



Senacre Wood Primary School

Newsletter

Term 2 – Friday 11 November 2016

Cancer Research Donation Update

I am extremely pleased to confirm that with the support of parents and staff we have raised an amazing £6,976.34 for Cancer Research, following our Shine Walk, and various fund-raising activities. Well done everyone and thank you!

Children in Need

On Friday 18 November, we will be supporting “Children in Need”. The School Council, who once again have organised the activities, will be running a cake stall, tombola, and Pudsey Raffle.

- *Cake donations would be much appreciated.* Cakes on sale from 30p
- Pudsey Raffle – Tickets 10p each.
- Tombola – 10p a go

On the day children are encouraged to wear something spotty with their school uniform, ie, socks, scarves, hat etc.

Good to be Green

Congratulations to Kai Kamundi and Henry Chapman who received their Good to be Green Certificate this week.

Celebration Assembly

Oak Class	Alex Tonev ~ For super reading at home and school. Grace Brown ~ For showing better focus on the carpet.
Ash Class	Jessica Timson ~ For trying hard in maths this week. Finley Murr ~ For always showing “green behaviour”.
Beech Class	Bronwyn Powell ~ A lovely memorial design for Remembrance Day. Noah Platts ~ A terrific memorial design for Remembrance Day. Matthew Vernau – Chapman ~ A wonderful Rangoli picture.
Rowan Class	Ella Garrett ~ For developing confidence in her maths. George Kybert ~ Consistently producing neatly presented work.
Willow Class	Zeinab Mirzad ~ Wonderful use of conjunctions in her writing. Poppy Tompsett ~ Excellent detail in her explanation of chocolate making.
Maple Class	Cody Fowler ~ Super fraction work. Lily Hassall ~ Comparing fractions fantastically.
Sycamore Class	James Phillips ~ For pursuing decimal remainders in long division. Millie Williams ~ Fantastic efforts in her long division work! Well done!

School Nurse Visit

The School Nurse will have a drop-in session on Tuesday 29 November from 9.15am. If you would like to see her, please let Anna Brown the Family Liaison Officer know in advance.

“Understanding your Teenager” Family Course

Kent Adult Education are running a course at the Sunshine Children’s Centre, Stagshaw Close ME15 6T, each Monday from 14 November to 12 December, between 1pm to 3pm. The course aims to help with problem solving and negotiation techniques, and understanding adolescent development and behaviour.

Hello Parents,

My name is Mr Adams, and I have recently been elected as Chair of Governors at Senacre Wood Primary School. I have been Vice Chair of Governors for some time.

The Governors, as you may be aware, have the responsibility of monitoring the school’s academic performance, safeguarding and finance amongst many other things. One of my roles, along with other Governors is to question and challenge school leadership, along with a sincere review of school improvement through our role as ‘critical friends.’ This, in turn, helps to ensure excellence across all aspects of school life. As a previous Head Teacher of two schools, I hope to offer the necessary and appropriate guidance, in the best way I can.

As you know our school has truly deserved the Ofsted inspector’s standard of being a ‘Good’ school. This is down to the good teaching staff we have in the school, but particularly the outstanding guidance of a superb Head Teacher, Mr Hellman. I’m sure like me you will sorely miss the contribution he has made over the many years in making the school so successful. I’m sure you will wish him every happiness in his retirement.

Then again, time stands still for no man. And again like me, you will be looking forward to the leadership of our new Head Teacher (our present Deputy Head Teacher) Mrs Sweeney in 2017. A lady who I am sure will provide excellent leadership for all our pupils, parents and staff. The Governors are thrilled we have appointed such an able and skilled teacher to take over from Mr Hellman.

After such a successful Ofsted, our school has redoubled its efforts, reflected in the higher than average national test results achieved in Reading; Grammar; Punctuation and Spelling along with Maths: Maths being an area highlighted in the report for improvement. The introduction of a new maths scheme at KS1 along with a focus on providing many memorable learning experiences is altogether proving to be successful.

All this contributes towards making our school one to be admired in the local community. At the same time our school is at full capacity: with children on our waiting list.

Senacre Wood is a Good school and a school to be proud of.

Mr A.G.Adams (Chair of Governors)

Diary Dates

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| 14 November | - | Yr 5 and Yr 6 Smart Brothers Road Safety Show |
| 17 Nov 2016 | - | Open afternoon for new reception class 2017 at 1.30pm |
| 23 Nov 2016 | - | Open morning for new reception class 2017 at 9.30am |
| 7 December | - | Yr 6 visit Maplesdon Noakes for pantomime. |
| 14 December | - | Whole school to watch Cinderella pantomime. |
| 13 December | - | KS1 and Year 3 Christmas Production at 2.00pm – Families |
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| 16 December | - | Oak Class Nativity at 10.00am |

- 20 December - Community Carols at 10:00am. Christmas Dinner
- 21 December - Last day of term

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