

**Message from the Principal**

This term has been full of awards; we received our official Outstanding from Ofsted, The Woodland Trust awarded us a Gold Award and Kent Literacy confirmed yesterday that we won the Sensory Story.

Well done to Simon Jones for his continuing efforts to develop our work with Forest School, which together with his work on Challenger Troop resulted in our Gold Award. Simon's development of Forest School will enable us to offer this wonderful experience to more pupils.

Well done to Kate Alderdice and our pupils for winning the Sensory Story. Kate works closely with our pupils to develop literacy skills and it is always wonderful news when we receive recognition of the effort and progress our pupils make.

We continue to work on the Meadowfield site building work plans and 6th Form relocation to Ufton Lane, further details of these exciting opportunities will be shared with parents/carers in due course.

I would like to thank those who have returned their Consultation Response forms, we have had a wide range of comments, all of which will be considered during the consultation period.

Enjoy the half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd June.

Jill Palmer
Principal

Message from Chair of Governors

We have completed a review of governance, held a Full Governing Body meeting and held our postponed teaching and outcomes meeting, this was due to OFSTED. I am sure we would all like to say congratulations on a great result.

We have welcomed Matt Bromley to our governing body as an Associate member, his experience as a governor at Canterbury College, together with our changing curriculum in secondary and sixth form made him a welcome addition to our group.

I would also like to mention the consultation about changing the finishing time on a Friday, we welcome your comments and thoughts on this proposal. We are consulting with transport and the Local Authority too.

This is a very short term, but let us hope that the weather continues to be fair for half term.

Roberta Kane
Chair of Governors



Woodland Trust – Simon Jones

Meadowfield has been awarded the Gold Award from the Woodland Trust. This has been largely due to our activities with Forest School and Challenger Troop. However, our gardening clubs and the school's recycling policies played a part in this award. Well done everyone.



Sittingbourne Radio Visit – Susan Farrington

Hopper class have been learning about the commercial aspects of music. They enjoyed a visit to Sittingbourne Radio Station, 106.9 SFM.

The class really enjoyed themselves and Graeme Burford, who helped to organise this trip for us sent the following email to the school: *'today I had the pleasure of giving Hopper Class a tour of the studio. I showed them how things worked and they also did some test recordings and announcing. They were a credit to themselves and the school'*.

Well done Hopper Class.



Summer Concert – Susan Farrington

The annual school concert for pupils who attend music lessons was held on Monday 20th May. It is so good to see how pupils have progressed throughout the year in both skill and confidence, every year the standard gets higher – well done to everyone who took part! Thanks go to the peripatetic staff who have worked so hard to get pupils ready for their performances.



Barney & Eleanor – Susan Farrington



We have recently been fortunate to have a new PAT dog join us – introducing Barney & Eleanor.

Barney has been joining pupils in primary and as I am sure you can imagine, he is a favourite with the pupils and staff!

Magic Breakfast Club – Liz Hymus

Emma Wiles from Magic Breakfast visited the school to join Hedgehogs class for breakfast. She was so impressed how classes have used the scheme to promote social, communication and independence skills. We are the first Special School in this area (it might even be country!) to successfully implement the scheme and Emma will be presenting us as a case study for good practice.

Thank you to Sam Duggan and Hedgehogs class who hosted the breakfast.

RSPCA Compassionate Class

Wildflowers have been working on achieving the RSPCA Compassionate Class Award for their outstanding work and knowledge of animal welfare.

On the 14th May the Head of Prevention & Education for the RSPCA confirmed Wildflowers have achieved this Award. Well done Wildflowers pupils and staff.

Food Bank Voucher Scheme

As a school, we can now authorise and issue food bank vouchers, typically a family can be referred for a voucher 5 times in 6 months, although this can be flexible. Sittingbourne Food bank operates out of 3 local churches over the course of the week.

If you know of any Meadowfield families that might need this service or if you need support yourself, please contact Ginny Cosstick in the school office in confidence. The voucher can be printed or a code via text can be sent. This voucher can then be taken to one of the churches to be exchanged for a food parcel.

The Sunflower Lanyard

Sainsbury's has announced the extension of a new trial, the Sunflower Lanyard, to help enhance the shopping experience for customers with hidden disabilities. The scheme helps those with a number of disabilities such as autism and dementia. The Sunflower lanyard indicates to colleagues that extra support is needed. They will be happy to provide extra support such as opening a new checkout lane, assisting with finding shopping items or simply giving more time at the checkout. The lanyards will be available to collect for free and for each customer to keep.

For further information, please use the link below:

<https://www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/news/latest-news/2018/14-08-2018-lanyards-trial>

Diary Dates for Parents/Carers

DATE	ACTIVITY
JUNE 2019	
3 rd June 2019	Start of Term 6
6 th June 2019	Secondary & 6 th Form Curriculum Sessions
10 th June 2019	Squirrels Open Afternoon 1:30pm
10 th June 2019	Lower School (excluding Reception), Secondary & 6 th Form Transition Day
12 th June 2019	Butterflies Open Afternoon 1:30pm
12 th June 2019	Robins Open Afternoon 1:30pm
18 th June 2019	Owls Open Afternoon 1:30pm
19 th June 2019	KsENT Joint Schools Music Secondary Day, Maidstone
20 th June 2019	Lower School (excluding Reception), Secondary & 6 th Form Transition Day
21 st June 2019	MFL Focus Day
24 th June 2019	Lower School Learning Outside the Classroom
24 th June 2019	Beatrix Potter Day
25 th June 2019	Lower School (including Reception), Secondary & 6 th Form Transition Day
26 th June 2019	Hedgehogs Open Afternoon 1:30pm
27 th June 2019	Foxes Open Afternoon 1:30pm
JULY 2019	
2 nd July 2019	Lower School (including Reception), Secondary & 6 th Form Transition Day
3 rd July 2019	PE Focus Day
10 th July 2019	Kingfishers Open Afternoon
10 th July 2019	Secondary Summer Show
16 th July 2019	Meadowbury - Film Theme
17 th July 2019	Lower School (including Reception), Secondary & 6 th Form Transition Day
23 rd July 2019	End of Term 6