

# THE ARCHER

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 1

## DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

Welcome back to the 2020/21 academic year. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer. I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks - please stay safe.

Mr Langridge

## COVID-19

Thank you to everyone for their support in making our transition into the 'new' normal as smooth as possible. We have carefully followed Government guidance in putting together our package of measures to protect all members of the Wentworth Family, the children, the parents and the staff. As with all measures they are only effective if adhered to. Please therefore ensure you socially distance whenever on site, follow the one gate in-one gate out system and vacate the premises as soon as you collect your child.

## Staffing

We welcome several new staff to the school. Mrs Connolly joins us as an Assistant Headteacher, with responsibility for lower KS2, Mrs Potts joins us as Year 2 teacher and Miss McClure, Mrs Archdeacon and Mrs Taylor join us as Teaching Assistants. Mrs Lamb and Miss Boreham have both started their teacher training with us as KMT (Kent & Medway

Training) trainees. Mrs Lamb is in Year 2 and Miss Boreham in Year 6. I know you will make them all very welcome.

Congratulations to Mrs Lamb who achieved a 1<sup>st</sup> in her degree course, to Mrs Davies for successfully passing her NPQSL (National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders) and Mrs Reeve for attaining HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) status.

## *Meet The Teacher*

*Towards the start of the school year, we would normally hold a 'Meet the Teacher' evening for parents of children in years 1 through to 6. Due to the current situation, we are unable to hold these meetings. We will therefore be distributing letters to each year group over the next few weeks to disseminate the information that would normally be shared.*

## *Year 1 Toilets*

*We were successful with a bid to the Conditions Improvement Fund for the complete refurbishment of the Year 1 toilet block. The work was carried out over the summer holidays and completed last weekend at the cost of approximately £150,000. We are continually striving to improve the fabric and resources of the school for the benefit of the children - this goes a long way towards this aim. We have now benefitted from £500,000 worth of bids in the past 2 years*



## SEND AWARD

The school has been successful in achieving the Optimus SEND Inclusion Award (SENDIA) recognising the good SEND practice within the school.

The award application process was started by Mrs Reilly and completed by Mrs Simcock. This is a fitting tribute to Mrs Reilly for the commitment she showed to the support of our SEND children and their families.

## NEW CATERERS

Our new caterers 'Nourish' started operation last week. They have successfully adapted to the routines we have had to implement and are serving good quality, nutritious meals. The weekly menu can be seen on our website.

**Kitchen vacancy :**  
Kitchen assistant required for Wentworth primary school Term time only for 12.5 hrs per week  
Please contact Lynne on 07908292451 from Nourish.

## CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo has been very well received by the parents I have spoken to. Please register using the sign up information distributed last week, if you haven't already done so. This enables effective communication between home and the school.

## Sports installations



During the holiday we had two sports ends installed on the KS2 playground. These can be utilised for football, netball, basketball, cricket and hockey. In addition, the section of playing field adjacent to the James Road car park is being re-turfed, with the removal of the hedgerow and the installation of two further sports ends. Along with the daily mile/sprint track, this further enhances our sport and PE curriculum delivery as well as increasing our playtime activities.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES

**As previously explained we will not be able to deliver our normal comprehensive club programme due to the restrictions we are operating under. This will be reviewed as guidance changes.**

## SECONDARY TRANSFER

Those parents who wished their Year 6 children to be considered for grammar school places will have registered with either the Kent or Bexley local authorities earlier in the summer.

Tests have been delayed due to the COVID crisis with the Kent tests scheduled for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October and the Bexley tests during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

I am currently waiting for guidance regarding the secondary transfer process to be published. Once received, I will provide a synopsis to all year 6 parents.



