

14<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

The calendar year has gotten off to a great start with many activities and opportunities for children to enhance their learning since our return.

Please note the meeting scheduled to take place at St Eanswythe's Church next weekend, highlighted in last week's newsletter:

**Confused about how Universal Credit affects you and your family?**

Come to St Eanswythe Church on Wednesday 16th January at 8:45 for an informal talk with fellow parents.

Free breakfast club will be provided for any child whose parents wish to attend. Please let the office know if you are interested.

You are also warmly invited to attend **Messy Church** at St George's, Audley Road, Folkestone, on Saturday 2nd February beginning promptly at 4:15 until around 6 pm. This family orientated event will consist of the following:

- Setting the theme for the afternoon,(approximately 10 minutes)
- 40 minutes of constructive play, craft activities including Lego
- 15 minutes child-friendly worship and instruction
- **culminating in a yummy cooked meal for everyone (including parents and carers).**

A great way to spend a Saturday afternoon! Please note that at least one parent has to stay for the duration of this event. If interested inform a member of the office staff as soon as possible to book a place.

Well done to the **Basketball team** who competed in the **Shepway finals** last week. Their determination to do their best, compete enthusiastically and simply enjoy themselves was an inspiration to behold. Excellent! We won as well and will represent Shepway in the county finals next month.

Please note our school policy regarding the **appropriate use of social media**. Publishing images of children at the school is strictly prohibited as well as the naming of individual pupils, parents and staff. Indeed, any form of communication that may jeopardise confidentiality and/or safety is unacceptable. Unfortunately, reports of parents breaching our school policy have been received and in turn will result in immediate action being taken by school governors, including notifying the local constabulary.

A gentle reminder about ensuring your child is suitably **prepared for swimming and sporting activities** during the week. We wish everyone to participate, and appropriate kit and attire is a prerequisite. Thank you.

Finally, the PTFA, as you may remember, received a donation from the Rotary Club last year to establish **a sensory garden on the infant playground**. They have grand plans, but need your help. If you are able to assist with this project please let me or a member of staff know and we will direct you to the *brains behind the plan*. Please note their newsletter attached below.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Kreiselmeier  
Head Teacher

## **PTFA News January 2019**

### **The Sensory Garden Project – Please Help!**

In the summer term the PTFA raised £500 from a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Folkestone. The Infant's playground is in need of modernisation and plans are underway for a sensory garden around the coloured planters and under the trees at the back of the playground.

This would be a tactile and fragrant garden to stimulate children's senses of sight, touch, taste and hearing, so would include a seating area, wind chimes, herbs and plants and new paint for the planters. Children could use this area for fun and play, outdoor learning, nature lessons, quiet time or gardening.

**We would be very grateful for help from parents and children who could volunteer to:**

Paint the planters

Dig over and weed the raised beds

Make and hang wind chimes

And any other jobs that come up as we make a start.

(No gardening experience necessary!)

If anyone can donate compost/plants/paint that would be very helpful!

We envisage two Saturday mornings might be enough to complete the work – tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided! Or maybe we could have a BBQ if anyone can help organise that!

Dates: (weather permitting) Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10am – 1pm.

Please sign up at the front desk if you can come and help.

**Thank you!**

