

Platt Primary News



'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Time flies when you are having fun and this term has flown by! We have been busy with learning activities, Forest School, Tiger Troop, trips, choir, football and just generally getting the academic year underway. This week, we showed this all off to potential new families on our first open morning. Our Head Girl and Boy spoke confidently about their experiences at Platt and the Year 6's did a fabulous job of leading tours around the school. We received many comments about how well they did and that their pride for the school shone through—well done Year 6!

Our Year 3 and 4 class have been on a trip to Maidstone Museum today via train journey which was no doubt, exciting.

Unfortunately, I am not yet in a position to give you more details about the works required following the leak. However, we are determined as a school team and family, that this will not hinder our continued drive towards developing the teaching, learning and experiences for the children here.

Please read the message from our school governors over the page.

Today, we say farewell to Gemma, our school cook, who is moving on to a bigger team and challenge. We wish her all the best. CDC have a new cook who will be joining us next term.

We wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 31st October, ready to do it all again!

Mrs Smith



Inventors Class

Year 3 have enjoyed an exciting and busy term. We have been studying the story of "The Pebble in My Pocket" to understand about the history of the earth. We produced some amazing visualisation poems, blackout poems, and diamante poems. Throughout the term, we have played the role of junior geologists, classifying rocks and carrying out tests to determine their permeability. We even learned more about how metamorphic rocks work by using sweets. In our newspaper article, we described how Mrs. Smith saved the day when dinosaurs appeared in Platt Woods and invited the locals to seek shelter in our school hall. Finding fossils and pretending to be palaeontologists like Mary Anning was a lot of fun. We created some stunning artwork to create a prehistoric cave walls display. Finally, we used clay to construct our own shell trace fossils. We are excited for next term's learning!



Year 6—Secondary Applications

A reminder to Year 6 parents to complete your Secondary preferences form by Tuesday 31st October 2023. If you require any support with this, please contact the school office and we will arrange to help you.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Admissions.aspx>

A Message from the Governing Body

As we get to the end of a busy, eventful and tiring half term, we wish you and your wonderful children a restful, well earned and pleasant break.

We would like to thank Emma and all her team for their hard work especially in the face of some adversity, not least with the unfortunate water leak that occurred over the summer holidays. As you will know, there will need to be some remedial work to come but we are not in a position yet to confirm the precise nature of this. We are pleased and grateful to be in conversation with our friends at the Memorial Hall about how they might be able to help us. We are a community minded school and we endeavour to foster good relations with all in our neighbourhood as well as our parents and all our stakeholders. Most importantly, our young learners are our priority and we will always do our best for them.

We continue to work on all ways that we can improve arrangements for dropping off and picking up given the constraints on parking spaces at the school so please bear with us but obviously if you do have any feedback, then please do let us know.

A Message from our PTA

The PTA AGM was held in September and there were some changes that took place. Please see below the new structure following a vote:

Emma Davies, Chair
Tillie Williams, Vice Chair
Katrina Palmer, Treasurer

The PTA would like to thank Paula Dakin for her tremendous hard work as Chair for the last year. Her leadership was invaluable and enthusiasm contagious. Thank you Paula.

If you have any questions regarding the PTA or you would like to volunteer some time, please speak with your class rep who will be able to help.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best wishes

Your PTA

Diary Dates

Please note that all events and dates listed below are accurate at the time of printing this newsletter, but, could be subject to change in the future.

Autumn Terms 1 and 2

- Forest School for Year 5 every Friday during term 2
- *23rd – 27th October – HALF TERM*
- *Monday 30th October INSET Day 3 – children not in school*
- Saturday 4th November Platt Fireworks Event
- **Monday 6th November Y2 Tiger Troop Trial**
- Thursday 9th November New Entrants' Open Morning 9am
- **17th—22nd November Travelling Book Fair—book sale after school**
- Monday 20th November New Entrants' Open Evening 5:30pm
- Friday 24th November Whole School Open Afternoon from 2:45pm
- **29th November** – PTA Christmas Wreath Making Workshop
- Tuesday 5th December Nativity performance 10am
- Wednesday 6th December Nativity performance 2pm
- Thursday 7th December Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 8th December 9am Christmas Coffee Morning for potential New Entrants
- *18th December – 1st January School Holidays*

Spring Terms 3 and 4

- *Tuesday 2nd January INSET Day 4 – children not in school*
- Year 4 Forest School (days to be confirmed)
- Friday 2nd February Number Day
- Monday 5th February – school photos
- Tuesday 6th February Safer Internet Day
- Tuesday 6th February Parents' Evening
- Thursday 8th February Parents' Evening
- *12th – 16th February – Half Term*

Church Services this academic year:

- Friday 10th November—remembrance—Year 5
- Friday 15th December—Christmas—Key Stage 2
- Thursday 18th January—Epiphany—Year 2
- Wednesday 21st February—Lent—Year 1
- Friday 22nd March—Easter—Year 4
- Friday 7th June—Communion—Year R
- Monday 22nd July Leavers' Service—Y6

If you can support the school and volunteer to walk both to and from the church on these dates, please let your child's class teacher know.

For more dates for this academic year, please see the diary dates list that has been emailed to you or the school website.

Mrs Smith and the school team

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