



Greatstone Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 16th October 2020

A review of our first term back in school

I don't know about you, but I can't believe we are rapidly approaching the end of our first term, we only have one more full week left in school. It's literally flown by!

I hope you have all managed to make an appointment for your virtual parent teacher interviews with your child's class teacher to get some feedback on how they've settled in and what their next steps are. These conversations are so important, it's a chance for you to ask questions and to find out what you can do at home to support your child with their learning.

Instead of having a big end of year report where you find out about your child's progress and attainment, we will be breaking this down into three smaller reports at the end of Terms 2, 4 and 6. This way, you will have up to date information about where they are and their next steps throughout the year. These reports will be interspersed with further parent teacher interviews at the end of Terms 1 (next week), 3 and 5. As parents, you will therefore have termly feedback about your child and their learning.

A big thank you to Mrs Richardson for all her hard working in organising a special whole school Harvest day for the children and thanks to all parents for sending in your kind donations for the class harvest boxes. We know it's been a harvest festival with a difference this year, but its so important the children know and understand they are still helping others. Each of the class Harvest Boxes will be collected by the local food bank.

Its' been a great start to the year and a fantastic first term. Please remember that Term 2 begins on the 2nd November.

All the very best,

Sharon Lewis, Headteacher

Is your child ready to start primary school in September 2021?

We are currently booking tours of the school with each family having their own 1:1 session with the Headteacher, Mrs Lewis.

Come and meet us face to face

In a world where we are cautious about keeping everyone safe, we are unable to hold large open mornings. However, we warmly welcome you to come and look around our amazing school once the children have gone home (to keep you and your loved ones as safe as possible).

You will get the chance to meet us, spend time with me, meet YR staff (at a distance of course) and get the chance to explore, ask questions in a safe environment.

We understand that for some families, you may not want to come into school, so for you we can walk around the outside of the building to explore the grounds or if you would prefer, a virtual meeting instead.

Phone the school office for an appointment- we can't wait to meet you!

Headteacher awards:

Huge congratulations to the following children for their achievements:

Well done all of you, we're so proud of your achievements:

Mrs Dawson in the office for working so hard and always having a smile!

Coral class: TJ for his amazing Maths work. Louie for his amazing behaviour. Katy and Eloisa for their excellent behaviour for learning

Jet Class: Briana and George for their excellent writing about Little Red Riding Hood

Crystal Class: Jack for his amazing writing about Black Lives Matter

Diamond Class: Mai and Florence for writing sounds and practising letter formation. Lottie for her very neat cursive handwriting.

Rhinestone Class: Seren for her excellent handwriting and Theo, Lucia, Owen and Albert for being 'ready, respectful, safe'

Jade Class: Scarlett for her amazing questions about wolves

Turquoise Class: Jess and Aiden for their excellent spellings and being organised

Amethyst class: Grace and Alfie for getting 10/10 for their spelling for the last 5 weeks and Robbie and Andrew for their excellent behaviour.

A big shout out for all the children in Y6 who took the PESE test this week!



Study bugs app

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

As you will be aware, we introduced this new online platform for you to record your child's absence– information is directly linked to NHS advice. Teachers are now able to use an on-line register (so there are no longer paper versions) which is helping to keep everyone safer.

Please sign up using the link above. All messages from school will come through via Studybugs (or Parents Mail if you prefer this option)



Mental support for children and families

Please use the link below for further advice and support for mental health support and guidance for children and parents. Alternatively, please do come and speak to us if you need help or advice– we're here to help you through these incredibly tricky global times.

<https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/schools-and-communities/supporting-young-people/get-help-now/>

School uniform

We are noticing that some children are not wearing the correct school uniform and are coming to school wearing hoodies. Please make sure that your child is wearing a school jumper or fleece. If you need additional financial support, please do let us know as we can help with school uniform purchasing.

Thank you

Applications for starting secondary school September 2021



Applications are now open for parents to apply for their child's place. All information is available at:

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

The application windows for the various online application rounds are:

Kent Test for September 2021 entry to secondary school - 1 June to 1 July 2020 (for more information please go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest)

Admission to secondary school in September 2021 - 1 September to 2 November 2020

Admission to Primary/Junior in September 2021 - 5 November 2020 to 15 January 2021

Support

If you require any assistance applying online please email Kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk