

Newsletter

Friday 30th November 2018

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“Love each other as I have loved you”, John 15 v 12

Integrity, Humility, Compassion, Forgiveness and Grace

Dear Parents / Carers

As always we have been extremely busy in school. The weather has been very changeable with the children coping really well when the heavens have opened resulting in lunchtime indoor play. Where ever it is possible we always try to have the children outside as we realise the benefits of fresh air and running off some excess energy. Please remember (named) coats, gloves and hats.

Year 6 Class Assembly

On Wednesday our year 6 children led a very original, informative and humorous class assembly. Thank you Year 6 for performing songs, dances and sketches, enabling us all to learn more about the Mayans. We really enjoyed a preview of the songs you are going to sing at The O2 in January.

St Andrews Day Assembly

Today Blue House led our collective worship by informing us about the work of St Andrew. The children acted out scenarios, delivered their own written prayers and had worked collaboratively in their house meetings to lead our worship today. Thank you Miss Maier for helping to organise this with Blue House.

Bear Necessities

BearNecessities is running two collections this winter:

Reverse Advent Boxes for The Community Storehouse food bank in Paddock Wood for Christmas.

Simply place one item a day from December 1st-12th into a decorated box (or bag-for-life). It can be a mix of food stuffs, toiletries and/or treats. Maybe even a Christmas card. It's easy to do and the children enjoy it too. Please ensure the box can be easily opened so volunteers can check the contents, and everything must be within its use-by

date at Christmas. Please leave your Advent Boxes in the School foyer, with Helen Kitto, or Mrs Brown. For more information check out the BearNecessities Facebook page. “Boxes should be taken to the food bank asap after the 12th to allow volunteers time to sort through them”

We're also sending more teddies out to Hope Café in Athens next February – please donate clean and tidy teddy bears to Helen (Martha Y6 & Fraser Y3) or via Grays or Hammonds. Thank you!

Basket ball Festival

On Wednesday afternoon 6 girls from across KS2 attended the first All Stars Girls Basketball festival. It was a great opportunity to put into practice some of the skills they have been learning and developing in the basketball lunch club this term. They also meet some professional players from Australia and the USA who now play for the Sevenoaks Suns. The team showed fantastic skill, determination and team work on court. We won our first 5 matches, with the largest margin being over 20 points, and only lost our final match against the eventual winners, St Johns. The team were awarded second place overall (out of 12 teams). Well done girls, what an amazing achievement!

Matfield Fayre

Although, we unfortunately had to cancel our official choir performance at the Matfield Fayre on Saturday. Mrs Sparkhall will be there and the organisers would very much like any Brenchley pupils who are there to join with a few adults to lead a bit of community carol singing at 1:30. Pupils will still be the responsibility of their own parents or guardians. If we have enough KS2 pupils there, they can also sing the 2

unison Christmas songs they have been practising. School uniform is not required.

Please note that the overall times of the Fayre had to be changed from the original advertising and will run from 11:30 -2:30. Stalls and Santa's grotto et al are sure to be worth a visit.



Brenchley & Matfield PTFA



We have Christmas trees for sale! Please support the school by starting your festivities with choosing one of our Nordmann Fir non-drop Christmas Trees!

6ft £28

7ft £35

All profits to the PTFA!

We have limited stock, so are happy to take pre-orders for collection and/or delivery. We will be selling them this **Friday 30th November** after school, again at school on **Saturday 1st December between 10am and 1pm** and on **Sunday 2nd December** from 5.30pm at the Brenchley Christmas Light switch on.

Christmas gift day - next Friday 7th December

Please look out for your child's named carrier bag that will be coming home this week in book bags. Please return next week filled with 5 shop brought or homemade gifts per child in anticipation of our very popular Christmas gift day on Friday! Any questions please ask your class reps.



Whole School Attendance

Attendance for last Week:
97.5%

Class with best attendance:
Year 4 - 100%

Late Entries: **14**
No. of Pupils Late: **5**

Golden Book Entries

Rec: Audrey & Austin; Year 1: Felix & Alice;
Year 2: Clemmie & Maxwell; Year 3: Daisy &
Fraser; Year 4: Freddie & Finlay; and Year 6:
Grace & Dylan

Diary Dates

7 Dec: PTFA Christmas Gift Day
11 Dec: KS1 Nativity to Parents (9.30am)
12 Dec: Christmas Lunch
12 Dec: KS1 Nativity to Parents (2pm)
14 Dec: Wear a Christmas Jumper Day
(supporting Save the Children)
14 Dec: Reception Nativity to Parents
(9.30am)
18 Dec: Carol Service All Saints Church
2pm
19 Dec: Term 2 Ends
3 Jan 2019: Term 3 starts
15 Feb: Term 3 ends
25 Feb: INSET day
26 Feb: Term 4 starts

