

The Christ Church NEWS DESK

Issue 1.4 Friday 30th September 2022

Dear Families,

The children thoroughly enjoyed 'Skip 2 B fit' on Monday – it has been great to see the children (and the staff!) challenging themselves at playtime this week. Ropes are available, from the office, at either £6 or £8 for a premium rope if your child would like one for home. Please bring the correct cash as we are unable to provide change.

I have been receiving a number of 'requests' for term-time holiday. I just wanted to clarify the **DfE's National Policy** for this. Children are required to attend school on the term dates set by the school; as a parent, it is your responsibility to ensure your child attends school so they receive their education. Term-time holidays will never be authorised and it will be recorded as 'unauthorised' but it can also lead to a fine or even prosecution. It is not me being difficult at all – I just want to be clear with you all how it works. The same is applicable to my staff: none of them would be allowed term-time holiday – they can only have a holiday outside of term dates. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you wish to discuss anything further.

If you would like to support your child with any Home Learning, we have updated our website with lots of links. Please click [here](#) for further information.

Please could you ensure you check, on Arbor, that your contact details are up-to-date. We have tried to contact a few families this week and numbers have changed or been disconnected. You can do this yourself on Arbor or notify the school office who can change it for you. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, don't forget to book your Parents' Evening appointment – they are on available on Arbor and the dates are to your right.

Have a lovely weekend!
Mr Flack

'Strong people don't put others down. They lift them'

Michael P Watson

Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th October

8:30-10am – Family Coffee Morning

Friday 21st October

End of Term 1

Monday 31st October

Start of Term 2

Monday 7th November

Parents' Evening (Y1-Y6) 3:30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 8th November

Parents' Evening (Y1-Y6) 5pm-7pm

Thursday 10th November

Year 6 Cathedrals Day

Thursday 17th November

Children In Need – TAG Day – 50p (instead of the Friday owing to photos on Friday)

Friday 18th November

School Photos – Individuals & Siblings

Friday 25th November

Flu Immunisations

A Prayer

Merciful God,
Your Son came to us
And bore our sins on the cross:
May we trust in your mercy
And know your love,
Rejoicing in the righteousness,
That is ours
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Year 6 Secondary School Places for 2023

Applications are now open to apply for a secondary school place for your child.

You have until Monday 31st October to do this. You can apply online:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-1>

If your child does not pass the Kent Test, and you have chosen a Grammar School as their first choice, this choice will automatically be discounted and your first non-selective school will be treated as their first choice. You can of course wait for Kent Test results first though.

Please speak to Mr Flack or Miss Wyatt if you need any support or assistance.

Thinking Question of the Week

What is silence?

Free School Meals

Although children in Year R, 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, the school receives additional funding to spend on the children if you sign up for Free School Meals and are eligible.

Your child may be able to get Free School Meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).

You can apply here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/kent>

Please do speak to the Office if you would like support with this or more information

Christmas Dinners

EYFS & KS1 – Thursday 15th December

KS2 – Wednesday 14th December

Please book by clicking [here](#)

The form will close on Friday 4th November. Please ensure you have funds on your Arbor account otherwise, your child will not be able to have a dinner (unless your Free School Meals).

Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at
[kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

**Opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes
at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022**

For children born between
1 September 2011
and **31 August 2012**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in **September 2023**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Thursday 1 September 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 31 October 2022**.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Wednesday 1 March 2023**) an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Wednesday 15 March 2023**.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Thursday 1 September 2022	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 31 October 2022	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm .
Wednesday 15 March 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 28 March 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk or kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.





www.familyfoodbank.org

Folkestone District

We Are Here To Help!

A sudden drop in finances can happen to any of us for a number of reasons. Please do not suffer in silence.

We have a number of local Family Food Bank Distribution Points which can help you. So please get in touch!

People Plus, 145-147 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 2DA

New Romney CC, Craythorne Lane New Romney TN28 8 BL Tel 03000
420000 Families Only

The Village CC, Denmark Street, Folkestone, CT19 6EQ Tel 03000
420893 Families Only

Folkestone Early Years CC, Dover Rd Folkestone CT20 1QF Tel 03000
419727 Families Only

Caterpillars CC, Chart Rd, Folkestone CT19 4PN Tel 03000 416444 Families
Only

East Kent College EKC - Westcliff House, Westcliff Gardens, Folkestone CT20
1SZ. Tel: 01843 230876 - College Students Only

Folkestone & Hythe Social Services