



Chilham St Mary's CEP School Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2019

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Dear Parents and Carers

Forest School

What a fantastic addition to our school curriculum! The children have thoroughly enjoyed their sessions so far this term – learning new skills, developing teamwork, perseverance and resilience. Please note that when we come back after half term, Martins and Peacocks will be swapping to afternoon sessions and Herons and Wrens will have morning sessions. We are looking forward to exchanging the torrential rain to some frosty mornings and misty afternoons as autumn really sets in.

Harvest Festival

Monday 14th October from 2.00pm in Church – we would love you to join us for this celebration. We will continue to support Porchlight as our Harvest charity this year – the children gave amazing contributions when a representative from Porchlight came in to talk to them about the work the charity does – their comments were so insightful, showing genuine empathy and understanding and I was really proud of them all. We will be having a non-uniform fundraising day on **Friday 18th October** (last day of term 1), where all money donated will go directly to Porchlight. The theme of the day will be 'Heroes Against Homelessness' so the children can dress up as a superhero of their choice and wear their own mask design (templates have been given to each child). The School Council will judge the 3 best masks!

Owl Talk

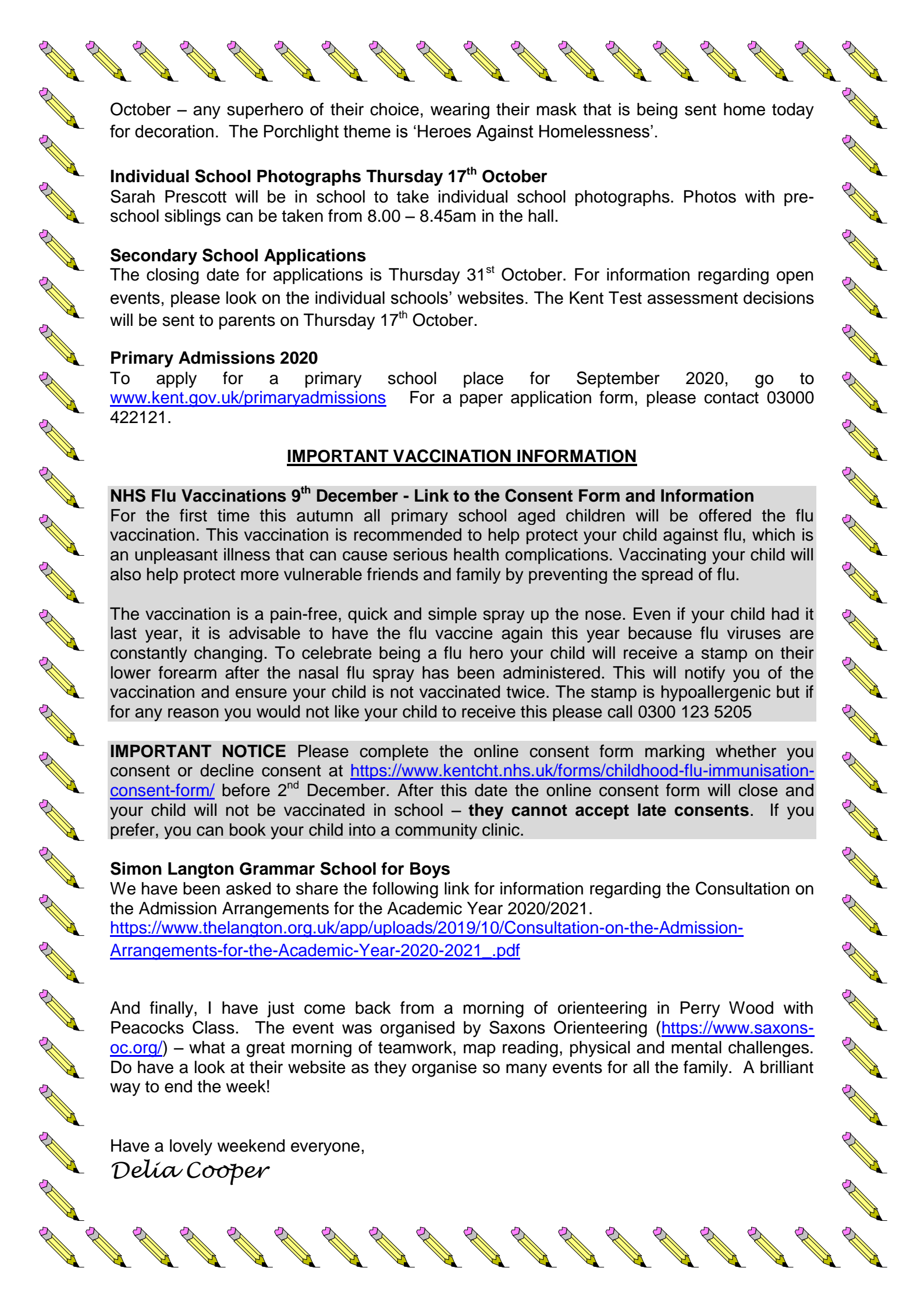
What an incredible experience to have real owls flying amongst us in the school hall! The visit from Owl Talk was such a memorable event and it was lovely to have the opportunity to have a photo taken with a barn owl sitting on my shoulder! On Monday afternoon, following Harvest Festival, Miss Harris will be selling pictures of your child with one of the owls, taken at our recent visit. The pictures are priced at £6.00 or £8.00 for two. Please remember that all the money collected goes directly to the charity. Without funding from schools and voluntary groups this amazing charity would not be able to continue.

Book Sale

We will be having a book sale every day after school next week. We have sorted out our class book shelves and the library shelves to make way for some new books which we hope will continue to inspire our children as readers. All books in the sale will be 20p each and all money raised will be used to buy new books for the library chosen by our Year 5 and 6 Librarians.

Porchlight

This will be our chosen charity for our harvest festival collection again this year. Rather than sending in food items, we would like the children to dress as a superhero on Friday 18th



October – any superhero of their choice, wearing their mask that is being sent home today for decoration. The Porchlight theme is 'Heroes Against Homelessness'.

Individual School Photographs Thursday 17th October

Sarah Prescott will be in school to take individual school photographs. Photos with pre-school siblings can be taken from 8.00 – 8.45am in the hall.

Secondary School Applications

The closing date for applications is Thursday 31st October. For information regarding open events, please look on the individual schools' websites. The Kent Test assessment decisions will be sent to parents on Thursday 17th October.

Primary Admissions 2020

To apply for a primary school place for September 2020, go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions For a paper application form, please contact 03000 422121.

IMPORTANT VACCINATION INFORMATION

NHS Flu Vaccinations 9th December - Link to the Consent Form and Information

For the first time this autumn all primary school aged children will be offered the flu vaccination. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu, which is an unpleasant illness that can cause serious health complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable friends and family by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccination is a pain-free, quick and simple spray up the nose. Even if your child had it last year, it is advisable to have the flu vaccine again this year because flu viruses are constantly changing. To celebrate being a flu hero your child will receive a stamp on their lower forearm after the nasal flu spray has been administered. This will notify you of the vaccination and ensure your child is not vaccinated twice. The stamp is hypoallergenic but if for any reason you would not like your child to receive this please call 0300 123 5205

IMPORTANT NOTICE Please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/childhood-flu-immunisation-consent-form/> before 2nd December. After this date the online consent form will close and your child will not be vaccinated in school – **they cannot accept late consents**. If you prefer, you can book your child into a community clinic.

Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys

We have been asked to share the following link for information regarding the Consultation on the Admission Arrangements for the Academic Year 2020/2021.

https://www.thelangton.org.uk/app/uploads/2019/10/Consultation-on-the-Admission-Arrangements-for-the-Academic-Year-2020-2021_.pdf

And finally, I have just come back from a morning of orienteering in Perry Wood with Peacocks Class. The event was organised by Saxons Orienteering (<https://www.saxons-oc.org/>) – what a great morning of teamwork, map reading, physical and mental challenges. Do have a look at their website as they organise so many events for all the family. A brilliant way to end the week!

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Delia Cooper



Dates for your Diary 2019/20

<u>TERM 1</u>	<u>TERM 2</u>	<u>TERM 3</u>
<p><u>Wednesday 4th September</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Thursday 12th September</u> Year 6 PESE (11+) Tests</p> <p><u>Tuesday 17th September</u> KM Photographs – Year R</p> <p><u>Monday 14th October</u> Harvest Celebration at Chilham Church, 2.00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday 17th October</u> Whole School Group Photographs</p> <p><u>Friday 18th October</u> END OF TERM 1</p>	<p><u>Monday 28th October</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Wednesday 30th October</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday 31st October</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Sunday 1st December (TBC)</u> Carols in the Square, 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday 12th December</u> Chilham Nativity at Chilham Church, 2.00pm</p> <p><u>Friday 13th December</u> Christmas Fair</p> <p><u>Wednesday 18th December</u> END OF TERM 2</p>	<p><u>Monday 6th January</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Thursday 13th February</u> END OF TERM 3</p>
<u>TERM 4</u>	<u>TERM 5</u>	<u>TERM 6</u>
<p><u>Monday 24th February</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Wednesday 26th February</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Thursday 27th February</u> Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.00pm</p> <p><u>Friday 27th March</u> Easter Service at Chilham Church, 2.00pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday 31st March</u> END OF TERM 4</p>	<p><u>Thursday 16th April</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>KS1 SATS</u> Throughout May</p> <p><u>KS2 SATS</u> 11th – 14th May</p> <p><u>Friday 22nd May</u> END OF TERM 5</p>	<p><u>Tuesday 2nd June</u> Children return to school</p> <p><u>Friday 5th June</u> Y5 Parent Consultations (PESE- 11+)</p> <p><u>8th – 12th June</u> Phonics Check Week</p> <p><u>8th – 19th June</u> Multiplication Times Tables Check – Year 4</p> <p><u>Wednesday 17th – Friday 19th June</u> Year 6 Residential Visit</p> <p><u>Friday 26th June</u> Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><u>Friday 3rd July</u> Back-up Sports Day (pm)</p> <p><u>Tuesday 21st July</u> Leavers' Assembly, Church 2pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday 22nd July</u> END OF TERM 6</p>
<p>INSET Days 2019/2020 (Teacher Training Days) Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September, Friday 14th February, Wednesday 1st April, Monday 1st June</p>		

All dates are subject to change