

Friday 15th February 2019

## Road Closure

We have written to you all about the closure of Colliers Green Road from 25<sup>th</sup> until 29<sup>th</sup> March today. We appreciate that it will cause a bit of inconvenience but the long term benefit of a lovely new school will be worth it!

Thank you for your understanding.



## Book Week

We are pleased to confirm our Book Week activities:

The book fair will commence on 28<sup>th</sup> February and 1<sup>st</sup> March after school (parents are invited to browse from 3.15pm on 28<sup>th</sup> February).

On Tuesday 5th March we are pleased to have a visit from author Ann Bryant. Funded by the PTFA – thank you so much! All year groups will have a workshop with Ann throughout the day and after school there will be signing and books available to purchase if you wish. Prices vary from £3 to £6.

On Thursday 7th March Dress as your favourite book character and bring the book to school to share! Get your costumes ready! The day will also be filled with lots of fun activities.





## Digital Parenting

Technology is progressing at such a rapid rate, it can be hard to keep up with the latest issues and online safety concerns. Digital Parenting is a fantastic free magazine that covers topics from what constitutes a healthy amount of screen time and using social media safely. There are articles that are relevant from KS1 to KS4, and if you would like to download the current issue, or any of the older ones, please follow the link below.

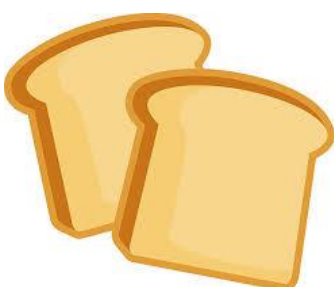
<https://parentzone.org.uk/digital-parenting-online-safety-magazine-archive>

## Film Club – St Mary’s Goudhurst

With half term just around the corner, it's time for another St. Mary's Goudhurst Friday film afternoon. On **22 February** we are showing the wonderful Tangled (PG rating) on the big screen in the church. Normal routine, popcorn for the children, teas / coffees for the adults and all absolutely free. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Invite your friends and neighbours along to see one of Disney's best films - well we think that anyway!



## Breakfast Club - Trial



Your child can now attend FREE taster sessions at a Premier Sport START ACTIVE Breakfast club to see if they enjoy the experience and would like to sign up to the course in the future. These free trial sessions will take place between Monday 25th February – Thursday 28th February at 8:00 – 8:45 and are open to all year groups. Book for these free sessions online at [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com) or call on 01953 499 040.

Following successful free trial sessions, the breakfast club will commence from Mon 4th March at £3.00 per session. These will take place from Monday – Thursday. On a Friday we will be continuing to deliver the Gymnastics club between 8:00 – 8:45 for Year 1- 6.

## Spelling Bee

We held our Spelling Bee for Years 1 and 2 on Wednesday 13th February.

Well done to all the children that participated. It was clear that children had put some practice in (well done!)

Children won points for their house.

The points so far are - Bodiam 14, Hever 21 and Scotney 31

Years 3 to 6 Spelling Bee will be on Monday 4th March - so get practicing!



## Hats for Harry



To all the wonderful families who baked scrumptious treats and supported Wear a Hat for Harry.....THANK YOU! We have raised a wonderful £275 Mrs B will be banking the money today to pass on to the family. Harry's family are very, very touched by your kindness.

## What a Week!

We would like to take a moment to congratulate our children for their effort and enthusiasm in the extra-curricular events we have had over the last two weeks!

In the New Age Kurling (excellent team effort), the Active Maths team (they won their age group!) the Hockey team (they won!) and Netball (they won!). We have some trophies to add to our cabinet and, more importantly, some children who deserve to be very proud of themselves.

We are a small school and it means a great deal to us to have the support of Mums and Dads to transport children to events and to stay and support the children.



## Young Voices

The Choir broke records last week when they sang as part of the largest ever children's choir. 8686 children sang as one in a truly memorable concert. Songs included an American Folk Odyssey, a Melody themed on days of the week that incorporated the Bangles, The Cure and David Bowie and a rainbow-lit rendition of 'Any Dream will Do' to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Joseph and his Technicolour Dream Coat. The children then accompanied Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet fame as well as Sharlene Hector (Basement Jaxx) and Beau Dermott (Britain's Got Talent). The dance group, Urban Strides, got EVERYONE on their feet for a boogie to some eighties classics and the Pop Medley had us belting out hits by Coldplay, Kylie and Kim Wilde.

The evening was brought to a show-stopping conclusion with a Greatest Showman Medley which gave the choir goose-bumps.....It truly was the GREATEST SHOW!

Congratulations to all the children in the choir for learning the words and making memories and thanks to Mrs B for all her hard work in preparing the choir for this wonderful opportunity to perform at the O2! Thanks to all those who came to watch and to those who assisted us on our journey to the stadium. Finally, a special thank you to Mrs Kemp and Mrs Moorhouse for all your support and some sensational dance moves to boot!!!

## Help for the Homeless

Pupils from Year 5 have been working with Project Salus on a youth participation programme. This has involved the children developing their leadership skills and giving them an opportunity to make a positive change to the lives of others.

Together, the children have decided to support the work of Porchlight, a charity that helps people who have nowhere to go and no-one to turn to. Some are homeless, others are struggling to cope with the pressures in their lives and need support to keep on track. Working across Kent and the south east, this charity helps vulnerable and isolated people get support with their mental health, housing, education and employment. Children, young people and adults are provided with advice, guidance and skills to live independently in the future, play an active role in their local community and fulfil their potential.

You can help by providing donations of:

Clothes (warm, good condition and clean), toothbrush and toothpaste, torches (preferably with batteries), food (canned or preserved), can opener, water and drinks (in a reusable bottle), blankets (thermal), tissues or wipes, boxes (reasonable sized). We will collect these in school and would ask that any donations are made by the 1<sup>st</sup> March.



## Prayer for the Week

*God, thank you for life, for family and for the world.*

*Class 3 Child*



## Dates for your



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**All dates may be subject to change so do please revisit these dates regularly!**

25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term 4
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair in the Hall 3.15 to 4 pm
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Book Fair in the Hall 3.15 to 4pm
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Author Visit to School
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day – Dress up
14 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Whole School to Bethany – Kidenza Concert
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Red Nose Day
25 <sup>th</sup> Mar To 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Colliers Green Road Closed; Staggered Drop Off
5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Service at St Dunstan's (time tbc) Last Day of Term 4
8 <sup>th</sup> April 2019 to 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019 Easter Holiday	
23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	Start of Term 5 Class Photos
6 <sup>th</sup> May 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – no children in school Last Day of Term 5
27 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 to 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019 Half Term	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Start of Term 6