



THANET NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to you all after what has hopefully been a wonderful summer break with your children and an extra warm welcome to our parents of new children joining us for the first time this week.

The children look really smart and we'd like to thank you for your efforts in sticking to our uniform policy. Please continue to support us with this, especially as shoes need replacing, by buying predominantly plain, black shoes. Thank you, it really does make a difference.

A reminder that wearing earrings is not allowed as part of our dress code and **MUST** be removed or taped over. Also we do expect **ALL** children to wear a school PE kit for PE. The kit can stay in school for a half term if you wish and you may send a warmer layer to go over the top as the weather gets colder. PE kit is available from the office and we will be monitoring children who regularly have no PE kit so your support in this will be much appreciated.

We are really looking forward to developing our links with our parents further this year. It's been lovely to meet and greet you and have a chat with some of you as you drop your children off in a morning. As always if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions there is always someone available for you to talk to. Please see us before a small niggle becomes a big problem.

REMINDER: school lunches for children in Reception and KS1 are free so please don't send dinner money in for children in Years 1 and 2 but KS2 money should ideally be sent at the start of each week in a named envelope.

HOME TIME:

Can we please ask parents to kindly stand back from the doors at home time. It is very difficult for the teachers to spot parents and send children out safely when adults are crowding around the doorways. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued support,
Mrs J Machon and the Thanet Staff

ATTENDANCE

Welcome back and let's hope this term will reach a whole new high in both whole school and class attendance! We hope that you will support us to achieve this.

At Thanet Primary School we expect all our children to have attendance of **at least 97%**. We understand that sometimes children do become unwell and that we have some children with specific medical concerns. We may ask for medical evidence if your child is absent for a long time or if their attendance becomes a concern. We may also refer serious concerns to the Education Welfare Officer.

'Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.'

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Bee on time!

DIARY DATES:

Harvest Festival—11th October

Nursery - Y6 Parent Consultations—15th and 17th October

Stay and Read—23rd October

School closes for half-term—Friday 26th October



Welcome to our new staff

As well as welcoming the children back after summer, we'd like to introduce you to our new members of staff. We welcome four new class room teachers: Miss Suddaby (Reception), Miss Forth (Year 3), Miss Ibbitson (Year 4) and Miss Noble (Year 5). Mr Tee joins us as our new cover supervisor and we pass on our congratulations to Mrs Ramsay, our previous cover supervisor, who gave birth to Lottie over the summer. We also have a new nursery nurse in RJE, Miss Atkin, who will be covering Mrs Dunn's maternity leave.

We are also delighted to tell you that Miss McGlinchey gave birth to a baby boy, Nolan, on September 1st!



Miss Suddaby



Miss Forth



Miss Ibbitson



Miss Noble



Mr Tee

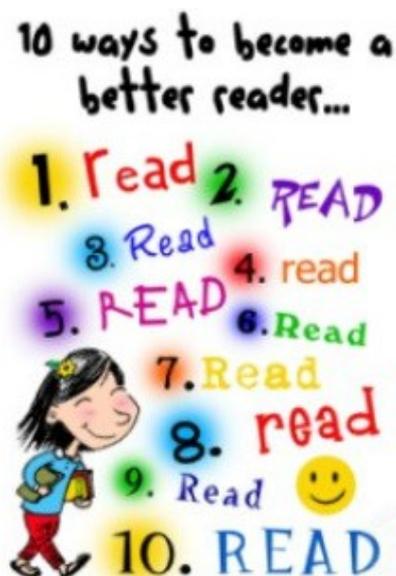


Miss Atkin



School Improvement

This year our school improvement priorities are based around improving outcomes for children, especially in reading, writing and maths. Reading particularly is a huge focus for us this year and as such we have revamped the Reading Rainbow Reward Scheme. After seeking the children's views, we will continue with the prizes linked to the colours of the rainbow, for the younger children in Year 2 and below. However, for the KS2 children in Years 3-6 we are offering a £5 voucher per week as a reward for reading. If your child has completed their reading at home card every day for a week they will be entered into a weekly draw to win the voucher. Of course the greatest prize for reading at home will be improved outcomes for your child. Research has found that shared reading experiences are so beneficial for our children in developing their listening, comprehension and vocabulary skills as well as fostering a love of books. Reading with your child for 10 minutes a day is the best way you can support their education and research from the National Literacy Trust says that young people who read outside class are 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age. So please, please, please encourage this vital, lifelong skill by reading together every night, signing their home reading record and sharing enjoyment of reading.



Breakfast Club

The transition to using the KS1 hall for our breakfast club every morning has gone smoothly. Just a reminder please that the club does not open until 7.15 am and between 7.15am and 8 am there is a charge of £1.75. After 8am the club is free. Children can have cereal, toast and a drink and there is a wide range of activities available for the children. It's a great way to start the day and a great service should you need to use it.

