

The Flourish Federation NEWSLETTER— July 2018

Keeping in touch, diary dates & reminders

Dear Parent and Carers,

As the first birthday of the forming of our "Flourish Federation" grows closer and another busy year approaches its end I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to us in so many ways;

Ensuring your young person comes to school on time every day, rested, breakfasted and ready to enjoy learning!

Supporting your child at home with learning tasks and reading, I don't think RED TED has ever given out so many rewards and stickers; keep up the good work and read in the holidays.

Attending parent talks and meetings to inform you about your child's learning and progress in school.

Being so generous and contributing to our various fund raising events throughout the year, especially the "Walking for Dan" event that was so special for one of our past staff members.



And finally, trusting us to care for and educate your children, they are a wonderful group!

Mrs P Woods

School Reports

We hope you are pleased with your child's report, we know the children well and there should be no surprises! Please encourage your child to work on their targets for improvement, ready for a positive start to the new school year. Reading of course should be encouraged whether it's holiday time or not but there's still nothing better than curling up with a good book when we're relaxing and enjoying the sun!

Walking for Dan

This bitter sweet occasion has raised an amazing £, 2,000 towards the building of a pre-school in Uganda which will be called "The Dan Carlton Pre-School". Mr and Mrs Carlton are overwhelmed at this generosity and thank everyone who sponsored the children. Mrs & Mrs Carlton were presented with their cheque in a special assembly. We will keep you posted on the progress of the project!

New Uniform!

Even before we break up, the "back to school" signs are everywhere in the shops! I'm sure you will be buying new uniform items during the holidays so please can I urge you to name them straight away. I appreciate how much clothing costs and therefore want to avoid lost property as much as possible. We will put some "pre-loved" uniform and lost property out for you during the next few days.

Thank you FOBS

I would like to extend big thank you to the FOBS for all their hard work this year, especially with the year 6 life skills programme that they organised. Their hard work and commitment to raising funds and organising enjoyable events for our children and families is greatly appreciated.

RED TED

Says.....



He is very tired from his travels this term! He really needs to relax and read plenty of exciting books! Please encourage your child to continue reading in the holidays. It is a proven statistic that children who read at home make improved progress at school.

FOOTBALL SUCCESS

OUR FOOTBALL CLUBS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE SCHOOL HAVE GIVEN OUR CHILDREN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THEIR TALENTS; CONGRATULATIONS TO ADAM CHERRY, OLIVER GUNNER AND ELLIE STONE FOR BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH GREEN, SWANLEY & AYLESFORD DISTRICT FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THE 2018-2019 SEASON!

BREAKFAST CLUB

BREAKFAST CLUB WILL NOW START AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 7:30 AM. WE HAVE HAD TO INCREASE THE COST TO £3 PER DAY BUT BELIEVE THAT THIS IS STILL REALLY GOOD VALUE; THE VARIETY AND QUALITY OF BREAKFAST CHOICES HAVE IMPROVED GREATLY.

Dates for your diaries

24/07/18 - Last day of Term 6
03/09/18 and 04/09/18 - Staff development days, no pupils
05/09/18- Pupils return
05/09/18, 06/09/18 and 07/09/18 - EY's pupils attend in small groups (parents have been notified)
10/09/18 - EY's pupils being half days for 2 weeks
14/09/18 - EY's pupils begin full time
03/01/19 and 04/01/19 - Staff development days, no pupils
25/02/19 - Staff developments day, no pupils

Keeping them Safe

Please make sure that your phone number is correct and the details for contacting you or other family members are up to date for the new school year, thank you. For safeguarding reasons, we will not allow a child to be collected by someone whose name is not on that list.

Also, I know your child will probably play electronic games of some kind during the holidays. Please make sure you are aware and vigilant about the kind of games they are playing. The most recent "Fortnight" game contains highly unsuitable material and should not be played (or seen) by under 12's.

Farewells and Welcomes

At the end of this year we say farewell and good luck to Ms Frain who is moving on and welcome in September to Miss Haxhin who will be teaching Panda Class.

Thank you for the way you support all the staff, we appreciate your communication with us and know that for your child, working together produces the most positive outcomes.

DOJO's

We are very happy that our DOJO system is such an effective way of communicating with you all, thank you for signing up to it and please join us if you haven't already as it's becoming our main way of keeping in touch with you.

It is however a "positive platform" and not intended to offend or upset anyone. If you have a more sensitive issue that you would like to raise please call the school office and make an appointment to speak with us, thank you. Also, I would like to request that staff's personal time is protected and therefore should you message after 6p.m or at the week-ends, not to expect to receive a reply until the next working day.

Changes for the new school year

We would like all Junior school children to arrive at 8.40 a.m. for an 8.50 a.m. start, via the gate outside Year 3 Tiger class. A member of the senior leadership team will be there each morning to greet you! Also, we have had a recent increase in lateness, so please let's use the new school year as a fresh start to be at school on time.

And finally.....

It's been a pleasure to lead the federation in its first year and I look forward to seeing both schools work closer and closer together as the years go by. I wish you and your families a very happy summer break; let's hope this wonderful weather holds out so our children can explore the outdoor world!