

THANET NEWS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year, we hope you all enjoyed the holidays and it is lovely to see everyone back in school so eager to learn again.



Uniform

Thank you for sending the children back looking smart in their uniforms. We realise Christmas is an expensive time of the year and appreciate you making sure the children are appropriately dressed. Please be mindful of what is appropriate for school and to try to keep accessories to a minimum. Tights and socks should be grey or black please.

While the weather is cold and damp, please make sure children are wearing winter coats, tights, hats etc. to keep them warm at lunch and playtimes. Just a reminder that school shoes should be predominantly black.



PE days are as follows and all children should have an indoor kit of a plain red t-shirt and navy blue shorts as well as outdoor kit in case lessons are outdoors.

Monday—none

Tuesday—Year 4

Wednesday—Year 1 and Year 5

Thursday—Year 2 and Year 6

Friday- Reception and Year 3

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs J Machon, Mrs Shortman and the Thanet Staff

DIARY DATES:

Monday 10th & Wednesday 12th February—Parents' Consultation appointments

Tuesday 11th February—stay and maths session

Friday 14th February- break for half-term

Monday 24th February—return after half-term

Thursday 5th March—World Book Day

Tuesday 24th March—movie night

Friday 3rd April—break for Easter

New Staff

We are really pleased to welcome Miss Bell to Thanet, who will be teaching in Year 1 for the rest of this year and her class will now be known as 1BB. Miss Bell previously taught at Biggin Hill. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Nicholls back in a part-time role to support the development of Read Write Inc phonics in Year 1, working with individual children.

Mr Ogram has joined as a Year 5 teacher for the rest of the year and his class will now be known as 5TO. Mr Ogram has many years of experience teaching across the city and beyond.

We also welcome four teaching students on placement: Miss Callow in Year 6, Mrs Todd in 3NS, Miss Hodges in 3JF and Miss Corney in RAR.

They are all settling in really well and it's great to have them on the Thanet team!



Reading Trial

Our Year 6 children were lucky enough to be part of an online reading trial on Thursday. The trial will help them to become more fluent readers and also build up their vocabulary. They will be accessing the programme for the next few weeks in school and can also access it at home. The children loved the demonstration and we look forward to seeing the impact over the next few weeks. Every minute spent reading is a minute well spent!



Dodgeball

Congratulations to our two Year 5/6 dodgeball teams who took part in an inter-school tournament yesterday. Both teams really enjoyed themselves. Congratulations to our children who came third overall!

Times Table Champions

Congratulations to these children in Year 4 who have worked really hard to learn their times tables! Since September Miss Abbey has set her class the challenge of learning all of their times tables and these children relished the challenge and now know all of the multiplication facts to 12 x 12. A huge well done to them and hopefully more children will be following along soon.

School Council

Our School Council have made a good start creating 'eco bricks' but now need your help please! They have a vision of making eco-friendly furniture such as a bench or table. To achieve their aim, they will need lots of **clean** empty plastic bottles (2 litre size preferably) and plastic packaging to fill them with. This could be food wrappers, plastic bags, wrapping paper with glitter—anything plastic that is clean and can be stuffed into an empty bottle. Please send your donations in to school with your child and we will create a central collection in school. It's great to think our children could soon be making something useful from our waste!

