



## The Head Teacher writes...

It's been a great start to the Autumn Term with a real feeling of energy and enthusiasm pervading the school. Our new staff team worked hard on Monday and Tuesday carrying out statutory training, as well as getting to know one another. Do ask them how to make a cardboard chair... If you don't know who the staff are then please introduce yourself; our smart new name badges might help you identify everyone – they are a friendly bunch! It is great to see groups of staff happily sharing ideas, enjoying one another's company and being supportive. This is of course great modelling for our pupils as they settle down into their new classes. Pre-Prep is looking very smart, having had a makeover in the holidays and we are extremely excited to have a STEM room set up by Mr Hunter and Mrs Campbell. Huge thanks to Mr Mutti who has developed skills he never knew existed and done a fantastic job around the site this summer. Thanks also to Wishford for funding improvements to the school and to Ben Pitman-Jones in particular for all his time sorting out and up-grading our technology, including installing two new interactive Smart screens.



### WELCOME BACK! PICTURES FROM OUR STAFF INSET CARDBOARD CHAIR CHALLENGE



## THANK YOU

Mrs Wagstaff has very kindly bought the school Lego Mindstorm that will enable the children to participate in designing and constructing Lego robotic models. We have already entered the First Lego League Challenge on 6<sup>th</sup> December in Canterbury – all very exciting. Thank you Mrs Wagstaff for your generosity and we hope you will pay us a visit to see our robots in action!



### MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

We hope you enjoyed reading plenty of books during the holidays. For those of you who took part in the library event this year please remember to bring in your certificates and medals for our assembly on Monday when we will celebrate and photograph all those who completed the challenge.

## Hello from Year 3 ...

We have had a fantastic first few days and have all settled in beautifully. We have worked well as a team to create some class rules and have met our new classroom "monsters"! Their job is to listen to our happy thoughts and worried feelings. We have had a super first P.E lesson and were lucky enough to be able to use the school field in the sunshine! We cannot wait for the rest of the year and are very excited to continue our learning journey through Year 3.



Having fun outside on the field



**Year 4** pupils have got off to a cracking start. Having taken care of general housekeeping such as reminders of homework expectations, new timetables and choosing class mottos, we have already embarked on more formal learning, including a fun outdoor maths lesson with a focus on estimating and measuring perimeters of large areas. Hundreds of footsteps were patiently counted and converted to more usual units of measurement!

**Year 5** have settled in well this first week. We have started our topic on journeys, writing a descriptive passage about our holiday journeys trying not to name where we went so others could guess. We have been discussing and sharing our knowledge on our new science topic, 'Living things and their habitats', focusing specifically on the life cycle of the green turtle. We've ended the week creating portraits in the style of Pablo Picasso. We are all looking forward to a great term ahead.

## NEXT WEEK

### September

Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

Years 5 & 6 Football Club

Year 4 Swimming

Pre-Prep Choir (taster session)

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Years 4, 5 & 6 Hockey Club

Cross Country

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Years 3 & 4 Art and Craft Club

Prep Choir (taster session)

7 – 8.30pm New Parents Evening

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Orchestra

Years 1 & 2 Art & Craft Club

Dancing begins

Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

Years 3 & 4 Football Club

Years 4, 5 & 6 Drama Club

Cross Country

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Class and Individual School photos

U11 A & B Football (A)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Years 2 – 6 Chess Club

Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

MacMillan Coffee Morning

## October

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Harvest Festival

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Parent Council

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

Open Morning: International Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

6 – 8pm Prep Swimming Gala

Half-Term: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

## HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

PTA Fireworks

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

PTA Christmas Fair

## LOOKING SMART IN THE NEW PREP GAMES KIT AND UNIFORM



## Please note:

As we gradually introduce new uniform, which is still very much a work in progress, we would request that you purchase only the items approved by the school. We wish to introduce consistency with our uniform and maintain high standards of appearance. Please check with the school office before making purchases if you are unsure.