

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a really positive start to the new school year. We have lots of events to look forward to and teachers are busy planning in exciting learning opportunities both in and out of the classroom. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need to discuss anything or find me on the gate before/after school.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Thursday 2nd October at 2.15pm in St Mary's Church, Chilham. This year we will be collecting for The Canterbury Food Bank. Please make donations using the information below. The PTA will kindly be selling refreshments for you to enjoy.

Send a Text from your mobile phone*

You will be charged your donation plus your standard network rate.

£1 – text **FOOD1** to **70201**

£3 – text **FOOD1** to **70331**

£5 – text **FOOD1** to **70970**

£10 – text **FOOD1** to **70191**

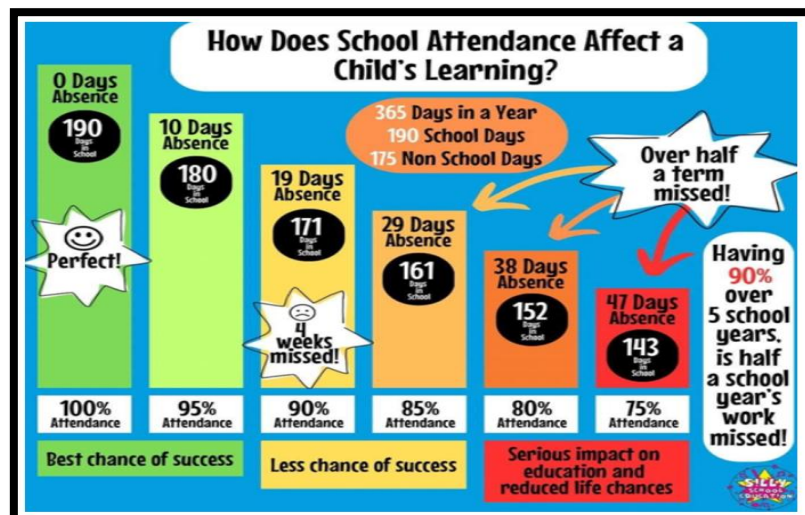


PE Kits

Children should be wearing their school PE kit for all PE lessons. Wearing the correct kit helps ensure that students stay focused on their lessons rather than comparing tracksuits. Additionally, wearing their house t-shirts helps them feel part of our school community. We appreciate your support in maintaining a positive and inclusive learning environment.

Attendance

Last year, our attendance was well below national figures at 92.3%. This year, improving attendance is a key priority in our School Development Plan. Being in school every day is vital to prevent gaps in learning from developing and to ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed.



Year 6 Cathedral Day

On Friday 4th November, our Year 6 children will be joining pupils from other Church of England Primary Schools at Canterbury Cathedral. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a variety of workshops and prayer space activities, helping them to explore and deepen their faith in a meaningful way.

The day will conclude with a special act of worship in the Cathedral, where our school has been given the honour of leading a prayer for the whole congregation.

Further details, including arrangements for the day, will be shared with you shortly.

Christmas Fair

We will be holding a small Christmas Fair in the Village Hall on Friday 28th November from 3.30pm-5.30pm. If you would like a stall or could offer to help run a stall please see Miss Dolan or the school office.



Dates for the diary

Below are some dates for your diaries so far this term. When other dates get added we will inform you all.

Tuesday 30 th September	Martins and Peacocks trip to Monkton Nature Reserve
Thursday 2 nd October	Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church at 2.15pm
Friday 17th October	Break up for Half Term at 3.15pm
Monday 27 th October	Return to school
Tuesday 28 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Wednesday 29 th October	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Tuesday 4 th November	Year 6 visit to Cathedral Day at Canterbury Cathedral
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Fair from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the Village Hall
Friday 5 th December	Whole School trip to the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime
Thursday 11 th December	Nativity play in St Mary's Church at 2pm
Sunday 14 th December	Carols in the Square from 6pm
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Disco in Village Hall from 3.30pm
Friday 19th December	Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

Many thanks,

Miss Dolan