

NEWSLETTER

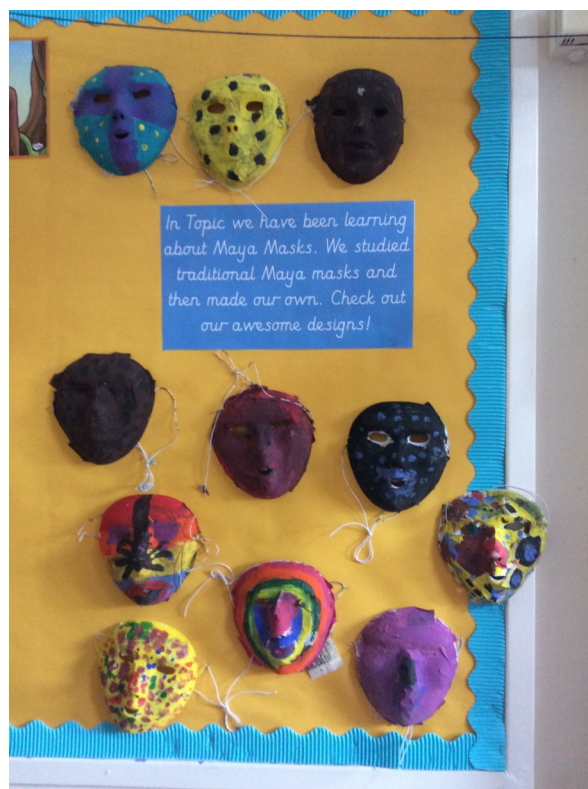
28th September 2018

Pankhurst Class Update

What an exceptional first term Pankhurst has had so far!

We have travelled back in time to the land of the Ancient Maya and what fun we have had exploring their intriguing culture! We have learnt all about the Maya Gods and we even designed our very own Maya Gods. Thank you to Louie for creating 'Menacing Miss Beaney' - hopefully that design was just fiction. Our topic has found its way into our art sessions and we have had the opportunity to create traditional Maya masks and delicate Maya pottery, do pop your head in to the classroom to take a look at our eye catching displays.

The Ancient Maya didn't stop there, they have dominated our English lessons and we have found ourselves producing some truly exceptional big writes. Our class text is 'The Chocolate Tree' and today we even had the opportunity to apply for the job of "The Night Jaguar". Miss Beaney challenged us to use persuasive sentences to sway Mr Digby into interviewing us for the role.



I don't envy Mr Digby that job, check out some of their incredible sentences below:

Rhys: I once beat the world record for the most people caught by a security guard in one night. Why wouldn't you want to hire me?

Thomas: I would be excellent for the job, as I once made seven thousand iron swords in thirty seconds.

Lilli: I once won six thousand medals and shields for saving and protecting people.

Arrabella: I have been looking after a hamster for three and a half years and she is still alive. I could certainly keep the Maya alive.

Pankhurst Class Continued...

Our hard work hasn't stop there either the children have listed these things as their highlights of the term so far.

- Starting our fun guitar lessons on a Wednesday with Kent music school
- Learning tag rugby with Mr Digby on a Thursday.
- Making shadows and learning how they are formed in our Science lessons.
- Performing our awesome vegetable rap for Harvest Assembly.



As you can see the children have been working hard in all areas of school life, so channelling our harvest rap performance there is only one thing left to say...

Pankhurst OUT

Mike drop.

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Harvest Festival Assembly

It was lovely to see so many parents and friends at the Harvest Festival this morning. Thank you so much for all of your generous contributions. We think we had more gifts than ever for the charity Nourish this year.

Each class prepared some harvest work to share. Churchill class shared their harvest prayers. Shakespeare used the word harvest to teach us all about this time. Pankhurst entertained us with their vegetable rap. Darwin shared their harvest poems. Nightingale and Potter class showed us their fabulous vegetable paintings and treated us to a song.

Thank you to Rev Commander and Lyn Hayes from St Nicholas Church for explaining to us where the contributions will go and leading us in a prayer.

Thank you to Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Ballard for arranging the display so nicely and another thank you to Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Harrison for transporting the produce to the church.



There is a Harvest Service at St. Nicholas Church on Sunday at 10.00 a.m.

Please go along if you can.

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Operation Christmas Child

Once again this year, the school and the Parents and Friends are very excited to be involved in The Christmas Shoebox Appeal. This is a charity where schools and local communities fill shoeboxes with gifts and useful items for under privileged children around the world so that they can have some presents at Christmas. If you would like to contribute to this great cause, find a shoebox, decorate with some Christmas sparkle and fill with gifts and suitable items. Your box should be labelled with an age range, girl/boy sticker and an elastic band around the box and £5. Full details are in the Christmas Child leaflet which should have come home today. The Christmas shoe boxes can be brought back to the school by the children on Thursday 1st November. We will then deliver them to the local church and depot to be distributed worldwide. We believe this is a very worthy cause for those children less fortunate and many of you will remember doing this at our own schools when we were growing up.



Summer Reading Challenge

We received fantastic news this week...once again we have won the Summer Reading Competition. More children, from Sandhurst Primary School, completed the Summer Reading Challenge than any other school in Kent. This means that we get to keep the trophy for another year and are still the reigning champions.

Mrs Saunders is currently organising a special assembly for the cup to be presented, we will keep you posted when this is.

Thank you so much for supporting this super scheme and your child's reading over the summer - we are delighted.

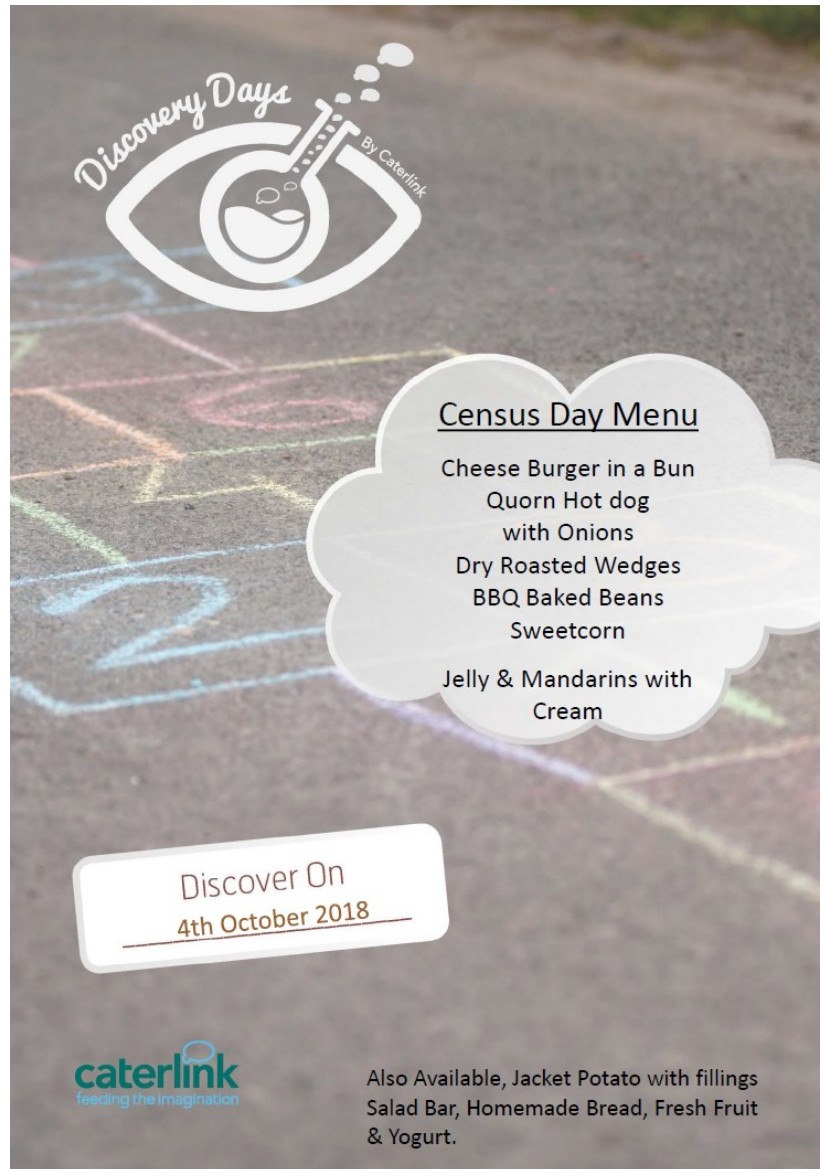


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School Meal Special

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

Priced at just £2.10.



Road Crossing Patrol

Mr Pile has had his annual check this week by KCC and he is doing a great job. Well done!

The inspector did see that some families were not crossing at the crossing point and asked us if we could remind you to do so.

Mr Pile has reported that some parents are also parking on the yellow zig-zag lines on occasions, as you know this is illegal and very dangerous for Mr Pile's line of sight, when crossing the children.

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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.

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Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
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3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations improve children's health.

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P & F Update

Thank you to everyone who came to the AGM on Wednesday. I am happy to say that the current committee stood for re-election and were unanimously voted back in. I can confirm that the Chairperson remains Eve Hallett, Vice Chair is Nicky Kember, Treasurer is Sophie Willard and Secretary is Monique Dines.

Although the current committee thoroughly enjoy raising funds for the school, we are conscious that with some of our children getting towards the end of their time at Sandhurst, that we need to look ahead at safeguarding a future P&F committee not just for fundraising for items the school would like, but also for adding just a bit of fun too!

If any parent or carer is interested in having an active role within the P&F, or even on the committee, but finds the thought a little daunting, we welcome you to come and shadow us for the remainder of the academic year so you can see exactly what we do. Please drop us a note in our box in the school reception if you are interested.

Attendance & Punctuality

Class	Percentage Attendance
Potter	95.7
Nightingale	93.9
Darwin	95.0
Pankhurst	95.4
Shakespeare	94.6
Churchill	100



Attendance overall has not been very good this week, mainly due to families taking unauthorised holiday - what a shame.

Churchill Class win Ted this week with 100% - Excellent!

Churchill, Shakespeare and Potter classes all have NO LATES this week. Churchill win Pup too as they have the best attendance and punctuality combined.

Have you seen the new attendance board in the hall? An exciting new whole class attendance reward is being introduced, based on termly attendance. This will include attendance so far this term - the children will be told the details next week...

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Open Day



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A Specialist Mathematics and Computing College
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**The Headteacher, Governors, Staff, Pupils and Parents of
Robertsbridge Community College**

Invite you to our:

Open Evening

Thursday, 11th October 2018

6.00pm - 8.30pm

Open Morning

We are offering tours every morning for the week commencing
15th October, at 9.20am, 10.10am, 11.20am or 12.10pm.

To book onto a tour, please contact Reception on 01580 880360.

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Community

SANDHURST COMMUNITY LITTER PICK



Please join the Parish Council on Saturday 27th 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 01580 850295
or Cllr Adam Kerry on 07860 941225

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Harvest Supper



7.00 pm for 7.30 pm
Saturday 29th 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

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
14th Jan	Year 6 Bikeability week
8th Feb	P & F Disco 3.30 -5.30 p.m,
18th Feb	February holiday
25th Feb	Term 4 begins -Children back to school