



4th November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share the news with you that Mr Mankelow and his wife welcomed their first baby, Jacob Tom Mankelow, into the world on Sunday 30th October. Mr Mankelow is currently on paternity leave but we are all hoping to meet Jacob very soon. Congratulations to the Mankelow family ☺

Class Trips

We are really keen to get classes out and about this year on trips that will enhance their learning. As a small school, we are often disadvantaged in terms of transport costs when hiring coaches, as the coach company charge a set price for their vehicles and drivers, rather than basing it on the number of pupils they are transporting – this can make the cost quite considerable when the class size is under 30. It is not always feasible or appropriate to send 2 classes to the same place. However, our wonderful PTA are going to supplement the costs of visits this year to the amount of £10 per pupil which will bring the cost down significantly. Please continue to support PTA events and help them out with person-power whenever possible as their fundraising efforts are so much appreciated and the children really do benefit.

PTA School Fundraising Orders

The School Fundraising Christmas Shop for purchases from your child's drawing have extended the closing date for orders to 11th November.

Forest School

Forest school sessions will be starting again **next week** and classes will keep to the same day and time as they had last term. (*Wrens – Wednesday afternoons; Herons – Tuesday mornings; Martins – Thursday afternoons; Peacocks – Tuesday afternoons*). My apologies to Martins Class as in my letter to you at the start of this week I said that the first forest school session would be Thursday 17th November – **the first session for Martins class will be next week, Thursday 10th November.**

The weather has definitely taken an autumnal turn, so do ensure your children are dressed appropriately for the cold and wet – thank you. Herons class should bring school uniform to change into in case they get wet or muddy (or both!). Thank you.

Dates for the term ahead

- Forest School sessions start week beginning 7th November
- Kent College Cross Country Event – Saturday 12th November
- Flu Immunisations Years R-6 – Wednesday 23rd November
- PTA Christmas Disco – Friday 9th December 3:30 – 5:00pm
- Nativity Service in the church – Tuesday 13th December at 2:00pm
- Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 14th December
- Last day of term 2 – Friday 16th December

My very best wishes

Delia Cooper

Headteacher

