



**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

19.10 Guy making, Hall, 1:15pm  
19.10 End of Term 1  
30.10 Start of Term 2  
2.11 Bonfire Night, 5:30-7:00pm  
5.11 Carpet of poppies and Remembrance Service, St John's, 9:00  
6.11 School photos, whole school  
7.11 School relay marathon, Field  
13&14.11 Parent Consultations  
11.12 KS1 Christmas nativities, 2:15pm  
12.12 KS1 Christmas nativities, 9:15am  
18.12 KS2 Carol Service, St John's, 2pm  
18.12 Stories Round the Tree, 6:45pm  
19.12 Christmas Lunch and end of Term 2, 3:15pm dismissal  
3.1 Term 3 starts

**Advance TERM DATES 2018-2019**

Term 1 5.9.18 - 19.10.18  
Term 2 30.10.18 - 19.12.18  
Term 3 3.1.19 - 15.2.19  
Term 4 25.2.19 - 5.4.19  
Term 5 23.4.19 - 24.5.19  
Term 6 3.6.19 - 19.7.19

*Holidays should not be taken in term time. School matters.*

**News Flash!**

**Guys for the Bonfires!**

Come along and support your child's class to make the biggest and best Guy. All parents welcome to join us in the hall next Friday from 1:15pm to create Guys. Come along at any time and join in the fun and mayhem! Help will also be needed at 2:45pm for clean up.

**Sponsored Marathon Relay**, whole school, on 7<sup>th</sup> November. More information in next week's newsletter!

**Uniform reminder.** Plain hair ties please. Save the fancy bows for the weekend. Any child with hair long enough to be pulled back, needs to have it pulled back. This includes boys. This is for general hygiene and nit risk.

**The School Council** has had their first meeting of the year. Watch this space for exciting fund raising ideas to come!

**Dear parents, Firstly, thank you for the support that you showed** headteachers who campaigned for improved school funding at Westminster on Friday 28th September. Over 2000 head teachers attended in London, with many more supporting their actions from school. The day was not a strike or protest march; it was a clarion call for the government to listen to headteachers about school budgets and funding.

From the emails that colleagues and I have received, it is clear that parents overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. As soon as we receive a reply from the chancellor, I will let you know his response. I am sure everyone will watch with interest to see whether our petition has made an impact when he presents the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

**Parking issues arise regularly at both our pinch points** : Phoenix Drive and the railway car park. We at school do what we can with signs, letters on windscreens, conversations with drivers. You will appreciate, however, that we have limited resources to patrol and manage the streets around our school - though pupil safety and calm, orderly arrivals and departures in and out of school are always a priority. These are your streets and a polite campaign, parent to parent/parent to driver, is a potentially more powerful and long-lasting way to achieve improved parking and parental responsibility for children's safety than for me to stand there from time to time. Parents need to hear it from parents. If the conversation is initiated politely, a polite response should be expected. Any abusive language or reaction should be reported to me immediately. Thank you for helping to support a pleasant environment around our school gates.

**Our sports season is in full-flow with our football teams playing** their first matches. More on that on Page 2! I want to clarify the rules around PE kit, Wateringbury team kit and a child's own football strip. Children playing in lunchtime clubs must wear PE kit. Football strip is not to be worn during lunchtime clubs. The Wateringbury team kit is provided for all players on a match night and children will be given time to change into it during the afternoon. During after-school practice on a Tuesday, the players can bring in their own kit from home as they will be returning home in their kit when the club finishes. Thank you for supporting this and making kit changing for clubs and matches as simple as possible.

**We are working closely with Moira at the Nettlestead & Wateringbury** Preschool to ensure a smooth transition from school to after-school care. If your plans for after school change (and your child will be attending after-school care or not attending when they were signed up), please ring both the preschool and school. It is important that both schools know so that we can make the necessary adjustments at 3:15pm which, you will appreciate, is one of the busiest times of the school day. Thank you for helping us to keep track of every child. Moira has a few before and after school places still available and rarely is there full attendance, so if you need ad hoc care, please ring the preschool.

Yours sincerely,  
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Headteacher

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KLZ : [www.klz.org.uk](http://www.klz.org.uk), then log-in with your child's log-in (in Homework Diary)



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Gardening Club gets creative!



Gardening Club continues to thrive under the careful nurture of Kate Hyland. The grounds look great and there are always mud creatures and nature art to look out for.



On Wednesday Yellow Class went to **Maidstone Museum**. We learnt how to, step by step, make a mummy (not a child mummy). We then made one out of an orange! We walked into the **Ancient Egyptian Exhibition**. We saw shapets and sculptures of Gods and even a mummified tomb. When we got back to school we all got a keyring; mine was Anubis. Yellow Class had lots of fun.

*Reuben Simons, Year 4*

## Harvest Celebration , St John's



## Year 2 – Village Adventure!



Who knew there was so much history and different places of interest in our small village?! On our walk we learnt about and sketched the oldest house in Wateringbury, discussed and counted the different wildlife around Mill Pond, got to go inside an actual World War 2 Pill Box and learnt about the local stocks and lock up. What a busy but incredibly fun way of learning about what is just a stone's throw away from our school! *Mr Smith and Year 2 Blue Class*



## CHURCH, SCHOOL & WORSHIP

Our Christian value for this term is  
**LOVE**

**In worship this week, we celebrated Harvest.** Each year after a festival or performance, I reflect on how we can improve it for the next year. During Harvest, I want to reduce the amount of to-ing and fro-ing by each class and somehow cluster the children so you can hear how beautiful their singing is when they're in a more cohesive group. Watch this space for next year! Mrs Down's weekly worship has focused on 'love' – which fits in well with Mrs Jones's Wednesday worship when we think about our whole school community and how we treat each other.

Hello, I have now been part of the Wateringbury team for nearly a term. I have been made to feel very welcome by staff, children and parents alike. I have been popping into classrooms to familiarise myself with all the children with special educational needs and I have already met with many parents. Please feel free to make an appointment to see me if you want to discuss your child with me. I will be available at the parent consultation evenings too for those who are not available during the school day. **Karen Down, Acting SENco and Deputy**



## SPORTS NEWS

Year 2 children - Dexter, Frankie, Sawyer, Maksim, Leighton, Austin, Charlie, Rhys and Naomi - kick started their first ever Maidstone Schools Key Stage 1 football league match on Tuesday, with a 6-3 victory against visiting side Kingswood Primary.

Captain and top goal scorer Sawyer proved unstoppable, scoring all 6 goals for the team. Many congratulations to all the players on a truly wonderful performance.

A big thank you to many of our other children and parents who stayed on after school to support the team and offer encouragement from the side lines. It was very much appreciated. *Mrs Parr, Sports Coach*

Come along and support our **next game**. : Key Stage 2 Football Team away to Discovery School 15/10/18.

