



# Newsletter 24

19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 5. I hope that you had an enjoyable break and pupils return refreshed and ready for a busy term. Our events diary for this term will be available very shortly.

## **Easter Competition Winners**

Our Easter Raffle was drawn at the end of last term. The following lucky winners each received a hamper full of sweets and treats.

*J Irvine   A Uppal   E Lattimore   M Fletcher  
A McKenzie   S Holdsworth   H Franklin  
E Stevenson   K Kainth   R Chalk-Iles   F Singh  
G Maunder   G Hristozov   S Hilton   S Fairchild*

Our Easter Colouring Competition was also judged before the break. We had so many beautifully coloured pictures it was hard to choose our winners but congratulations to the following children who were awarded prizes.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Prize**

*Kayla – Star Class  
Leo – Flower Class  
Dara – Robin Class*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**

*Olly – Shell Class  
Arfa – Willow Class  
Khari – Flower Class*



## **Fundraising**

We recently held a sponsored skip/jump to raise money for our partner school in The Gambia. We still have some sponsor money that we are waiting to come in, but to date £1,642.05 has been received. This is a fantastic amount that will be sent to the Malang Beyai School. Thank you to everyone who contributed by sponsoring the children.



## **Earth Day**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April is National Earth Day. We will be taking the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful world with a geography themed day. We will also be thinking of ways in which we can help to look after our planet.



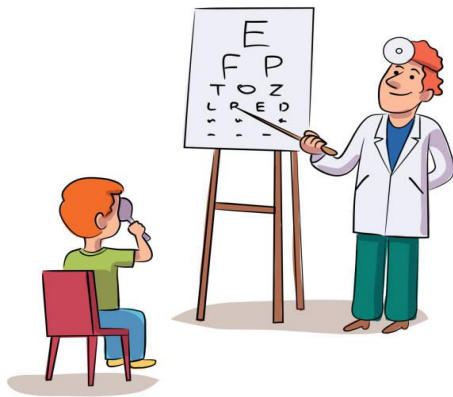
## **Polling Day**

Local elections are taking place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May. As our school is to be used as a polling station, please be reminded that school will be closed to pupils on this day.

## **Year R Hearing & Vision Screening**

The School Nursing Team will be visiting us in school on the 8<sup>th</sup> May to carry out vision and hearing

screening for our reception children. Further information regarding this has been sent out via Tapestry, along with a link to opt out if you **do not** wish your child to take part in this screening. If you would like a hard copy of the letter, please call into the school office.



### Starting School and Junior School Places

If you have a reception aged child starting school and have been offered a place with us in September 2024, you are required to email or bring your acceptance form and proof of address (i.e. latest council tax bill) into the school office by **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at the very latest.

May I please also remind our Year 2 parents that **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May** is also the deadline for accepting Junior School places.

### Census Day

We have another school census day coming up soon on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. There is a change to the lunch menu for this day. Further information on how your child receiving a school lunch on census day will help our school with the funding we receive from the government will be sent out shortly.

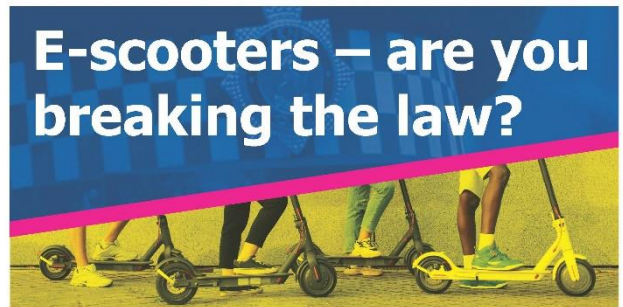
### Coats and Jumpers

The weather is very changeable and the playground chilly at this time of year. Please remember to send a jumper and coat in to school with your child every day. Thank you.



### E Scooters

A reminder that as e-scooters are classed as motor vehicles but it is not possible to obtain tax and insurance for them, it is illegal to ride them on public roads or footpaths. Please therefore do not bring e-scooters anywhere onto our school site. Thank you.



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



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#### **Think before you buy:**

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit [www.kent.police.uk/road-safety](http://www.kent.police.uk/road-safety)

### MMR Vaccinations

Following a rise in measles cases in London and England, the NHS are urging parents and carers to make sure their children are up-to-date with their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations. To do this you can check your child's red book, or check with your GP, who can offer MMR catch-up appointments. Measles can lead to serious illness, but it is preventable through two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Catch-up clinics are available to school-aged children and teens up 19 years old on **Saturday 27 April** and **Saturday 18 May** at the Clover Street Clinic in Chatham. To book an appointment visit <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/.../immunisation-community.../>

Kind regards.

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