

The Archer

School Newsletter No 4

DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

We have enjoyed a calm and positive start to Term 2.

OPEN EVENINGS

We look forward to welcoming you to our open evenings on Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th November, booking arrangements have already been forwarded prior to half term.

Please do not attend if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. You are very welcome to wear a mask on site if you wish. This is your first opportunity to have a face to face review meeting and to see your child's work in two years, I am sure you are looking forward to it as much as we are.

CHILDREN IN NEED

The annual Children In Need charity event is taking place on Friday 19th November. We will be having a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation. Leaflets with QR codes will be sent home next week for you to scan and make payment directly to Children In Need – just remember to add the school name when making your payment!

PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting is at 6.30pm on Wednesday 10th November following Open Evening. This will be held in our conference room in the administration corridor.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR

Don't forget to put the PTA Christmas Fair in your diary for after school on Friday 3rd December. If you are able to offer any help with the Christmas Fair or any future events, we would very much like your help. Please complete the PTA helpers form which can be accessed via this link if you are able to help:

<https://forms.gle/nDuumkVecR74JvLk9>

Your help would be greatly appreciated

5th November 2021

Kent Community NHS Trust – Child Flu Vaccination Programme

Just a reminder that the school nurses will be in school on Friday 26th November for the annual whole school flu vaccination programme. If you wish your child to be included, please go to <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft> to complete the parental consent form before 23rd November. Full details have already been emailed to all parents – if you have any questions relating to the flu vaccine, please check your emails for contact numbers for the school nurses.

ADMISSIONS – NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 2022

If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 then now is the time to start your applications. Please go to your home authority's website Bexley or Kent (who do you pay your council tax to?) to start the application process. Applications close on 17th January 2022 for both Bexley and Kent.

WEBSITE

Please keep up to date with our curriculum blogs on the website. It has also been updated with a translation button whereby pages can be translated into a multitude of foreign languages.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Did you know that if you are in receipt of;

- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Your child is entitled to Free School Meals.

You may not want school dinners at the moment as your child has packed lunches, but if you complete an online form and are entitled to a free school meal, this may become more enticing with the cold weather upon us and Christmas dinner just around the corner. Free school meals amount to a saving of £50 a month - £2.50 per day.

Please only apply if your child IS NOT already in receipt of Free School Meals. You can apply direct on:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals> or Pamela Hill will be more than happy to help you complete the form – please call the school on 01322 225694 ext 214