

Headteacher Message

I hope you all had a wonderful two weeks off! It's been lovely to see all the children and staff return feeling refreshed and ready for the Christmas term ahead.

Over half term, we've been busy once again making improvements to our school environment. Year 2 and Year 3 have been redecorated and carpeted – they are looking fresh, clean and beautifully organised. We even found time to paint the staffroom and create a more relaxing space for our teachers to recharge during their breaks.

This week has been particularly busy with several important visits. We welcomed our Schools Advisor from Rochester Diocese, hosted an afternoon tea with governors and a board member from Coombe Bank (who have so generously donated a significant amount towards our playground development), held our Open Morning which was once again very well attended, and had a visit from our Kent School Improvement Advisor. The feedback from all these visits has been wonderful, and it was a real pleasure to share the progress we've been making across all areas of school life. I couldn't be prouder of how our children represented themselves and our school throughout these visits – they were an absolute credit to us all.

Looking ahead to next week, we have another full schedule with Anti-Bullying Week (Odd Socks Day on Monday!), Remembrance Day commemorations, and our Sparkle and Shine event, alongside our regular curriculum activities. We're looking forward to another productive and rewarding week ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Playground Bingo

A big well done to Ash Class who completed their playground bingo card first and therefore will receive additional playtime once all of the new equipment is set up!

A huge thank you to everyone for getting involved in this challenge. We are incredibly grateful, as always, for everything that has been donated and we cannot wait for the children to use the spaces on the playground even more!

Odd Socks Day

A reminder that Monday 10th is Odd Socks Day. We are encouraging everyone to wear odd socks to celebrate uniqueness!

Winter Feels

Please see the link below for hints and tips for how young children can beat the winter blues

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/xNoHHVhvD4xtZxuE?ref=email>

Church Building Works

Work begins at the church on Monday. We have been advised that there will be bollards along the hedge restricting parking so that the contractors can park their vehicles and offload them. This means there may be additional parking pressures around the village so please be mindful of this. Thank you.

Book Fair 1st December to 4th December

