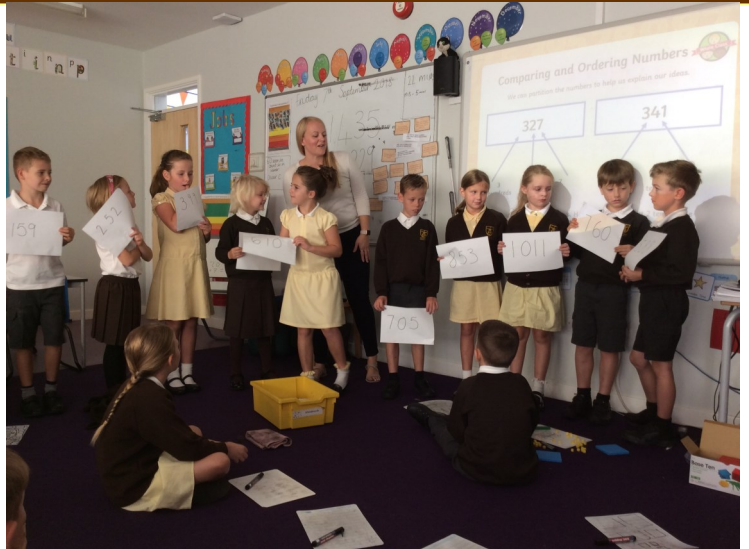


# NEWSLETTER

21st September 2018

## Darwin Class Update

What an amazing start to the school year Darwin Class have had. Everyone has settled in brilliantly and has been busy working extremely hard in all their subjects. In English, we have started reading our book 'The Chocolate Tree' by Linda Lowery and Richard Keep, which is linked to our Maya Civilisation topic this term. We rewrote the first chapter of the book from King Kukulcan's perspective. The children thoroughly enjoyed 'hot seating', taking on the role of King Kukulcan to help bring their stories to life.



We are really looking forward to reading the next chapter and seeing where the story goes. In Maths, we have been increasing our place value knowledge, even working on 4 digit numbers! We have mastered rounding to the nearest 10 or 100 and have enjoyed code breaking and taking our learning outside onto the playground to secure this.



Our Science theme this term is Light and we have become true scientists investigating luminous and non-luminous objects and understanding where shadows come from. We can't wait for our next investigation!

We are enjoying the Maya Civilization topic this term and have truly embraced our learning in this topic: making Maya themed masks in Art; creating and planning our own Maya themed animation in Computing; and even trying out Maya themed dance in PE. It has been such a busy and enjoyable first few weeks back at school we can't wait for all the fun activities planned for the rest of the term.

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## Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday at 9.00 a.m.

Parents and Carers are warmly invited to help us celebrate Harvest during our Harvest Festival Assembly.

Our theme once again is traditional Harvest and Farming.

On Friday 28th, we will be asking for Harvest gifts of food, fruit, vegetables and groceries. Our Harvest Gifts are donated to St. Nicholas Church for distribution.

Gifts can be brought to the school hall before school starts so that they can be displayed.

If anyone would be willing to donate either a decorated or filled box to help our display, we would be really grateful.



## Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you so much for your donations for Jeans for Genes day.  
We managed to better the amount raised last year and raised £121.85 for this worthwhile charity so far.



## Infant After School Football Club next week

Please note: Infant football club will not be running next Wednesday 26th September 2018.

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## Little Potters - Bronze Awards

Our new Little Potters being presented with their first bronze awards for reading in Celebration Assembly today.



## Handwriting Awards

Here are this week's hand-writing award winners from Shakespeare and Churchill Classes.



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## Summer Reading Challenge

We are delighted that so many children took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. All those that completed the challenge celebrated during today's assembly.

The children who took part will receive an extra bounce at the beginning of next term as a thank you from us for their hard work and commitment to reading over the summer.

We are excited to find out if, once again, we will be the best school in Kent.



## School Website

We have now had time to enter all of the dates booked so far for the whole school year. Please check out the website calendar to see what's on and when.

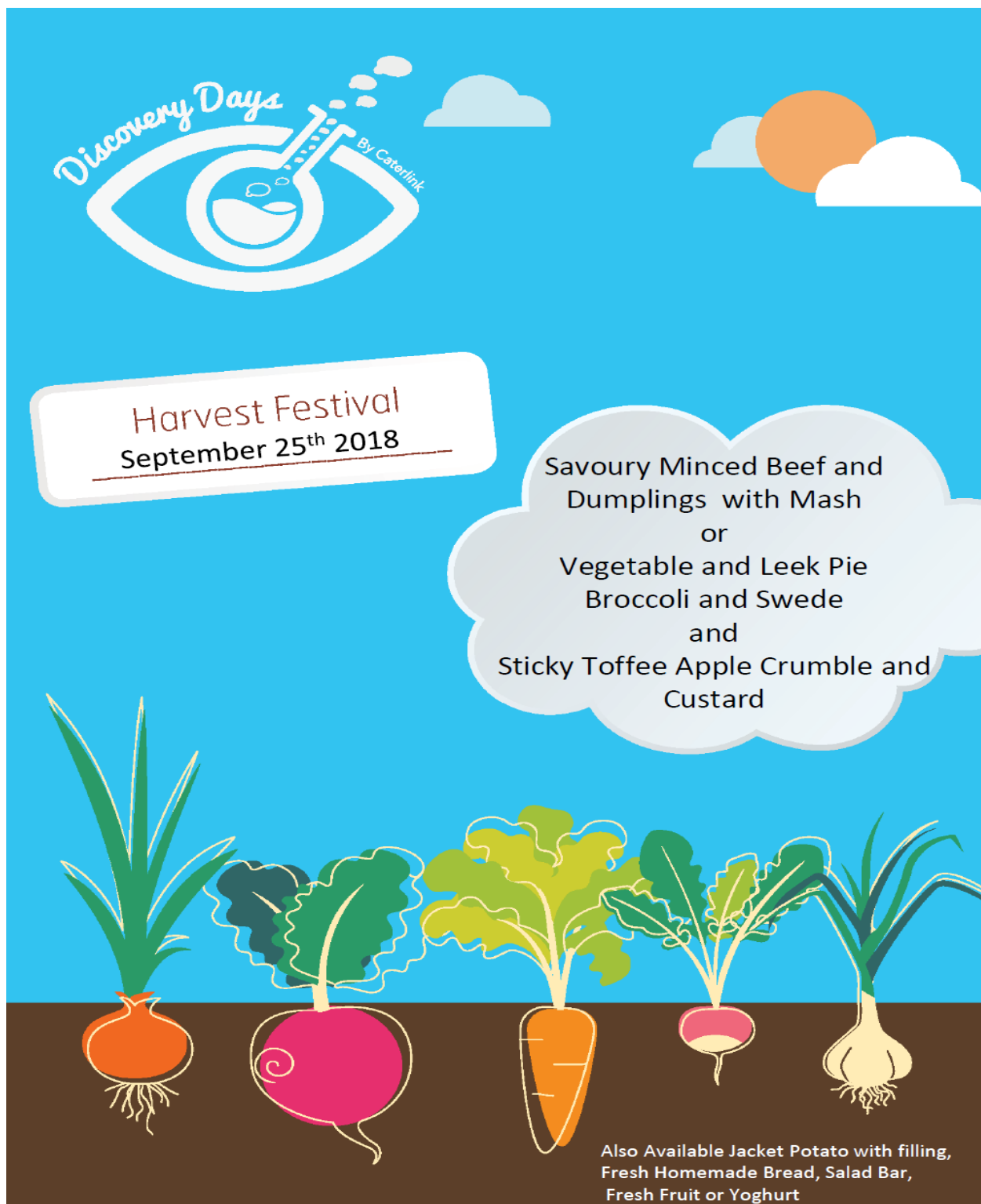
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## School Meal Special

If your child doesn't normally have school dinners, they could try this special day menu.

Priced at just £2.10.



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## StudyBugs

From after the October holiday, we will be using this software only, to send all texts to parents. Please sign up as soon as possible to avoid a rush at the end.

Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

### Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.

(<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

A promotional graphic for the Studybugs app. At the top, a stylized white bird with a blue envelope in its beak flies between two light blue clouds. Below this, the text 'Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.' is displayed in white. Underneath the text is the URL 'https://studybugs.com' in white. Below the URL are three logos: 'Download on the App Store' (Apple logo), 'GET IT ON Google Play' (Google Play logo), and 'Get it from Microsoft' (Microsoft logo). Further down, three lines of text are centered: 'Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health', 'See what illnesses are going around', and 'Secure system, all communications encrypted'. At the bottom left, there are logos for 'Working in partnership with' (including NHS, Donaghmore and Salsburgh Medical School, and others) and the 'Studybugs' logo with a green shield icon.

## P & F Update

Thank you to everyone who donated items to Phil the Bag which were collected today. This is such an easy way to raise funds for the school and we will make sure we let you know how much has been raised.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you at the AGM on Wednesday 26th September in the library straight after pick-up. Come and find out how you can get involved.

We will holding our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning next Friday in the library after drop-off.

What better way to raise funds for such a worthwhile charity than with drinking tea and sampling lots of cakes!

Cake donations for this event would be really appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there.



## Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	98.3
Nightingale	99.6
Darwin	100
Pankhurst	94.4
Shakespeare	96.9
Churchill	98.3

Wow! Much better attendance this week.

Darwin class get Ted with an AMAZING 100%. Fantastic!



Pup goes to both Potters and Churchill this week - neck and neck attendance and NO LATES! Brilliant.

Whole school attendance is 97.66% overall. Let's hope we can smash our target this year.

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## Community

# SANDHURST COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



Please join the Parish Council on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Meet 8:00 a.m. at *"The Swan"*

**WHERE A COMPLIMENTARY BACON SANDWICH &  
TEA OR COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE!  
(VERY KINDLY PROVIDED BY *THE SWAN*)**

Litter picking starts 8.30 a.m. sharp!

All equipment will be provided

JUST AN HOUR OF YOUR TIME WOULD BE A HUGE HELP!

For additional information please contact  
Parish Clerk on: [Clerk@sandhurstparish.co.uk](mailto:Clerk@sandhurstparish.co.uk) 01580 850295  
or Cllr Adam Kerry on 07860 941225

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# Harvest Supper



7.00 pm for 7.30 pm  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
at the Mission Church

Two course meal  
followed by  
“Martyn the Marvellous Magician”

£12.50 per head adults & £7.50 per head children  
- please bring your own drinks & glasses

*All Welcome*  
Tickets available from  
Lyn Hayes Tel 01580 850201

## Diary Dates

21st Sept	Jeans 4 Genes Day
26th Sep	P & F AGM—after school
28th Sept	Harvest Festival 9.00 a.m. school hall - parents welcome
	Macmillan Coffee Morning
1st Oct	Kent Messenger Newspaper to take new intake photo
8th Oct	Writing Week
9th Oct	Year R & 6 Height / Weight checks
10th Oct	Open Morning for prospective parents
18th Oct	Churchill Class Assembly
22nd-29th Oct	Holiday
29th Oct	INSET Day (Children not in school)
30th Oct	Children back to school
	Parent Consultations Evening 4-6.30 p.m.
31st Oct	Parent Consultations Afternoon 3.30-5.50 p.m.
	P & F Trick or Treat (after school)
3rd Nov	P & F Big Bang Fireworks
16th Nov	Children in Need - Non school Uniform Day
	P & F Fancy Dress Disco 3.30-5.30 p.m.
19th Nov	KS2 Trip to London
20th Nov	School Photographer - Individual Photos
30th Nov	P & F Christmas Fayre (after school)
7th Dec	P & F Children's Christmas Shopping morning
10th Dec	Flu Immunisation Years R-5
11th Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
12th Dec	KS1 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
13th Dec	KS2 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
14th Dec	KS2 Nativity - 2.00 p.m.
17th Dec	Whole school trip to Pantomime
	Carol Concert St. Nicholas Church - Evening
18th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
19th Dec	Read and Discover Celebration assembly
	KS1 and KS2 Parties
20th Dec-2nd Jan	Christmas Holidays
3rd Jan	Term 3 begins -Children back to school