

Dear Families,

A big thank you to everyone for such a positive start back after half term. I walk around the school every day and see fantastic learning taking place in all our classrooms no matter what the time of day.

Y1 and 2 recently went to Margate caves and had a fantastic time. An enormous thank you to all the families who accompanied us and supported the trip. It's such an important part of our pupil's enriched curriculum that they are able to access learning in this way.

This week marks the start of anti-bullying week but also Children in Need day. We will be focusing on these in our assemblies and classes.

As we enter the winter and festive seasons we are preparing for our nativity with the infants and our church visit with the juniors. There will be lots of practising of songs and lines so please support the children when they are at home to master these and be confident in singing them loudly and proudly.

This week we are very pleased to attach the curriculum overviews for this half term. As I have said previously, these are so that you can see all of what is being taught this half-term. If you have any questions about these then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Additionally this half term we will be starting our tutoring in reading for children across years 2,3,4 5 and 6. These will take place during the school day and are around 30 minutes long and take place a few times a week. It is the same programme we completed last year and comes from the government's catch-up tutoring grant. We make sure that children who take part aren't missing the same lessons each time they attend. These will take place in the mornings with Miss Wilkins who delivered the sessions last year as well.

We are pleased to share with you that, once again during the Christmas holiday we will be hosting a HAF (Holiday, Activity and Food Club). It will run for the first four days of the Christmas holiday, 18th to 21st December 10 am to 2 pm. The HAF will be Christmas-themed with lots of crafts, cooking, sports and festive fun. It is funded and therefore free to children who access free school meals, parents are able to pay for places for children who do not receive free school meals. Although the codes from KCC to sign up have not been released yet, feel free to pop into the office and pop your name on the list so we can get you signed up as soon as possible.

Finally, We wanted to let you know that from time to time we have fire drills and lockdown drills. Not everyone will have heard of a lockdown drill so I wanted to clarify its purpose. We are required to do these in case of an emergency which means we need to close the school very suddenly - for example, there is an animal that has got loose into our playground. We have a special alarm that sounds so the children are reassured and stay in their classrooms. They stay with their teacher who will read them a story and make sure they are all accounted for. We make sure to tell the children why it is happening so that they understand and we are fulfilling our safeguarding duties. Please feel free to explain this to the children so they are not worried if they hear the alarm.

Mr T Platten

Years 1 & 2 enjoyed their school trip to the Margate Caves this week, where they explored and did some drawings.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who came along!



Reception have enjoyed playing with their new work bench which was gifted to them by Morgcambells Property Developers.

Thank You!



### Attendance and Lateness for Term 2

Class	Attendance %	Late Arrivals
Nursery	63.71%	2
Reception– Highlands	89.83%	1
Year 1– Pyrenees	93.38%	0
Year 2– Atlas	95.26%	4
Year 3– Rockies	90.39%	1
Year 4– Alps	92.15%	5
Year 5– Andes	92.14%	1
Year 6– Himalayas	88.94%	4
Total for Term 1	90%	18

### Diary Dates

#### November 2023

17th– Non-Uniform Day

30th– Year 3 & 4 Turner Contemporary Trip

#### December 2023

1st – Year 5 & 6 trip (details to follow) 6th– KS2 Pantomime trip

4th– Year 3 & 4 Canterbury Roman Museum Trip

7th– Save the children Christmas jumper day

8th– KS1 Pantomime (in school details to follow)

12th– KS2 Church Service (details to follow)

13th– KS1 Nativity (details to follow)

14th– School Christmas Dinner & KS1 Nativity (details to follow)

15th– Nursery Christmas Craft family session (details to follow)

#### January 2024

2nd– INSET day

### Children In Need

Friday 17th November– Non Uniform Day

Theme—‘Be Spotacular’

Donations welcome– an amount of our choice which is affordable for you!



### Wrap around care now available!



**INCLUSIVE  
SPORT**

Monday—Thursday

15:10—17:00

BOOK ONLINE: <https://inclusive-sport.classforkids.io/camp/34>



Please be reminded that Salmestone is a nut free school. If you provide your child with a packed lunch please ensure there is nothing which contains nuts.

