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Dear Parents and Carers,




How proud we were this week of our wonderful Year 6 class who attended a special service on Remembrance Day in the Memorial Gardens. Their conduct was exceptional and this was noted by a Royal British Legion representative who visited the school. Thank you to everyone who purchased poppy items which raised much needed funds for The Royal British Legion.

**Christmas Pantomime Treat**

We are delighted to tell you that we have provisionally booked tickets for the whole school to attend a Pantomime in December as a special Christmas treat!

The school and the PTA will be contributing towards the cost of this special treat, but we are also kindly asking if parents can also make a donation of £4 per child to help with the cost of this joyful event. Thank you for your support to ensure that this magical event can happen.

Payments can be made via ParentPay.

**Friendship Week:**

Next week, we shall be celebrating Friendship Week and we invite all of the children to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November. This is a chance for the children to celebrate their individuality and what makes them unique!




**Reception Class 2027:**

It was a joy to meet so many prospective parents this week and our children were excellent ambassadors for our school. Many parents have commented on how lovely our school is and have noted how much we all look out for one another.

If we can please also just remind you that the online application site has now opened and if your child is due to start school next September, please register your choices of school as soon as possible at the following link: Primary school places - Kent County Council

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**Christmas Craft Club:**

Just a reminder that the Christmas Craft Club is taking place every night next week for those children who have pre-booked a place. We would be grateful if you could please make arrangements to collect your child at 4.30pm from the office on your chosen day.

We still have a few places available if you would like to book your child in for this event.

**Cycle Circle :**

Please find attached a message from Cycle Circle who run our Bikeability and Cycle Proficiency days in school for the children:

*Cycle Circle are running free bike checks, minor repairs and Learn-to-Fix workshops at The Coachworks on:*

- *Saturday 14 November*
- *Saturday 5 December*
- *Saturday 9 January*

*Free bike checks and minor repairs are available from 10am to 12 noon, followed by the Learn-to-Fix workshop from 12.30pm to 2.30pm. The sessions are ideal for adults and family groups.*

*We are also holding a festive 10-mile Christmas bike ride from The Coachworks at 12 noon on Saturday 19 December. Participants are encouraged to dress up and decorate their bikes!*

*Booking is recommended at:*

*https://bbr.cyclinguk.org/?cycle-circle-limited*

*A flyer is attached with more information.*

**Ashford Borough Council Christmas Card Competition:**

Please find attached a message from Ashford Borough Council:

*We're inviting primary school aged children (4 to 11 years) from across Ashford and Tenterden to draw, colour or paint a festive image related to the borough to become the council's annual Christmas eCard.*

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*The winning design will be incorporated into our Christmas eCard which will be sent out to local businesses and organisations throughout the borough. We'll also be showcasing the winning design across our social media channels!*

*The winner and two runners up will be invited to have tea with the Chief Executive and Mayor of Ashford, Cllr Winston Michael, at International House in the Mayor's Parlour where the winner will be presented with a £30 Waterstones voucher, with the runners up each receiving a £10 voucher.*

*As an added festive treat, we'll also arrange for 10 physical cards to be printed, so the winner and runners up can personally send their artwork to their family and friends in time for Christmas.*

*The closing date for entries is* ***Monday 23rd November 2026***

*Visit our website for the full competition guidelines and how to submit your entry*

*https://www.ashford.gov.uk/news/latest-news/ashford-borough-councils-christmas-card-design-competition-is-back/*

**Dates for the Diary:**

**Monday 16th November -** Odd Socks Day! The children are invited to wear odd socks to school today to celebrate the start of Friendship Week. Christmas Craft club for those children who have booked a place.

**Tuesday 17th November -** Christmas Craft Club after school.

**Wednesday 18th November -** Year 6 Class Mass - Y6 Parents and Carers are welcome to attend, please just arrive for 9.10am. Year 3 - Silly Dress Up Day! Christmas Craft Club afterschool.

**Thursday 19th November -** Christmas Craft Club after school.

Kind regards,

Lisa Huotari

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**Headteacher**