

Francois the French Puppet



St Eanswythe's Primary School

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Cookery Club



Y6 Cheerleading



Y6 Computing lesson

Good afternoon everyone.

The weather has been bitter this week! Year 1 braved Beach School and had a fabulous time. Year 4 had a great trip to Canterbury visiting the Beanie House of Art and Knowledge and the Roman Museum.

We are holding another Phonics Workshop for Year 1 and 2 parents at 3pm next Tuesday. This is an opportunity for Mrs Page to explain how Read Write Inc works and how you may support your child at home. It will be about an hour long and your child can attend social club while you are in the workshop.

Do you feel you could inspire the next generation to do your job or do you have a special talent? If so, please drop me an email. We would be interested in inviting you in to talk to the children if you are happy to do so.

Have a good weekend.
Mrs Jacobs

WELL DONE!

Our amazing Year 4 class have the highest attendance this week with

98%

Well done!



Phonics Workshop.

Mrs Page is holding a Phonics Workshop next Tuesday at 3pm in the Community Room. This is for Year 1 and 2 parents/carers who would like some information about how your child learns at school and how you may be able to further support your child at home.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday 23rd January - Phonics Workshop in the Community Room at 3pm for Year 1 & 2 parents/carers. **Your child can attend social club for this session. Please let us know by Tuesday morning if you wish to do this.**

Wednesday 24th January - Ducklings Beach School.

Friday 26th January - Years 4 & 6 go swimming.

Tuesday 30th January - PTFA Meeting 8.30am in the Community Room.

Wednesday 31st January - Year 5 to Young Voices at the O2.

Thursday 1st February - Number Day.

Tuesday 6th February - 2pm. PTFA Meeting at Grind & Bake.

Thursday 8th February - last day of Term 3.

Friday 9th February - Staff Development Day - school closed.

Monday 19th February - Term 4 begins.

Friday 1st March - Parents Day.

Wednesday 27th March - Mad March Hair Day £1.00.

Saturday 27th April - School Spring Fair.

On Thursday 1st February we are celebrating Number Day and children are invited to dress up as a number!



PTFA NEWS

Dear Parents, here is a summary of how much we have raised and what those contributions were used for in the term leading up to Christmas.

Funds raised:

Break the Rules Day: £314

Bric-a-brac sale: £9.46

Christmas cards: £231.83

Wrap-a-present: £131.60

Christmas Wreath Workshop: £222.53

Cake sale: £152.40

Total raised: £1,061.82

Donations towards:

New hall tables: £184.0

Christmas events (panto & Father Christmas visit): £1,079.73

Total outgoing: £2,919.73

Thank you for all your support and generosity over the past term. It is greatly appreciated! And a huge thank you to the parents who have also contributed their time and effort! None of this would have been possible without you.

The preparations for the school fair officially started this Tuesday. Save the date: Saturday 27th April from 12 to 3 pm! The theme is Spring! If you are in the process of decluttering, please hold on to a few bits for our raffle/tombolas and toy stall. We will ask for them closer to the time as we have no storage space at the moment. If you would like to be involved, text me at 07772027166.

Myriam Coulstock (PTFA Treasurer),
with Lucy Gerbino (Chair), Kim Adlington (Vice-Chair)
and Kathryn Sutton (Secretary)

Uniform Shop

Year 6 will be running the shop on Wednesdays at 3.15-

3.30pm outside the Woodward Hall doors, for a small

donation except blazers that are priced at £5.

We also have some warm coats available.

Feel free to have a browse and pick up a bargain!

SWIMMING ON FRIDAYS

KS1 children can wear PE kits on Fridays.

Please ensure PE Kits come into school on Monday.

KS2 children need to all wear full school uniform.

On Friday 26th January, Years 4 & 6 go swimming.

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Never cut a tree down in the wintertime.
Never make a negative decision in the low time.
Never make your most important decisions when
you are in your worst moods. Wait. Be patient.
The storm will pass. The spring will come.

~ Robert H. Schuller

Knitting needles required!

If you have any spare knitting needles that you no longer need, would you consider donating them to school? They would be gratefully received by Mrs A lunchtime 'quiet club.'

Year 5 parents - YOUNG VOICES

Details of the day will be shared next week as well as tickets for anyone who has purchased one to go and watch at the O2. Any children who attend Young Voices will be allowed to come into school at 10am the following day.

How did you get
your name?

FAMILY TALK

DISCUSS THIS
DURING CAR RIDES,
MEAL TIME OR A
WALK IN THE PARK

We have a pre-loved Session Pro drumkit for sale for £100.

There are cymbals as well including a Sabian hi hat cymbal and stand, and a Zildjian cymbal.

Please contact the
school office if you are
interested.



Part-time Music Teacher

Mrs Brookes has accepted an amazing opportunity at Canterbury Cathedral as the Singing Partnerships Lead. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything - she will be hugely missed. We will still be involved in many musical experiences with Mrs Brookes but unfortunately it does mean we are looking for a replacement Music teacher as a temporary position until 31st July. This role is being advertised on Kent Teach: www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=127363

The successful candidate will lead and develop the Music curriculum at St Eanswythe's and have the ability to inspire our pupils to excel. The successful candidate will be an excellent musician and classroom practitioner. If you are interested, please apply through the advert on Kent Teach.

Could this be the year you become a foster carer or host for Kent County Council?

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people.

Being part of our team you'll receive excellent support, fantastic training opportunities and could really make a positive difference to a child's life.

If you'd like to find out more please have a look at our website kentfostering.co.uk or give us a call on 03000 420002.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2016, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.

EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.

REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.

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GREEN GANG

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Childrens' Activities

BEACH SCAVENGER HUNT

Sunday 11th Feb 1300-1430

Our rangers lead a walk along the beach at Lydden Spout to discover what natural treasures the winter storms have left along the shoreline in our scavenger hunt challenge.

What will we find this year?



BIRD SAFARI AT ROMNEY WARREN

Monday 12th Feb 1000-1200

Look out for birds and other wintry wildlife with our rangers on a mini walking safari through Romney Warren Local Nature Reserve.

Pack your walking boots and binoculars!

FORT BURGOYNE BIRD BINGO

Friday 16th Feb 1000-1200

Join our rangers for a game of Bird Bingo, as we walk around Fort Burgoyne before heading to Coombe Hole in search of a full house!

There will also be bird themed crafts in our stable classroom.



To book and for more information please visit:
www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk



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