



THANET NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff are all proud to report how quickly the children have settled into their new routines as the autumn term gets underway.

Both myself and Mrs Shortman have been really impressed when we've visited the classrooms to see the children's positive attitudes and the high expectations their teachers have of their new classes. Already there has been some wonderful work produced which was show cased in our merit assemblies this week.

The whole school learning environment is also looking fabulous thanks to the superb efforts of the teaching and support staff.

We are fortunate to have a wonderful staff, teachers, teaching assistants, office and site facilities teams included. However, this week we'd like to offer a huge thank you to our teaching assistants who do a wonderful job in supporting teaching and learning, since today is National Teaching Assistant Day.



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

ATTENDANCE WC: 03/09/2018

We are aiming for at least 96%

Whole school- 96%

RJE 95.4%
RAS- 99.5%
1RE- 98.2%
1HM- 97%
2RR- 94.5%
2AS- 96.6%
3KH- 93.2%
3JF- 99.1%
4NS- 92.7%
4DI- 96.5%
5LF- 93.5%
5JN- 95.5%
6CF- 99%
6JS- 92.8%



WELL DONE RAS

Attendance

Our target for every pupil is that over the whole year they achieve 97% attendance, that is no more than 5 days off in a year. The average national attendance is 96%, the equivalent of 7 days absence in a year.

As a school we are working very hard to make sure children do not have gaps in their understanding particularly in maths and literacy. Parents are reminded that they should not book holidays in term time as this has a significant effect on a child's progress.

You are required under the Education Act (1996) to ensure your child attends school regularly. If your child accrues 10 consecutive sessions of unauthorised

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

Clubs

Clubs will start next week and we currently have spaces in the following after school clubs:

Monday—Film Club (5 spaces) - come and enjoy a wide range of films with your friends and Mrs Johnson

Monday—KS2 Drama Club (17 spaces) - this is run by an external company with a cost of only £6 for six weeks.

Wednesday—KS1 Football Club (20 spaces) - if you're a budding football star in Year 1 or 2 come along and develop your skills and have fun getting active. This will be run by Pro-Active Sports and is open to boys and girls

Wednesday—KS1 Gymnastics Club (12 spaces) - this is open to boys and girls in Year 1 and 2 who want to try and develop their gymnastics club. Stay and have fun with Miss McCann after school and see what new skills you can learn.

Thursday—KS2 Barmy for Books (20 spaces) - if you are in Years 3,4,5 or 6 and love books and reading then this is the club for you! It's a chance to get comfy with a book, enjoy reading and sharing books together whilst developing some great reading skills.

Thursday—KS2 Athletics—(18 spaces) - a club for children in Years 3,4,5 or 6 run by Pro-Active Sports. Come along and see if you can move higher, faster and longer and get fit at the same time.



Huge thanks to the staff who willingly give up their time to run clubs on a lunch time and after school. If numbers are too low then clubs may be cancelled.

Term Dates

As always, we will not be authorising time off school for family holidays. Our term dates are on the school website but it is worth making a note of these now as you make plans for the year:

Tuesday 4 September - Friday 26 October 2018 (Break for half-term)

Monday 5 November - Friday 21 December 2018

Spring Term

Monday 7 January - Staff Training Day (Pupils do not attend this day)

Tuesday 8 January - Friday 15 February 2019 (Break for half-term)

Monday 25 February - Friday 5 April 2019

Summer Term

Tuesday 23 April - Staff Training Day (Pupils do not attend this day)

Wednesday 24 April - Friday 24 May 2019 (Break for half-term)

Monday 6 May - May Day Bank Holiday (one day only)

School Matters!



Marvellous Me and Parent Mail

These are both online systems for communicating messages with our families quickly and easily. If you have not supplied your telephone number and email address to allow us to contact you this way, please pop into the office and we can help you to get sorted.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please, please, please can you make sure all of your children's uniform is labelled clearly with their name. Already we have had items of clothing go missing and staff have searched through lost property only to be faced with unnamed clothing. Named clothing helps us re-unite clothing with owners quickly!

