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| January | |
| Monday 15 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choir starts Last day for Year 3 & Year R Sept 2018 Applications |
| Friday 19 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Penguin class assembly 2.15pm Literacy- Handwriting Workshop for all parents/carers (more details to follow via Parentmail). Come and find out how your child is taught to write with a cursive script in school and how you can support at home. |
| Sunday 21 st 11.30am | Rapunzel Pantomime – a few tickets are still available online Ashford panto http://www.ashfordpanto.co.uk/buytickets with other dates available too. |
| Monday 22 nd | Downs View's got Talent auditions (more details to follow) |
| Wednesday 24 th | Change of date and time- 9.15pm Year 2 handwriting workshop for parents |
| Thursday 25 th | Reception and Year 1 Literacy handwriting workshop for parents 2.15pm (More details to follow via Parentmail) repeat of the above on Friday 19 th . |
| Friday 26 th | Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in January invited 9.05am |
| February | |
| Friday 2 nd | Dolphin class assembly |
| Friday 9 th | Snow Leopard class assembly Last day of term |
| HALF TERM Monday 12th February until Friday 16th February | |
| Monday 19 th | INSET Day – no children in school |
| Tuesday 20 th | Children return to school |
| Friday 23 rd | Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in February invited 9.05am |
| March | |
| Friday 2 nd | Polar Bear class assembly |
| Friday 9 th | Starfish class assembly |
| Friday 16 th | Turtle class assembly |
| Friday 23 rd | Birthday assembly, all parents of children with birthdays in March invited 9.05am |
| Thursday 29 th | LAST DAY OF TERM (Easter break) |

| | Reading award | Active award | Star of the week |  Feet on Friday | Star table |
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|  | Maddison | Riley & Poppy | Yasemin | Kayden | Kayden |
|  | Brooke | Tommie & Zoe | Oliver H | Liberty | Daniel |
|  | James W | Ceres & Calesha | William | Gracie-Mai | Vinnie |
|  | Alexia | Thomas & Daisy H | Callie | Daisy N | Daisy N |
|  | Sophia | Charlie O & Harry K | Benjamin | Luke | Teddy |
|  | Ileana | Jack & Elizabeth | Noah | Mason | Henry |
|  | Lavender | Harry & Wilhelmina | Harley | Autumn | Noah |
|  | Julia | Jaden & Lily-Grace | Mickey | Jack | Amber |
|  | Tommy | Lewis & Max | Paris | Arafat | Annabel |
| Bonus Coin of the week winners- Snow Leopards | | | | | |

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| | Weekly school attendance | Days missed across the school | Best class attendance for | Overall attendance for |
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| | | <i>this week</i> | <i>the week</i> | <i>the year</i> |
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| | 97.65% | 30.5 | Fox 99% | 96.47% |

Change of Menu – Thursday 18th January

We will be having a change of menu on 18th January, if your child does not normally have a dinner on a Thursday and would like to participate then please let Helen or Nicola know in the office. The menu for the 18th is as follows:

Hawaiian pizza (Ham and Pineapple) with baked jacket wedges

Quorn Spaghetti Bolognese with garlic bread

Coleslaw/sweetcorn

Chocolate sponge and chocolate sauce

Also available: Jacket potato and filling, salad, homemade bread, yogurt and fresh fruit.

In **EYFS** we have started to think about our Community Heroes. We began by looking at those who help make a difference within our school i.e. teachers, mid-day supervisors, caretaker, cleaners etc. During Literacy we generated our own questions and presented them to our school caretaker so that we could gain further information about his job. In Maths we have been helping the cleaners to complete a stock take on all the cleaning materials they have available. We counted them out and then represented this on a tens frame using a variety of manipulatives and recorded in our own way. We created our own tool belts and in science tested materials to help create a waterproof apron for the cleaners and us to wear when using or playing in the water (Sorry these are not mud proof!)

Don't forget to look at the new homework grid for the term and if unsure please do come and ask your child's class teacher.

Year 1 are really enjoying our new topic 'Wild Things.' We have loved reading 'Where the Wild Things are' and describing the main character Max by considering his appearance and personality. We even predicted what the story might be about before we read it. In Art we have begun our own Jungle themed art pieces linked to the artist Henri Rousseau by drawing our own background, such as mountains and trees. In Religious Education we have been learning about who Jesus was and some of the miracles he performed, such as turning water into wine and calming the storm. During PE we have been practising different skills which will help us in a variety of activities. We have been perfecting our jumping techniques by competing with our partners!

Please help us- Many children would benefit from practising doing their coats up at home to help them when getting ready for playtime and lunchtime especially with the colder weather!

Year 2 have had an exciting start to the new term. We started our 'Once Upon a Time' topic by learning about what happened during the Great Fire of London. We were lucky to have an exciting workshop using drama to experience what happened. We were shocked to learn how many houses were destroyed! We have explored various fairy tale stories thinking about the language used, characters and the settings. We have started to write the story of Little Red Riding Hood. In Maths we have used our knowledge of multiplication for learning about division, as sharing and grouping. In ICT we will be photographers this term. We have started to think about what makes a good photograph, discussing zoom and focus. In RE we have discussed some parables that Jesus told to teach others how to live their lives. We thought about what Christians believe the morals of the stories are then discussed how we can use this to be kinder and more respectful towards others.

Kent Community Health – letters to Year R

Year R parents should have received a letter via Parentmail regarding Height and Weight measuring in school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme and also, on the same letter, Hearing and Vision Screening details. This letter, as well as giving information about the schemes, details the 'Opt out' process.

Single Equality Meeting

This week Sarah Collins led a meeting discussing equality issues across the school. One agenda raised by parents was the attendance policy of the school in relation to attendance rewards. Many new ideas were shared and discussed and it was agreed that a questionnaire will be sent out to parent/carers to gather your views on the attendance reward system. Please look out for this next week via Parentmail. If you would prefer a paper copy please ask at the office.

Job opportunity - Can you make someone's day special?

The Kent Libraries, Registration and Archives Service is looking for Celebratory Officers across the county to conduct and register their diverse range of Civil Ceremonies. Visit kent.gov.uk/jobs to apply and akentishceremony.com for more information about us.

Maths Fast Track Course – Level 2 City & Guilds

For people wanting to progress with their training or career. Update your GCSE (if over 5 years old) with the new Functional Skills element. The course and exam are free. Starts at Downs View this Friday 12th from 9.30am to 11.30am and will finish when you are ready to take the exam. Spaces are limited, please ask Sam Ansell for more information or call 07469 351678.