keen on radio that he presents an early breakfast show every Sunday morning for his local community radio station. Mr Russell is also interested in politics and educational research and enjoys going for long country walks.

**RSPB Birdwatch** Thank you to parent Alice Yelf for organising our school birdwatch on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the afternoon (rain date 9<sup>th</sup> February). Any parents who would like to help (for whatever amount of time they have) would be most welcome. Birding experience not required! Please let Alice know or drop the office an email at [office@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@wateringbury.kent.sch.uk)

**Please support the first school disco of 2018** by noting the date and times in your calendar : 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 5:30-6:30pm KS1 and 6:45-8:00pm KS2. Tickets will be on sale shortly. Thank you to FOWPS for putting on this ever-popular event and apologies for the short notice : it was the only date available.

**Our library committee has been chosen** and the children have been told. We are looking forward to working with different design agencies to come up with great ideas!



### Nettlestead and Wateringbury Preschool

Holiday club places are available every day during the half term week (12-16 Feb), 9am – 3pm. For more information or to book, ring 01622 813120 or [enquiries@nwps.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@nwps.org.uk)



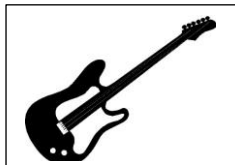
### URGENTLY NEEDED!

#### 1. Plea for Wood Chippings!

We need wood chippings (once again!) for our Trim Trail. Can anyone help?

#### 2. Practice amp for bass guitar

Year 6 are putting together a band and they need a practice amp for the bass guitarist. Any retired rockers out there with an old amp in their loft?



## CHURCH, SCHOOL & WORSHIP

**Our Christian value for this term is JUSTICE.**

**In worship this week**, we explored how Jesus healed the leper, the outsider. Helping our children see that we too can reach out our hands and show kindness to those 'on the outside' teaches compassion and dignity.

**MESSY CHURCH** at St John the Baptist Church on SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm at St James the Great, East Malling. All are very welcome. For more information contact [lisaglasscote@gmail.com](mailto:lisaglasscote@gmail.com)

## SPORTS NEWS



### Year Six Decathletes!



Congratulations to Lois Phillips, Macey Prebble and Felix Wright, who competed in the Kent U11 Sportshall Athletics Decathlon last Sunday in Ashford.

They each completed all ten challenges and surprised themselves as to how good they were at some of them! Certificates were rewarded to all participants for all their excellent efforts.

### Larkfield v Wateringbury Girls' Football fixture

- Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-7:30pm
- At - Larkfield Football Club  
Larkfield Recreation Ground  
Larkfield  
Aylesford  
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Come along and support your school team!