



Believe Enjoy Strive Succeed



Principal Comments

The new term has continued with the great start we have had. Our new pupils in YR are settling quickly and making excellent use of the equipment and exciting environment that they have. The role play areas are getting great use and they are certainly throwing themselves into school. The children are smiling, engaged and completely exhausting! The YR team sleep very well every night.

The new arrangements for KS2 children are also continuing to reap rewards. On speaking with many children through the lunch time and in lessons, they are all reporting that they really enjoy having different teachers in the afternoon. A few children have said that "now, they get lots of different lessons". This is great as it is exactly what we wanted to achieve. By having specialised teaching of non-core subjects, we are ensuring the broad and rich curriculum every child should have.

We are keen to celebrate the children's learning with you and will be holding a tour of the school for you to see their wonderful books and displays around the school. Please try and join us on 17th October between 15:30 and 18:00. There will be an opportunity for you to see your child's learning across a range of subjects and how they are answering the key questions that drive their topic.

This year we are trialing something new in the way we hold parent consultations. We often notice how stretched and rushed the sessions are and perhaps do not often give quality time to speak about your child's education. For this reason, we will use open evenings to celebrate the learning and achievement. We will be providing a termly exhibition of the children's learning and an opportunity for you all to come and peruse the school. You will be able to celebrate your children's achievements and spend quality time looking in their books and talking to them about their work. The teachers will all be on hand to share the great work and answer any curriculum questions.

In addition to this, the staff would like to offer you appointments to discuss learning at your convenience. Every parent should have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress and teacher meetings are always welcome every week. All meetings must be pre booked by the school office and with 48 hours notice. The preferred days for these sessions are Tuesdays and Thursdays between 15:30 and 17:00 and can be up to 20 minutes. If you need a later appointment, this can be arranged but will need more notice.

Key dates:

- 17th October—15:30 to 18:00 Exhibition of Excellence
- 14th December—Interim progress reports sent to parents
- 7th January—15:30 to 18:00 Exhibition of Excellence
- 7th March – World Book Day – theme to be confirmed
- 21st March – 15:30 to 18:00 Maths Day and an Exhibition of Excellence
- 2nd July—Early Years Foundation Stage and Infant Sports Day
- 3rd July—Junior Sports Day
- 15th July—15:30 to 18:00 Exhibition of Excellence
- 15th to 20th July – Transition Week

Mr. T.M. North, Principal, NPQH



Secondary Transfer 2019

Parents of children in Year 6 should have by now received the booklet "2019 Transfer to Secondary School". This was sent out earlier in the week to every Year 6 child. You can apply on line for a secondary place at www.kent.gov.uk/ola or fill in and return an application form to the Local Authority (KCC) by 31st October 2018.

Kent Test (11+) assessment decisions are sent out to parents via post on 11th October 2018. If you applied on line, you can obtain the result on the same day after 4.00 pm.

If you have not already done so, I would suggest you contact the secondary school(s) that you and your child are interested in applying to and arrange for a viewing.

PLEASE NOTE: Foreland Avenue Entrance

From Monday 8th October, the gate to the Foreland Avenue entrance will be locked each afternoon at 3.30 pm. This is to safeguard the children in the Funky Monkey After School Club who play out on the equipment in the Infant playground. The main gate by Philippa House will remain unlocked.

Open Morning for September 2019 Entrant to YR

On Wednesday 21st November from 9.30 to 11.30 am, we will be holding an open morning for prospective parents and children who are due to start school in September 2019. Please feel free to come along to the Infant Hall, talk with Foundation Staff and have a tour of the school.

Children's Flu Vaccination—YR to Y5

If you have returned your child's flu vaccination form, he/she will have the vaccination on Friday 5th October at school during the day.

Harvest Festival Services

The Foundation & Infant Service will take place at school on Wednesday 10th October in the Junior Hall at 9.15 am. The Junior Service will take place at St. Saviours Church on Wednesday 10th October at 2.00 pm. If you have any produce you would like to donate, please send to school prior to Wednesday. Thank you.



Swattenden—November 2018

This is just a reminder to all Y6 parents paying for Swattenden in instalments that the next payment of £35.00 is due by Friday 12th October, making the total amount paid to date £175.00. The final payment of £20.00 is due by Friday 2nd November.

Celebrating Success

As promised - the winning house for 2017-2018 is team **STRIVE**. This is based on the total number of dojos from all pupils and all classes throughout the year and also the sports day totals too. It is great to see so many positive behaviours being recognised. Well done everyone.

Team **STRIVE** will be celebrating their success in the final week of term. From next term, we will be celebrating each term to see if **BELIEVE**, **ENJOY** or **SUCCEED** can knock **STRIVE** from the top post.

