

Message from Mr Hunter-Whitehouse

Dear all,

An important update is coming home today attached to this newsletter email. This is also available on the website.

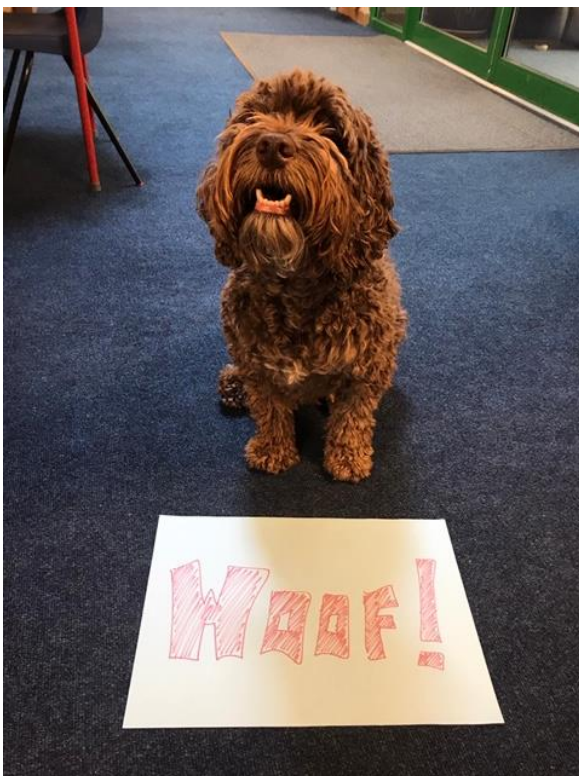
It is information for all, but especially Year 6 parents, I ask you to read this letter carefully and give the information some thought over the half term break. You will hear from me again via email next Friday, and what I email you about will depend on the latest advice from government.

In the meantime, it is Eid this weekend, when Muslims around the world celebrate the end of fasting through the month of Ramadan.

We would like to say “Eid Mubarak” to all our lovely Muslim families and friends.

Have a lovely half term break,

Mr Hunter-Whitehouse



Kent Test for Current Year 5 pupils

Message from Kent County Council

We understand that many of you with children in Year 5 are very anxious to know what will happen about the Kent Test when the new school year starts in September. We are carefully considering what might be deliverable, depending on advice from central government as the pandemic runs its course and decisions are made about the easing of lockdown for children of primary school age.

Many factors could change between now and the end of term and this means that we are currently unable to tell you exactly how we will assess children for grammar school in the new academic year. We can confirm, however, that we will need some way to identify which children are eligible.

Testing has the benefit of being available to the thousands of grammar school applicants we normally assess every year, however recently they have arrived in Kent and wherever they usually study, even if they are home educated, so it would be the most straightforward option if it is possible. Whatever is decided, though, we need to be confident that we can keep the risk to children and their teachers as low as possible, allowing grammar schools meet their legal obligations in a fair and transparent way, while allowing KCC to stay within the national timetable for coordinating school admissions.

We appreciate that everyone of school age is missing classroom teaching, but it is fortunate that there are many excellent resources available through schools and education sites for children. Familiarisation material for the Kent Test can also be found at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

We will update this webpage for everyone's benefit when we have received further guidance from the Department for Education and there is a clearer understanding of what arrangements may be possible. In the meantime, we would ask that parents monitor the Kent Test page for updates, rather than sending individual enquiries. We do understand that uncertainty is difficult, especially for children, but KCC is unable to confirm what arrangements will be in place until there is a clearer understanding of how children are likely to return to school in greater numbers.

St. Peter's will update you once we receive more news, but please keep checking their webpage for updates.

Home Learning

Well done to everyone who has been completing the home learning. We know it has been a different way of learning and we are really proud of you!

Mrs Goodson would like to say a special "Well done" to Calliope H for her work on her Topic "Darwin's Delights" learning about different bird beaks.

Mrs Websper would like to give a "WoWEEE Websper" to Megan G and Isla M who did amazing drama work. They had both really, thought about the work set linked to Darwin and created well thought out future humans.

Mrs Newport would also like to congratulate Joaquin M-W for working hard to complete home learning tasks despite his injury - great to see and keep up the good work.

Thomas P 6G has written this very special poem this week which we thought was amazing.

The Hope

The hope is that everyone is equal,

The hope is that the homeless can have a home,

The hope is they can have the same opportunity's as us,

The hope is that everyone is willing to give something up for them,

The hope is they get further life,

The hope is that the virus will go,

The hope is that everything will be normal again.

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It is half term next week so home learning will not be set! Have a lovely time enjoying the sunshine.

Keep safe everyone!



Star of the Week

3W: Oliver H - For his excellent attitude towards his home learning.

3H: Lexi H - For all the encouraging comments she makes to others on the Purple Mash blogs.

3T: Archie H - For great enthusiasm and effort in his home learning. Well done!

4NB: Oliver M - For excellent work effort in home learning and for his helpful suggestions and offers of support to others via class blogs.

4S: Rhys H - For excellent research on Hinduism and Karma, with fantastic presentation also!

4E: Georgia R - For fantastic writing across English, RE and Topic tasks on Purple mash.

5S: Poppy-Rose D - who has been in touch to tell me all about a paragraph she, was proud of on the solar system! Keep up the fab work!

5W: Lily D - For wonderful use of Purple Mash to continue her learning - well done Lily!

5B: Holly L - For her lovely letter to the staff of St Peter's.

6W: Lewis S - For working hard on Purple Mash

6S: Layla B - For some excellent English work this week.

6I: Bobby M - For his enthusiastic response to activities we have set.

6G: This week we have two stars!

Jefferson D and Thomas P - For their super engagement in home learning.

