

# St. George's CE Primary School

Our School Motto - "Bringing faith and education together"

Newsletter  
Monday 18<sup>th</sup>  
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## Key Dates

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September  
Oak Class Parents Lunch  
Music Lessons begin

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September  
Oak Class Bible Service

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September  
'Meet the Teacher' Q&A

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Home School Association  
AGM @ 3.30pm in the  
School Hall (not 5pm as  
previously stated)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
Sevenoaks Vine Cricket  
Taster Day  
KM in school to photo Oak  
Class.  
H.S.A. Pop Up Café

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September  
Family Service to include  
Year 5 Bible Presentation  
from 10:00am

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>  
September  
X-Country @ Ightham  
Music@ Malling Concert

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
Swattenden Weekend -  
depart 12:00pm  
Festival of Light from  
5:30pm

Dear Parents/Carers

Mr. D. Jones, Headteacher

Starting school for the very first time, especially when you are four is a very big thing! I can still recall my first day at school (only just) and feeling both very excited but also a little scared. I think that we would all say a milestone in 'growing up!' and of course every child and parent is different in how the first day of term touches them.

Watching from the 'outside' for some parents it was a big 'sigh of relief' that their children were starting school – at last, whilst for others it was slightly more tearful. For our new Dragons and their parents there was an immense sense of pride as their children were handed over to the staff in Oak Class. Last Monday morning our new intake arrived looking extremely smart, lots of extremely clean shoes and sweatshirts, and all ready for 'action'. We wish them all and their mums and dads a long (seven years), happy and successful relationship with the school.



It was certainly a busy day last Monday as along with the new pupils starting in Oak Class we welcomed our very good friends from the Vackelsang School in Sweden. Although these children are slightly older than our Year 6 the pupils from both schools mixed well sharing their experiences of both countries. Sycamore Class provided a traditional Cream Tea whilst we were treated to Swedish chocolate biscuits!

## **Worn With Pride!**

As I mentioned last week this term our school value is Respect so it was fitting that last Wednesday was a very special School Worship which included the presentation of Badges of Responsibility to the pupils in Sycamore Class. These badges of honour are highly sought after and reflect the importance we place on supporting each other.

Over the coming weeks through the newsletter I will introduce you to the various Monitors and Captains.

First of all this year our School Captains are to be Elliott and Jessica as 'Heads of the School' - their duties will include taking important guests around the school, leading School Events and representing the school at all the Malling School events.



**Jessica Breach &  
Elliott Martin -  
School Captains**

### New School Year Reminders – please read!

- Please take time to familiarise yourself again with our school uniform so that you do not buy the wrong things! In particular, please remember that:
  - ✓ Skirts/dresses should be navy, trousers and shorts should be grey
  - ✓ Socks should be plain and either grey, white or navy
  - ✓ Long hair should be tied back (to prevent the spread of our little headlice friends...)
  - ✓ Hair adornments should be small and simple
  - ✓ One pair of simple stud earrings (please see below)
  - ✓ Shoes should be black, appropriate and enable children to run around and have fun!
  - ✓ Packed lunches should be as healthy as possible – we do not allow sweets, chocolate or sweetened and fizzy drinks. Sugar is not good for children (or us!) and can affect a child's ability to concentrate – particularly after a lunch which contains a lot.
  - ✓ Snacks at break time in Yrs. 3-6 should be fruit.
- Entry for pupils in Key Stage One into school is through their classroom doors and, as in previous years, they will need to be collected from these classroom doors at the end of the day. Please let us know when there are changes to collection arrangements.
- Key Stage two pupils are to enter the school from the KS2 door at the start of the day.
- At the end of the day pupils in Willow and Cedar are collected from their classroom door.
- Yrs. 5 and 6 children are allowed to leave by themselves at the end of the day. Please explain to your child where you will meet them and what to do if you are not there – they should return immediately to their class teacher or the school office.
- ALL enquiries/latecomers bags/packed lunches are dealt with by the School Office

### New Parents Open Morning YR Sept 2018

Education can be such a strange thing but as soon as we welcome our new intake into Oak Class we are already considering the next academic year. If you have a child due to start school next September, or you know anybody who does, please note that we are holding two Open Mornings when parents/carers can come and look around the school and ask any questions they may have. These will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 10:00am. Please book a space on your preferred date by contacting our school office.

### Keep off the bank Please!

Just a reminder but some of you may have noticed the grass on the field bank is very long. This is not because Pete cannot get the mower to work but these have been left to grow wild to develop the bank as a meadow habitat to encourage wildlife. Could we please ask you to avoid walking on the long grass so as to encourage a range of plants to grow.

### Music@Malling

Once again this term we have welcomed into school musicians from both Kent Music and Music@Malling to support both the now, well established festival and to support the development of music within the school. Young instrumentalists from both Willow and Cedar were encouraged to play together and to develop their own musical skills. These pupils will then be able to see, listen and participate in a concert to take place on Thursday 27th September. This year the theme for the concert will be based upon Revolting Rhymes which I am sure will engage all the pupils! For more details of this year's festival please click <http://musicatmallling.com/learning-zone/>

## Reminders!

### Meet the Teacher!

This coming Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, is our annual 'Meet the Teacher' session where you will be have an opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers, check how they have settled and understand the curriculum foci in each year group - and how you can support these at home. We would encourage every parent to attend - the format is relaxed and the meetings will take place in your child's classroom.

### Online Safety

<http://st-georges-wrotham.kent.sch.uk/stayin-g-safe-online/>

Online safety is vitally important to ensure children stay safe whilst accessing the internet. To learn more about the risks facing our children when they use computers, please follow the link above to access lots of useful websites including:

### Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)

a police agency tackling child abuse on the internet. This website includes a unique facility that enables parents and young people to make reports of actual or attempted abuse online. **Internet Matters**, an online portal giving tips on protecting children from online grooming, privacy, cyberbullying, identity theft and inappropriate content.

### Parents Questionnaires

Also attached to this newsletter are the results of our annual Parents Survey which took place at the very end of last term. The full report is now available to view on the school website.