Dear Parent and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at our "Meet the Teacher" afternoons and evenings recently. We really value your support regarding your child's education and hope that these events help you to be informed and understand how your child learns at school.

As discussed at the meetings, we are happy to run workshops and sessions to explain and demonstrate the different learning strategies we use in school if enough of you are interested and able to attend.

These first few weeks in our new federation have been very hectic to say the least but nonetheless very enjoyable! It has been great to become reacquainted with so many familiar faces in the junior school and seeing how much they have grown and matured! Thank you for your many positive comments which mean so much in these early days. New staff members have settled in well and the children are all happy in their new classrooms, rising to the new challenges and expectations!



Mrs P Woods

The Flourish Federation NEWSLETTER— OCTOBER 2017

Keeping in touch, diary dates & reminders

Something Festive and Exciting!!!!!!

We have arranged a wonderful trip to celebrate the beginning of our federation! We are all going to the pantomime...... Oh yes we are! Fortunately, we were lucky to make an early booking and negotiate a great deal and so have reserved tickets to see the production of Peter Pan at the Maidstone studios on Monday 18th December in the morning.

The price of our ticket includes transport to and from the venue, an ice cream in the interval and a chance to meet the cast too! We hope you agree that for £22 per child, this is fantastic value! We really hope that everyone can come as our schools will fill the whole theatre and create a great atmosphere.

I am letting you know now as some of you may wish to pay in instalments. A separate letter will follow with further details.

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Thank-you!

Not a newsletter goes by without an occasion to thank you for amazing generosity when it comes to supporting our various charitable fund raising events!

Both schools joined together for the Macmillan Coffee Morning (Day!) and raised an incredible £1,109,87 making the hard work of Mrs Clark and Ms Wilkinson & their helpers very worthwhile! 14 competition winners from both schools visited Brakes for a tour of the factory as their prize and returned armed with cake and fruit! Many positive comments were made about their good behaviour making them great ambassadors for our school.

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The NSPCC visited both schools to present an assembly on the theme "Stay Safe, Speak Out", an incredibly important message for all our young people. We will be helping them to fund raise by performing a whole school dance (including staff) which we hope you will sponsor! Forms have been given to every child and we would appreciate your donations, no matter how small, it all counts! Please return your forms and sponsor money by Monday 16th October. Thank you

Stay Cosy!

Now the days are getting shorter and colder, please make sure your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school every day. Even if it rains a little, we like them to go outside for fresh air and exercise. Please name all items of uniform, they're hard to trace if they are mislaid!



You will receive an updated RED TED letter showing you the various rewards gained in each year group for reading regularly at home.

One family took a photo of RED TED at the top of Mount Everest during their summer break so it gave us an idea for a new home learning challenge;

Can you take a photo of RED TED in a very unusual place and write about how he got there?

(Don't attempt anywhere that may be dangerous!)

Send your photo and story into school to be displayed and receive a prize!

Site Safety

Parking to keep our children safe!
Please park with care outside the school
gates. There is an "On the Spot" fine
now for anyone caught parking on the
zig zag lines.

Before and after school please make sure children do not ride scooters or bikes on the school site. There have been several near misses this term! Please also keep infant children off of the banks and nature trail before school.

The safety of our children is so important. Thank you.

New FOBS/PTFA

Our parent fundraising groups from both schools have decided to join together to become one "Flourish" group. Even if you cannot be regularly involved we would like to invite you to our AGM on Thursday 12th October at 7pm in the Infant School Staff Room. The funds raised by these parent groups have helped so much to buy much needed resources for both schools. By combining as one body we believe we will be a more dynamic group and benefit both schools even more!

Please come!

Harvest Assembly in BIS

Harvest assembly will be on Friday 13th October at 9.30. I understand that all tickets have already been allocated. We are sorry to limit numbers but have to put the safety of our children first. In true tradition we will be collecting tins of food for the Maidstone Day Care Centre and once again we are asking for your kind donations which can be brought into school at any time. Thank you.

Harvest Assembly in BJS

Harvest assembly will be on Tuesday 17^{th} October at 9.00a.m. All parents and carers of Year 3 children are warmly invited.