

The Buzz

1 February 2018

Life-Long Learners who...Dream...Believe...Achieve ...

Headteacher's Update

It is wonderful to welcome three new governors to Ranvilles Junior School. Andy Biddle, Ian Hurst and Bobby Mehta have joined our Governing Board and we very much look forward to utilising their skills and expertise to support our learning journey. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Matt Burton for sitting on our Governing Body over the last four years. Matt dedicated much time in support of whole school strategic improvements and this is very much appreciated. Our Chair of Governors, Andy Marshall, plans to set up a Governors' Blog on our school website in order to regularly update parents on the impact of school actions and governors' commitment—watch this space for the launch date.

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents who attended a SATs meeting this week. To support your children, please encourage them to read, listen to them read and explore the meaning of the text by asking each other questions. Please also keep encouraging your child to practise their timetables—we are looking forward to competing with ourselves, small groups, different classes to identify Ranvilles Timetables Rock stars.

You will have received a letter home inviting you to attend a Parents' / Guardians' Information Evening. I hope you will be able to attend. We are really proud of the children's achievements. We are encouraging them to be active learners and to work to the very best of their ability. We look forward to working in partnership with you to learn with and from each other for the benefit of our children. Should any of you wish to meet with me, please feel very welcome to arrange a time by calling the school office.

Forever mindful of safeguarding, a governor has brought it to my attention that Kent police recently advised local schools of the ROBLOX gaming app. The police were extremely concerned about the number of very young users (70% of pupils in Year 2) who were playing games on the app and equally of the number who had received an inappropriate 'in game' message from strangers. Please can I ask that you are mindful of this information, check your child's ROBLOX account and look to see if they have friends that they or you do not personally know. We must encourage our children to be safe online and to be extremely mindful of who they are communicating with. Thank you for your continued support.



Writing Prize

Congratulations and well done to Dexter who has been awarded the Writing Prize. Well done also to all those pupils who have been nominated - keep up the good work!



Maths Prize

Congratulations to Leo who has been awarded the Maths Prize since the last Buzz. Well done to all the nominees - it's great to see you placing such effort and pride in your work.





Diary Dates

Tuesday 6 February - Marchants Hill Info Evening for Y6 parents 6pm

Thursday 8 February - FOR Disco 6.30pm-8pm

Friday 9 February - Non-Uniform Day in exchange for gifts for Mother's Day sale

Mid-year Reports go home

Finish for half term

Monday 19 February - Children return from half term

Monday 26 February - Parents'/Guardians' Evening 3.50pm-6.30pm

Tuesday 27 February - Parents'/Guardians' Evening 3.50pm-6.30pm

Thursday 1 March - World Book Day, children to dress as their favourite book character

Friday 2 March - Mother's Day Sale

Monday 6 March - Year 6 Residential to Marchants Hill

Our school calendar is on our website together with letters that are sent home



Premiership Bench

Well done to all those children who have earned a place on the premiership bench: Ahaan, Tabatha, Jessie, Freya, Katie, Hattie, Ruben and Callum.



PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Ideally at this time of year they should have an indoor and outdoor kit. Kits can then be taken home on a Friday to be washed. Many thanks for your continued support.



Requesting Absence From School

When completing the form requesting absence from school for your child, please give as much notice and information as possible. We cannot guarantee the request will be looked at if handed in the day before an absence is requested. Thank you.



Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural Question for Home/School Reflection and Discussion

Of all the things you are learning, what do you think will be the most useful when you are an adult?