



In A Nutshell

Headteacher's Newsletter Autumn Term 2020 Week 7

Dear All,

The Autumn weather is definitely settling in now and the rain appears yet again to know when it is home time! Please remember that children require a warm coat in school daily even if the weather looks like it will be OK.

This week, Year 4 have been on the first school trip out since last year. We were really proud of their behaviour at Butser Ancient Farm and they were very excited to learn about their topic in real life. The weather held out for archaeology, making jewellery, chalk design and learning to spin wool! They experienced life in a roundhouse and visited a Roman villa ready for the 'How Did The Roman's Change Britain?' topic after half term.



The Head and Deputy Pupils and Prefects were very excited about their first ambassador role; as on Wednesday, Night Watch came to collect the most generous amount of Harvest Festival donations from our Hamsey Green community. They were very grateful and said that the goods will be put to use immediately.

This week has been the launch of Black History. As a school, we want to ensure we promote diversity across the whole year, not just for a week. The staff constantly review the Curriculum and adapt plans with this as a priority. Linking to their topics, classes have learnt about celebrating black culture, clothing and music, influential and inspiring sports people, musicians, scientists and from the armed forces.

As you are aware, the Government announced the new tier system this week. We are continuously updating the schools risk assessments; I will write next week with any further updates from this half term. Please think about how holiday plans may impact on school sessions after half term.

I hope you have all managed to log in to Show My Homework now. Thank you to those of you who needed some patience whilst we troubleshooted. Hopefully the system is running smoothly now. Please let us know if you have any issues. This will be the method of remote learning if we were to close a pod or be subject to a local lockdown. This half term I am pleased to say that our schools attendance still meets National Expectations! Well done!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mace

As the weather is now getting colder. Please ensure your children come to school with a coat. As the classroom doors are open for COVID regulations, it may be worth the children wearing thermal vests so that they do not get cold in the classrooms. Thank you.



Parent Consultations

Week beginning Monday 19th October 2020

Please be reminded that these consultations will take place next week over the phone. Please ensure that you have booked your time slot. Monday's bookings are now closed.



We have some items from the Royal British Legion for the Poppy Appeal this year for purchasing. Please can children bring the correct money for what they would like, which will be put into the sealed collection box. These will be being sold, subject to availability, all of next week and after half term.



Year 6 transfer to Secondary School

The deadline for the Secondary School applications to Surrey or Croydon is coming up. It is recommended that online applications are received by Friday 23rd October (deadline is Saturday 31st October). If you require a paper application form, please ring 0300 200 1004. Paper applications should arrive no later than 31st October).

Please can you also remember to return the slip to us, to let us know that you have made your application. Thank you.

Tandridge Learning Trust

CHRISTMAS IS COMING AND SO IS OUR CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION!

We are launching an exciting competition across our primary schools to design the front cover of the annual Trust Christmas card. We are looking for a creative Christmas-themed design which uses the Trust's colours and a Christmas gold colour.

The picture needs to be:

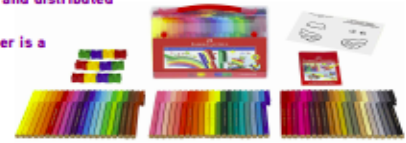
- A4 size (210mm x 297mm) or square (210mm x 210mm)
- Drawn and coloured in using felt tip pens, or painted
- Christmas-themed

• Attractive and colourful using the purple, green and gold colours on this poster

Each Primary School will pick the two best pictures to go to the Trustees who will pick an overall winning design.

The winning design will be used on the front of this year's Christmas card which will be professionally-printed and distributed throughout the community.

The prize for the overall winner is a set of 60 colouring pens.



Mufti Day—Friday 23rd October

Children can come to school in mufti on this day. Please ensure they are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions including suitable shoes for the adventure play area.

The £1.00 donation should be paid via School Money and will go towards school enrichment.

Coming up next week...

- Parent consultation phone calls.

Letters that have come out this week

- Butterworth Class new arrival/dismissal procedures
- Year 6 SATs information by email

Attendance:

1st Place : Murphy (2) 100%

2nd Place: Kinney (3) 99.6%

3rd Place: Inkpen (R) 99.2%

Whole School: 97.6%



PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE TO PEDESTRIANS
OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL WALKING ON THE
PAVEMENT AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY BY
NOT BLOCKING DRIVEWAYS, NOT PARKING ON
THE ZIG ZAG LINES, PARKING IN FRONT OF THE
SCHOOL GATES OR BLOCKING THE PAVEMENT

Rosalind Brookman, writer for The Caterham and District Independent newspaper is pleased to announce a new writing competition for primary school-age children, and we would like to invite our school to take part. They are accepting any kind of creative writing: a story, a poem, a report, an interview...anything they like, as long as it has a festive/winter theme! The winner will have their entry printed in the December edition of the paper, shared on their social media, and they will also receive a prize. Full details are below and, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Rosalind.

The Caterham and District Independent Festive Writing Competition

1. All entrants must be in years 3 to 6
2. Each entry can take the form of any type of creative writing (story, poem, report, interview etc.) but it must have a festive/winter theme
3. Each entry must be no longer than 350 words
4. We can accept only one entry per child and it must be their own work
5. Entries must include the child's name, age and school

Entries should be posted to the following address:

The Caterham and District Independent
Soper Hall
Harestone Valley Road
Caterham, CR3 6HY

no later than Wednesday 18 November 2020



Word of the Week

(KS1) **Awful**—very bad or unpleasant

(KS2 lower) **Abode** — a place of residence; a house or home

(KS2 Upper) **Excoriating** — criticising someone heavily

Symptoms of coronavirus in children

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if they have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result – only leave your home to have a test.
3. Anyone you live with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home until you get the result.