



Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I have thoroughly enjoyed dropping into classes over the last few weeks and observing the children being engaged and immersed in their learning. I have been particularly impressed with how our new Reception cohort have transitioned into St Katherine's; they are now beginning to become accustomed to the daily routines and expectations of school life. I have also seen lots of value stickers on display, which means that our children are already demonstrating many positive behaviours linked to our school values: **Raffi Respect, Rocco Resilience, Reggie Responsibility, Katia Community, Conner & Callie Compassion and Ella Excellence.**



Pupil Leadership – School Ambassadors

I am delighted to announce that after a long and thorough process, which included writing a letter of interest, performing speeches and a whole school vote, the following children have been elected as our new School Ambassadors: **Mia, Julian, Elsie, Joshua, Grace and Dylan.** I look forward to working closely with the newly formed team throughout the year.



Pupil Voice: *"I have always wanted to become a School Ambassador because I can help children, which is something that I love to do."* (Elsie – Year 6 Ambassador)

MacMillan Coffee Sessions/ The Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling

Thank you to everyone that has already donated a cake for our forthcoming Macmillan Coffee sessions on **Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th September**. A reminder that cakes 'baked at home' can be **delivered from Monday 23rd September** onwards.

Our Year 5 children are incredibly excited about hosting these sessions and raising money for such a worthwhile cause. **We are also delighted to inform you that Cllr Steve Hammond (the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling) will be visiting the school to take part in the event.** Please be reminded to click on the following link to register your attendance at one of the events <https://forms.office.com/e/zTzBKSnPKE>.



Assembly

My assembly this week focused on our school value of (Reggie) Responsibility. I used the picture book 'The Dot' to help explain how children can leave their mark on this year. Please click on the following [link](#) to access the assembly.

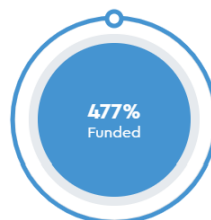


Pupil Voice: "I am going to try hard to improve my artwork because I can find drawing hard. I would like my artwork to go on display." (Zuzia – Year 4)

London to Brighton

Last weekend, Mr Chatley (CEO of The Coppice Primary Partnership), Mr North (Headteacher at Loose Primary School) and myself completed the London to Brighton bike ride. It was a memorable experience and I am truly thankful to everyone that has donated to Ickle Pickles, a beautiful charity, which helped to support our very own MJ, during the first critical years of his life.

To date, your generosity has enabled us to raise an impressive **£954!**



Community Book Nooks

Please note that we opened our newly stocked community book nooks this week, which are located on the lower playground. Our Reading Ambassadors will open the book nooks every Wednesday, after school, so please feel free to look at the selection of books and take one home to read for pleasure. When you have finished with the book, please return it to the book nook and take another to enjoy!



Reading Vending Machine Winners

Every three weeks, each class teacher nominates one child who has demonstrated excellence in reading either through the progress they have made, the amount they have read, or if they have supported others to develop their reading. The children's names are then drawn from a hat, with the winners in each phase group receiving a token for our book vending machine. Congratulations to the following children, who are our first winners of the year: **Dexter from Year 1, Sienna from Year 4 and Elnor from Year 6.**

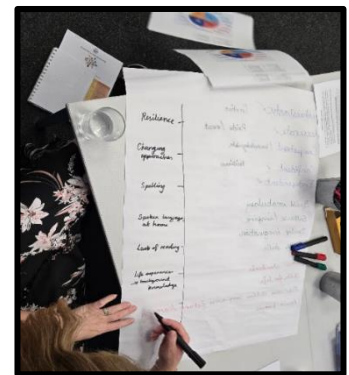


Staff Training – Writing

One of our key school improvement focuses this year is the development of children's writing across the school. In recent staff meetings, we have been thinking about our vision for writing at St Katherine's, the current barriers to achieving this and the steps needed to move children's writing forward. We are all very excited about the writing journey we are currently undertaking and I look forward to sharing with you the progress we make throughout the journey.



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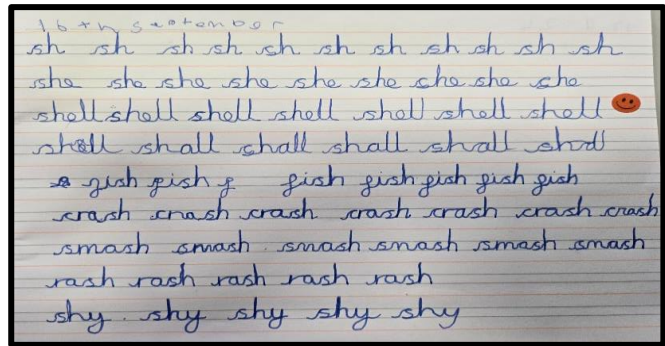
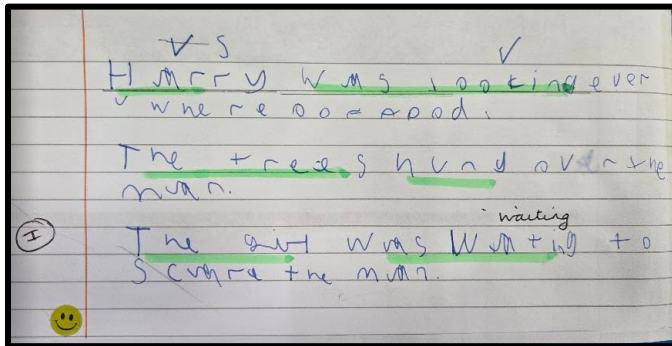
Staff Voice: "We are all enjoying collaborating and fine-tuning our writing approach, in order to further develop children's language skills and support them to become confident and independent readers and writers." (Miss Clutterbuck – Writing Lead)

Perfect Presentation

One important aspect of writing that we are focussing on this year is the development of children's handwriting. Research suggests that when children master handwriting, it creates space in their working memory to concentrate on the other areas of their writing, such as planning, composing and choosing effective vocabulary.



Have a look at the impact our daily handwriting sessions are already having on Archie! He has shown us all that there really is no ceiling to what we can achieve!



Parent Voice Group

Thank you to the parents/ carers who have registered their interest in being part of the parent voice group. Please note that we currently have no representation in years 4 and 5, so if parents in these year groups would like to join the committee, please contact the office.

I look forward to meeting the PVG in the next couple of weeks and working together on school improvements throughout the year.

Year Group	Representative & Class
Year 6	Mrs Charnock (Oak)
Year 5	No representative
Year 4	No representative
Year 3	Mr Temuru Moses (Hazel)
	Mrs Dawkins (Walnut)
Year 2	Mrs Collison (Quince)
	Mrs Jones (Quince)
Year 1	Mrs Almeida Baiao (Peach)
Reception	Mrs Aylett
Nursery	Mrs Dawkins



Parent Meetings/ Workshops

Please note that the following parent meetings/ workshops will take place this term. If you would like to attend the meeting, please click on the yellow links:

SEND Coffee Morning – 4/10/23 (9.00am – 10.00am): Mrs Loveland would like to invite parents/ carers of children with special educational needs to attend an informal coffee morning. This will provide an excellent platform for parents to network and discuss their child's needs, challenges and the support the school can offer. **Link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/LiJLXudc1B>

Phonics Workshop – 15/10/23 (2.30pm – 3.15pm): Mrs Kenney (Phonics Leader), will present how we implement our phonics scheme (Sounds Write) and discuss how parents/ carers can best support their children at home with their reading. This workshop will be aimed at parents, whose children are in Nursery to Year 3. **Link:** <https://forms.office.com/e/JcTSpPReEP>

Maths Workshop – 24/10/23 (2.30pm – 3.15pm): Mr Tweddle (Maths Leader), will discuss how maths is taught at St Katherine's and the use of a mastery approach. He will also highlight how parents can support their children to consolidate and develop their maths learning at home. This workshop will be aimed at parents, whose children are in Years 1 to 6.

Link: <https://forms.office.com/e/ud97qvnDvf>

Please note that there is a section on the workshop links for parents to suggest specific information that they would like included within the session.

Parent Consultation Meetings

Please note that we will be holding parent consultation meetings on the evenings of **Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th October**. During the meetings, parents will have the opportunity to discuss their child's learning with the teacher and also look at their books.

More information regarding how to book an appointment will be sent the w/b Monday 7th October.

E Safety

Please scan the following QR code, or click on the [link](#), to access some useful guidance relating to cyberbullying and keeping your child safe online.



Parent Teacher Association

Thank you to those who attended our PTA information session this week. We gained three extra members, who are eager to get involved and make a positive difference for our children.

If you are interested in getting involved in our PTA, please contact the committee via the following email address: stkspta@gmail.com



Community Events

Please see below some flyers for upcoming community events.

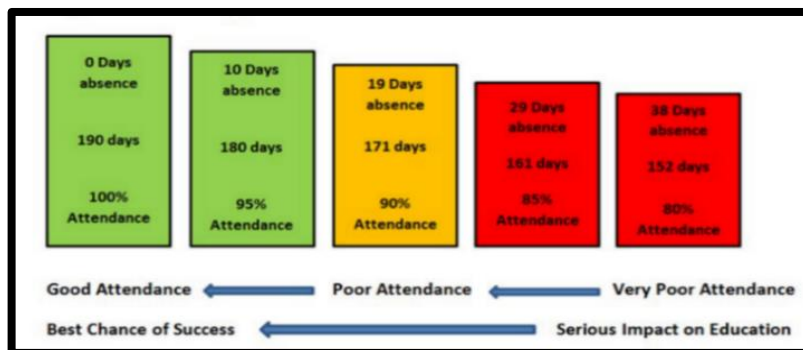
S.T.O.P YOUTH CLUB
Christ Church Community Hall, Malling Road, ME6 5QR
ALTERNATE FRIDAYS | 7-9 PM | 10-15 YEAR OLDS
Dates for 2024/25 (term time)
6th & 20th September, 10th & 24th October, 4th & 18th October, 8th & 22nd November, 6th & 20th December, 3rd & 17th May, 7th & 21st June, 4th & 18th July
THIS FRIDAY
Food & Drink available
A safe place to meet friends, chat or play games

ALL SAINTS WITH CHRIST CHURCH
Inspired by Nature
Art Exhibition, with Activities
Saturday 5th October 2-4pm
At Christ Church, Malling Road, Snodland
British Butterfly watercolours, British Wildlife Art Competition by local Primary schools, Mixed floral & leaf display by 'Mix & Fix', Have a go at drawing, clay crafts & more, What am I? Nature Quiz
Refreshments available
Be part of it - Get creative & share your artistic side: Photography Crafts Poetry Paintings Short Stories Theme - British Nature - To be displayed during the event
Entry Submission Deadline - 27th September to Snodlandchurch@gmail.com or drop off to the 'Here for You' Community Hub. (Mon 9am-12pm, Weds 10am-12pm or Thurs 6.30-7.30pm). For under entries under 16 yrs please note their age. *We are unable to return entries, but you can collect yours at the end of the event.

ALL SAINTS WITH CHRIST CHURCH
Coffee Break
Babies and Toddlers Group
Every Tuesday in Term Time at Christ Church Hall and Wednesday at Holborough Village Hall 10am - 12 noon
<https://allstairswithchristchurch.org/>

THIS IS US!!
Adhd/Autism Support Group Snodland
THIS IS US has been set up for children with ADHD/Autism but also for parents to be able to chat and give each other advice and never be judged
we also have a tuck shop and sell fidgets to help raise fund for sessions to continue.
so come and join kayleigh and michelle
Saturday 14th September
Saturday 28th septemeber
Saturday 12th Ovctober
Saturday 26th October
Saturday 9th November
Saturday 23Rd November
£5 first child
£2.50 each child after per household
we have lots of fun Activites & Games
10.30 TILL 12 SNODLAND CHRIST CHURCH HALL MALLING ROAD

Attendance Matters!



Weekly Attendance

Year	Classes		
N	Acorn 99.5%		
R	Bramley 98.7%	Gala 94.8%	
1	Peach 89.9%	Pear 93.9%	Plum 90.8%
2	Cherry 97.8%	Quince 91.7%	
3	Hazel 96.7%	Walnut 89.9%	
4	Spruce 93.6%	Pine 93.4%	Fir 94.3%
5	Cedar 90.8%	Teak 86.9%	
6	Ash 83.1%	Oak 94.4%	Elm 92.7%

School Target: 95%



Key Dates

EVENT	DATE
Macmillan Coffee Mornings	Tuesday 24 th September (9.15am – 10.15am) Wednesday 25 th September (2pm – 3pm)
SEND Coffee Morning	Friday 4 th October (9.00am – 10.00am) https://forms.office.com/e/LiJLXudc1B
Steel Band Workshops (Years 1-6)	Tuesday 8 th October & Wednesday 9 th October <i>More information to follow.</i>
World Mental Health Day	Thursday 10 th October – <i>More information to follow.</i>
Phonics Parent Workshop	Tuesday 15 th October (2.30pm – 3.15pm) https://forms.office.com/e/JcTSpPReEP
Show Racism the Red Card	Thursday 17 th October <i>Children to wear red into school on this day.</i>
Maths Parent Workshop	Thursday 24 th October (2.30pm – 3.15pm) https://forms.office.com/e/ud97avnDvf
Happy Shoes Day	Thursday 24 th October <i>Children to wear shoes that make them happy.</i>
Parents Consultation Meetings	Wednesday 23 rd & Thursday 24 th October – <i>More information to follow.</i>
INSET DAY	Friday 25th October Children are not in school on this day

Have a great weekend!
Mr. Lang