

## February – Issue 8

Welcome to the newsletter,

What an adventure this week has been! A phone call late on Saturday afternoon resulted in us trying to save the roof on the Year 6 cabin and the contents inside! A huge thank you to Mr Finch who very kindly came up and looked at the damage and explained what we needed to do next, and then to KCC who at one point warned us it might take a month but thankfully found the resources to get it all done in a day this week. Year 6 have safely returned to their cabin following a very short stint in the staffroom!

### New COVID Rules

I am sure you are aware that Boris Johnson's new guidance on COVID commenced this week; meaning that it is no longer law to stay at home if you have COVID.

We now must learn to 'live' with it and the vaccinations have gone a long way to support this happening. However, I still have a duty of care towards the staff and the other children, and therefore respectfully ask that if your child shows the typical symptoms of COVID that you isolate them at home for 5 days. I expect the staff to do the same. This is the guidance from the Department for Education, and I am resolute that we should adhere to this in the best interest of everyone.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter, and I am really looking forward to moving onwards and upwards and putting the last two years behind us.

### Windmill Winners

Congratulations to Maisie and Alannah in Class 3 who have, this week, received their lapel badge for completing their windmill sheet. This means that on at least 20 occasions they have been to see me to show me their super work. Well done to you both.



We had such a lovely time at Leeds Castle in the week before half term. We learnt so much about the castle and it's most recent owner, Mrs. Bailey – who frankly sounds like feisty lady who knew what she wanted and set out to get it. I had a lot of admiration of her! The castle is currently undergoing renovations to restore it to Mrs. Bailey's residence, and I am looking forward to seeing it later in the year. The children were magnificently behaved and were a credit to the school and to their parents and carers. They had a great time but the highlight of course, was the playground!

### Year R trip to Leeds Castle



### After School Clubs

After School Clubs begin this week. Our clubs are not as well attended as before COVID as parent's work patterns have changed, which does mean that for some clubs we are able to offer both first and second choices. For those children who put Silent Disco as either the first or second choice, they have been successful in gaining a place and additionally for film club. Thank you to Mr. Buckingham who is leading the next West Ham to victory apparently! The mini hammers LOVED their football training this week; I have successfully organised some matches with other schools and look forward to sharing our victories with you all!

### Reading Rewards...

Wow, what a week it has been for rewarding awards. The incentives are really working and motivating the children and Mrs. West is desperately trying to keep that vending machine fully stocked! As you can see making cookies was great fun, but of course the best part is licking out the bowl!



### The Lion King trip...

Please don't forget to return your Lion King payment as soon as you can. I also wanted to take this opportunity to say that I fully appreciate that this is a costly event and if you are finding this challenging then please just let me know and I know we will be able to come to an arrangement to suit all.

## Dates for your Diary

Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 to Kent Life	March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sublime Slime Workshop
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming for Year 4	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bounce and Beyond	March 11 <sup>th</sup>	First Aid training for Years 2-6
March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs Mc Award	March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Consultations