

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we bear the brunt of unkind weather conditions, our children remain undaunted as they engage in a wide range of activities to enhance their education at our academy. It's always sunny inside!

Well done to the children for their participation in the **NPCC Numbers Day** on Friday, with nearly £200 raised for this worthy cause. It was a pleasure to witness them attempt mathematical challenges with enthusiasm. My thanks to Mrs Atkins for organising this event. Tomorrow, a small group of Year 5 pupils will compete in the **Shepway Primary Schools Maths Challenge**. A full day of problem solving and logical tasks to extend their thinking further. Good luck.

Today we celebrated **St David's Day**, with pupils in St David's House wearing yellow, and all pupils learning about the great sense of team work that this patron saint of Wales inspired.

Final reminder about **Parent/Teacher consultations** taking place today and tomorrow after school in the main hall. If you have not made an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher, please do so at the earliest opportunity.

We celebrate **World Book Day** on Thursday, with a Roald Dahl theme - although children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite book character. Our **Book Fair** finishes on Tuesday, at the end of the school day. I hope you have the opportunity to attend, and perhaps purchase a book for your child to enjoy at home.

The **Herald Cup** takes place throughout this month, with weekly matches scheduled. Our football team performed brilliantly in their first match last week against Caste Hill, winning 6 - 0 at 3 Hills. Our next fixture is on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 pm, playing here against Folkestone Academy

We welcome the Bishop of Dover, **Bishop Rose**, to our academy on Friday morning. Hopefully you will be able to meet with her briefly in the morning as the children arrive at school. After our Act of Collective Worship, she will then visit the children in each class answering their question and soliciting her views on the idea of Salvation, why Easter matters to Christians and the importance of Holy Week which will occur next month.

A reminder that **Messy Church** takes place on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> March at St George's Church (near West Folkestone train station) beginning at 4.30 pm. Always a great opportunity to come together, learn more about the season of Christian time of Lent and share a scrumptious meal. All are most welcome.

Please note that **parking in and around the school** at the beginning and the end of the school day has been a concern for some residents as well as parents. Please park only in designated parking areas adjacent to the school, respect the parking rights of residents and do not use the school's parking areas as these are used exclusively for staff. Finally, always drive cautiously and vigilantly to ensure pupil and parent safety. The **parking warden** has been contacted to patrol on a regular basis to help enforce parking and traffic regulations in our area.

Yours sincerely,

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