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Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for your understanding and patience on Friday when we experienced a serious power cut to the school. We apologise for the disruption and inconvenience that this caused. Thankfully, over the weekend engineers were able to repair the fault and restore power. Please be mindful of the large hole on the pavement opposite the school and use care when approaching and moving past this obstacle. Barriers are clearly positioned around the hole to prevent access. The energy company will be returning to resurface this area.

World Book Day

Although our world book day celebrations were disrupted by the power cut it was still lovely to see the children in their outfits and to be able to share this with parents in the world book day parade. All the children took part in a world book day assembly where there was a very competitive teachers vs students book quiz.

Library Visits

As part of world book day and also to encourage reading for pleasure Year 5 and 4 visited Rochester library last week and have received library cards and taken out books. Year 6 and 3 will be visiting the library this week. My thanks to Mrs O'Connor for organising these events.

Lent

Last week marked the beginning of Lent a time in the church's year when we remember the time Jesus spent in the wilderness preparing himself for his ministry. During Lent we are thinking about how we can be better people. Father Neil celebrated Ash Wednesday Mass for the school on Wednesday afternoon and the children have received their Missio boxes to raise money for our Lentern appeal. Within class, the children have been thinking of their own Lentern promises.

CAFOD Visit

On Thursday we welcomed a volunteer from CAFOD who gave an assembly, delivered workshops to classes and led staff training on the work of CAFOD around the world. The CAFOD volunteer explored Catholic School Teaching with the children and talked about ways that we can help others. Based on this visit we will be undertaking some events to support the work of CAFOD in the near future.

Year 6 Secondary School Offers

Year 6 parents will have received their secondary school offers last week (Tuesday 1st March). For further information please visit the Medway government secondary admissions page.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1061/applying_for_a_secondary_school_place/4

PTA Doughnut Fund Raiser

My thanks to the PTA for organising the Doughnut fundraising initiative and for distributing the doughnuts. Hopefully everyone who ordered their doughnuts enjoyed them. This will raise much needed funds for the school.

Future Events

Year 5 Parish Mass – Monday 7th March

During Lent each class in KS2 (Yr. 3 – Yr. 6) will take part in a parish Mass. We hope that this will help the children's understanding of the Mass while also giving them the experience of visiting the church which we have not been able to do over the last two years. On Monday morning Year 5 will be visiting St. John Fisher church to take part in a parish Mass.

Year 1 Class Trip to Rochester Guildhall Museum

As part of Year 1's topic on the Victorians they will be visiting the Rochester guildhall Museum to learn about Victorian toys. The trip will take place on Tuesday 8th March please ensure the children have a weatherproof coat.





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Year 6 and 3 Library Visit

Year 6 will be visiting Rochester library on Monday 7th March in the afternoon. Year 3 will be visiting the library on Wednesday 9th March. During the visit they will participate in a story-time session.

Poetry by Heart – Friday 11th March

We will be taking part in the Poetry by Heart competition which is a free national poetry competition which hopes to inspire poetry enjoyment and offers children the chance to perform at Shakespeare's Globe theatre. There are so many benefits to performing poetry and we hope that children will be encouraged to enter the competition. A letter has been sent home explaining the details and how children can take part. The event will take place in this Friday's assembly.

Medway Music Association Spring Concert – Tuesday 15th March

Our Choir will be participating in the MMA spring choir concert on Tuesday 15th March.

KM Charity Team – Young Cookery Competition

Children aged 7-11 years are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

The idea is to encourage all young people to roll up their sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be – while learning vital life skills along the way! Further details can be found at

<https://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/youngcooks/>

Medway Music Association – Free Easter Music Courses 2022

Junior Band Day, for beginner to Grade 1 standard players of ANY instrument, aged 7 +, Monday 4th April 9:30 – 15:00 at Rainham Mark Grammar School. This day will consist of a variety of fun musical activities including for example, general musicianship, ensemble playing and musical games. Should you be interested in your child taking part in this day, please see the application form that has been sent via ParentMail today.

Year R Outside Area

We are in the process of developing our Year R outside area, garden and mud kitchen. If you are able to donate any unwanted (medium / large sized) patio / plant pots etc., your donation(s) would be gratefully received.

Safeguarding

Members of the public and professionals can use a referral and contact form to report any safeguarding concerns about a child or a young person to Medway's First Response service. Once the form has been submitted, it will be reviewed and assessed and action will be taken. Please use the following link: Report a child safeguarding concern | Concerned about a child | Medway Council You can also phone 01634 334466 or use the 24-hour emergency number 03000 419 191. You can also call NSPCC on 0808 800 5000, Child Line on 0800 1111 or Medway Police on 01622 690 690.

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200170/children_and_families/600/concerned_about_a_child/2

Please find below useful links to help keep children safe.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

<http://www.mscc.org.uk/>

To view or download a copy of a parent guide from NSPCC about 'PANTS' and how to keep your child safe from abuse click the link below: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/pants/pants-2018/pants-parents-guide-online.pdf>

E-Safety Think u Know is a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline. It provides lots of guidance on E- safety <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Breakfast club

With the relaxation of restrictions and the return to commuting to work for some we would just like to remind you of our breakfast club provision. Places are available and should you like more information please email

breakfastclub@stwilliamperth.medway.sch.uk

Praise Assembly Celebrations!

House Points. Team house winner this week: Yellow

Merit Award Well done to the following children who received a merit award certificate in today's Praise Assembly.

Albie YR, Amelia Y 1, Enyinna Y 2, Nia Rae Y 3, Vilte Y 4, Queen Y 5, Ava Y 6.





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End of Term 4

The governors have agreed to an early finish on Friday 1st April. Therefore school will finish for all year groups at 1:30pm Friday 1st April.

Finally our thoughts and prayers are with the people of Ukraine. We pray that God will bring peace and an end to this destructive conflict.

Yours sincerely,

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Lent: This is the Mission Together Prayer. You may like to say this prayer with your children at home:

May all children

In the World

Share love

Share friendship and live

In the peace

Of God's love

Now and forever

Amen

	Diary Dates – <i>Subject to Change</i>	
March		
Monday 7 th	Y6 Rochester Library visit	
Tuesday 8 th	Y1 Class Trip – Rochester Guildhall Museum	
Wednesday 9 th	Y3 Rochester Library visit	
Tuesday 15 th	Medway Music Spring Festival – Choir performance at Central Theatre	
Thursday 17 th	School Class Photographs	
Friday 25 th	Wear A Hat Day – in support of Brain Tumour Research	Details to follow
Wednesday 30 th	Y5 Class Trip – Rochester Guildhall Museum	
April		
Friday 1 st	Last day of Term 4 – Early finish 1:30 pm	
4 th – 18 th	School Holiday – Children not in school	
Tuesday 19 th	First Day of Term 5 – Children return to school	
Wednesday 20 th	Bags 2 School – Charity collection – unwanted clothing shoes etc.	9am – Cycle compound

