

Friday 24th January 2020

Weekly Newsletter

At the beginning of term I launched three competitions and I have been pleased to see a large number of children have already submitted their entries. The three are:

- *Handwriting Competition* **deadline 27th January,**
- *Design with Google Eyes (collect 'eyes' from me)* **deadline 3rd February, and**
- *Story Writing Competition* **deadline 10th February.** Further information is to be found in the grey drawers on the conservatory bar.

On Tuesday we were pleased to welcome Mr Thompson to tell the children more about Yomelelani. The children asked relevant questions including the tricky ones; why are there no white children at the school and, do they have tomato sauce? Our suitcase is fast filling up, we could do with some light puzzles now, as the books are quite heavy. The case will be taken by Mr Keepin to Yomelelani, South Africa next Thursday.

On **Wednesday** our U11/10 Touch Rugby squad travelled to Tonbridge to take on Hilden Oaks. While the match was taking place a joint training session also ran, giving the squad a chance to improve their skills before bringing them into the game. A strong start led to Fosse taking an early lead that they never relinquished. Everyone played their part, with children taking advice and putting it into action. Well done to the whole squad, and we look forward to a home fixture against Hilden Grange next Wednesday.



Thursday started with Y4's class assembly, who had a wonderful time showing the school their recent learning about Chinese New Year. The children retold the story of the Zodiac race, created a dragon dance and explained how the Chinese Mandarin Number system works. Chinese New Year celebrations start on Saturday and will be welcoming in the year of the Rat!



On **Thursday** our U9/8 Touch Rugby squad also took on Hilden Oaks, this time at home. Due to the success of the previous day it was decided to involve the whole squad again in order to give them match experience, so another training session was taking place as the match was played. This time it was Hilden Oaks that started the better with three quick tries. Fosse fought back strongly, with everyone playing their part in very enjoyable match. Unfortunately we didn't do quite enough to bridge the gap. Well played all.



A question of hats. After much consideration and consultation about the wearing of hats to school these are the new rules. All children must wear their school hat, caps for boys, felt hats for girls, when on school trips, whether that is trips to Hildenborough or further afield. All must also wear their hat to and from school on Fridays; this day has been picked because it is not a sport day. From Monday to Thursday hats may be worn and in cold weather these can be the formal school hat or the woolly hat.

Please would you ensure that school shoes are brought to school if your children come to school in trainers ready for sports lessons or running club. We are struggling to contain the mud brought in on trainers!

Some of you may be aware that one of our listed pillars at the beginning of our main driveway unfortunately was struck by a lorry for the second time recently. The repair works are due to start in the February half term (when Holiday Club is on) to try and cause as little disruption as possible. During these works, the entrance to our main school driveway will be closed and a diversion will be put in place that will bring you into school via the Stables nursery entrance. Can I please remind you that there is a 5mph speed limit on the driveway next to the Stables nursery. The exit on the main school driveway will still be in use so can I please ask that you use this when exiting. Many thanks for your patience

I am very conscious that parents of our youngest children often drop off and collect children on different days and times from each other so perhaps do not see other parents as often as parents of older children. For this reason there will be a coffee morning on **Friday 7th February** 9.00-10ish for anyone who would like to come. I know many will be working, but if you are on maternity leave or can make this date, it would be good to get together.

As is usual with the time of year we are experiencing a high level of illness across the year groups. In order to prevent the spread of infections please do keep your child at home if they have been unwell with sickness, an upset stomach or a high temperature. If your child does require medication please drop this into the school office and complete a Medicine form.

Please note next Friday our local MP, Mr Tom Tugendhat will be visiting the school and having lunch with some of the children.

Items on Parentmail that may require action:

- **Y6 Bikeability** invoices have been applied to ParentMail accounts will as per usual, need to be cleared prior to the club occurring. The deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 3rd February**.
- **Y5 trip to Chocolate Museum** invoices have been applied to ParentMail accounts. The deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 3rd February**.
- **Y6 trip to Biggin Hill** – an invoice has been applied for this trip. The deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 27th January 2020**.
- **World Book Day Workshop** – West End Schools will be coming in to run Drama workshops with a World Book Day theme for Reception to Y6. Cost is £4.00 and deadline for payment to be received is **Monday 10th February 2020**.
- **French Trip** – two instalments for the remaining payments are now available.

Have you heard about the Coats for Kids project? Miss Greener has taken on the role of co-ordinator for Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells and has already homed a large number of coats with local food banks and domestic abuse charities.

There are drop off points across the local area but the school is also acting as one so if you have any coats from baby up to older teens with zips that work, which you no longer need then please do bring them in to the School Office.

If you know of any local charities or initiatives, nurseries etc. that could spread the word of this nationwide community project please do let them know.

For more information please email Miss Greener via coatsforkidstwellsandtonbridge@outlook.com or visit the Coats for Kids Facebook [page](#).



Finally, please be aware that Holiday Club bookings for February close on Monday so please ensure you have completed this if required.

Best wishes

Alison Cordingley
Headmistress

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22 nd January	U11/10 Rugby v Hilden Oaks (venue TBC)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 23 rd January	Y4 Class assembly (parents invited)	9.00am – 9.30am
Thursday 23 rd January	U9/8 Rugby v Hilden Oaks (venue TBC)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 29 th January	U11/10s mixed touch rugby v Hilden Grange (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 5 th February	Inter-House Netball for Years 3-6	2.30pm – 3.45pm
Thursday 6 th February	Y1/2 Assembly (parents invited)	9.00am – 9.30am
Thursday 6 th February	U9/8 rugby v Mead (TBA)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Wednesday 12 th February	U11/10 Netball v Hilden Grange (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 13 th February	U9/8 Tag Rugby v Beechwood (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 13 th February	U9/8 Netball v Sevenoaks Prep (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Friday 14 th February	School Council Takeover day	
17 th – 21 st February	<i>Half term (Holiday Club available)</i>	
Tuesday 25 th February	Reception to Farmers Market for Pancake races	9.30am – 10.30am
Wednesday 26 th February	U10/11 Netball v Beechwood (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 27 th February	U9/8 Netball v The Mead (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Tuesday 3 rd March	Individual Music Concert	4.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	
Thursday 5 th March	Poetry Recital	9.00am – 10.15am
Thursday 5 th March	Starry Night stories Reception to Y4 – 5.30pm – 6.30pm Y5 to Y6 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm	
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 Netball v Russell House (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 5 th March	U9/8 rugby v Mead (home)	2.30pm – 5.00pm
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day Dress up (book characters)	
Friday 6 th March	Fosse Association Quiz	7pm onwards
Saturday 7 th March	Open Day	10.00 – 12.30pm
9 th – 13 th March	Open Week	
Wednesday 11 th March	U11/10 Netball v Russell House (home)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 12 th March	Inter-house Cross Country for Sports Relief	2.00pm – 3.30pm
Friday 13 th March	Y5 to Brixton Chocolate museum	9.00am – 4.00pm
Wednesday 18 th March	U11/10 Mixed Hockey v Beechwood (away)	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday 19 th March	Inter-house Touch Rugby (Y3-6)	2.30pm – 3.45pm
Friday 20 th March	Mother's Day Ritzy Tea	2.30pm – 3.30pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Spring Concert	6.30pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Parents Evening	4.00pm – 8.00pm
Thursday 26 th March	Easter Service/Activities at Church - Y3-6	9.30am – 11.00am

See more comprehensive diary dates on the school website [here](#)