



NEWSLETTER October 2020



WE DID IT!! It's the end of Term

Thank you to all our children, parents and staff.



As we come to the end of Term 1, I just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone. It's been a term of change and transition. Our children have been amazing at coming into school at different times through different gates. Thank you parents for accommodating all the changes that have happened this term, your support has been appreciated by all the staff. Whilst we are aware that school looks and feels very different, we are determined that our children still enjoy some of the traditions that we celebrate at this time of year.

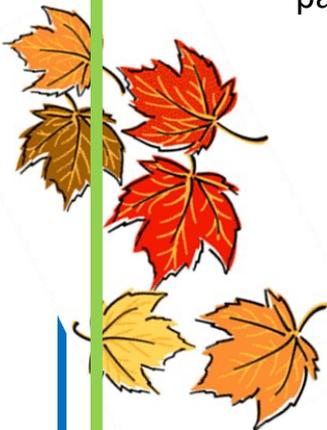
We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to two long standing members of staff this week. Mrs. Frost who has been with us as a class TA for an incredible 22 years , and Ms. Maplesden-Tonge who has been our Midday Meals Supervisor for 7 years. We wish them all the very best in their new endeavours and send all of God's blessings with them. Have a safe and happy half term.

Mrs. Millership. Academy Principal.

HARVEST

This year our children have celebrated Harvest in their classes with their teachers. During these assemblies children have been able to reflect upon the work of Cafod and the impact the pandemic has had on the world.

Thank you to everyone who has donated tins and dried packets for our harvest celebrations. We will be sending the produce to The Thanet Homeless Project in Term 2. There is still time to contribute this week if you would like to.



PHOTOS

Apologies that we were not able to offer

Sibling photos this year due to restrictions on class movement in school. We did however have a successful morning photo-shoot and every child present had their individual photo taken.

You will be shortly be receiving a link from Tempest to order and pay for your photos online.





We are delighted that our Year 6 pupils have still been able to participate in Bikeability cycle training this week working in groups of 4 with 2 instructors., ensuring that we are working within the rule of six. The children will be given their certificates and badges at the end of the week.



In Term 2 we are planning a range of sporting Activities that can be completed independently.

SPORT

These include taking part in a national skipping event and working closely with other Thanet schools to work on developing personal fitness. Sporting festivals in Thanet are currently on hold until government legislation changes so we are having to think creatively to ensure our children don't miss out. More information will follow in Term 2.

SOCIAL DISTANCING



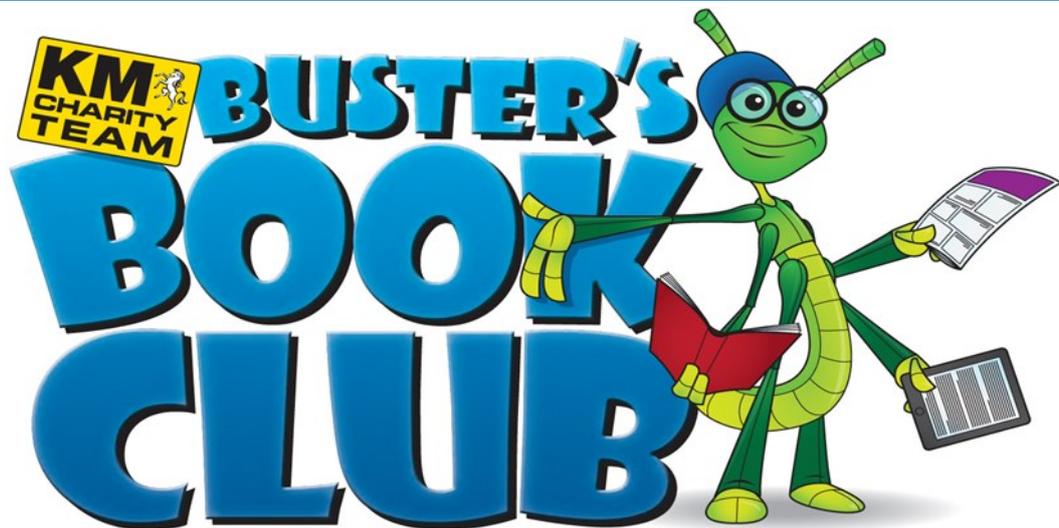
We ask that all parents try to maintain a 2 metre distance when waiting to drop off or collect at the end of the day. We are aware that our school site does not lend itself easily to these restrictions however your patience and understanding with each other is important as we work to keep our school community safe.

SCHOOL MEALS

A new menu is available from Term 2 and this can be viewed on our website www.st-josephs-broadstairs.kent.sch.uk.

All KS1 children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal. The cost for a meal for children in Years 3—6 is £2.20 per day, unless you are eligible for free school meals.

A reminder flyer is attached to this newsletter with step by step instructions on how to pay for meals through your ParentPay account. Please ask the office if you require assistance.



MAKING READING COOL

This year we have joined up with The KM Charity Team who have introduced the Buster's Book Club initiative to make reading cool, stimulate and encourage reading at home and to set children a weekly individual home reading target depending on their year group.

The excitement is then ramped up with regular challenges: all of the classes in the school compete against neighbouring schools, and the class top or most improved in the district wins the prize.

Super challenges are also staged with the class top or most improved for reading in the county winning a visit from a celebrity or professional storyteller.

The final part of the triple challenge is where all the children involved in the region collectively have to aim to read more than one million minutes over the course of the academic year.

Every week the Reading Class of the Week Trophy is presented to the class who has recorded the most minutes of reading on a Wednesday night or has shown the most improvement. Data is collected on Thursdays and the winner for the week is presented on Fridays.

The reading can be of any genre, can be an audiobook or can be parents reading to their child.

**We ask that help your child by encouraging home reading
THE CLASS WINNER IS POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE EVERY WEEK**