



## School Newsletter – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term is really flying by! The children have been working very hard across the school. Year 2 have been learning about the life and work of Florence Nightingale. Year 5 are fully engaged in their learning about World War Two and Year 6 have started Bikeability!

The children are enjoying taking part in a variety of P.E. including basketball, yoga and swimming. Please ensure that your child has water in their water bottles so they are able to stay refreshed and hydrated.

**Mr R. Boyjoonauth**  
**Principal**

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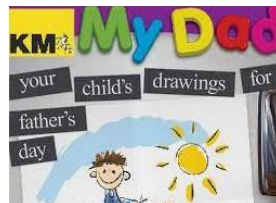
### **Kent Messenger – My Dad**

In previous years, in celebration of Father's Day, children draw a picture of their dad and write a message (at school) which is then sent in to the Kent Messenger newspaper and published.

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, the KM group have decided to change the process this year. The school will not be submitting pictures. Instead, they are asking parents/ carers to help children submit pictures direct to their website:

[www.kmmydad.co.uk](http://www.kmmydad.co.uk)

Children can add their own special message to their dad, and the pictures will appear in time for Father's Day in week commencing June 14th. This is open to all primary school children, in all year groups. Please note the deadline to submit your child's picture and message is **24<sup>th</sup> May**.



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### **Readathon**

On Monday, your child/children will be bringing home a letter with information about our Sponsored read. We want to celebrate reading and encourage a lifelong love of books and reading, as well as raise money to provide children with exciting new books in their book corners. Please help us by supporting our sponsored read which will begin next week and end after half term.

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### **Star Readers of the Week**

We have been so impressed with the effort that has been made to enter the Buster's Book Club competition each week. Every week Miss Viertel collects the data showing how many minutes the children have read for on Wednesday evenings. It is always such a challenge to pick just one Star Reader of the Week, so from Term 6, there will now be 2 Star Readers of the week – one for EYFS/KS1 and one from KS2. The Star Readers of the Week will receive a certificate and badge. We will continue to reward the Reading Class of the Week with our special trophy and certificate.



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## **Parking**

We are receiving an increasing number of complaints from concerned parents and local residents about dangerous and illegal parking outside school by a small minority of our parents. Please consider your actions when parking outside school – we really don't want anyone to be injured because of inconsiderate and dangerous parking. Double yellow lines on Kitchener Road and Chattenden Lane are there to keep our children safe, do not park on them. We are urging our parents and children to take extra care during this time, since we do not have a Road Crossing Patrol Officer. Discussions are taking place with Medway Council to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

Some of our parents have shared their concerns with Medway Council. They have set up an e-petition asking for a Road Crossing Patrol Officer at Chattenden Primary. The petition can be found at:

[https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?Id=149&\\$LO\\$=1](https://democracy.medway.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?Id=149&$LO$=1)

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## **Current News and Information – Social Media**

It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers follow us the social media platform, Instagram. It gives you a chance to share in all the wonderful achievements and learning opportunities of the children on a daily basis, as well as sharing information and helpful tips.

If you're not already, please follow us: chattenden\_primary.



See our work  
in motion!



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## **Uniform**

A reminder please that all pupils need to be following the school uniform rules. Trainers are not allowed (except for PE) and only school jumpers or plain red jumpers are permitted. Extreme hairstyles are not permitted, hair should not be dyed, and hair accessories should be discreet. No children should be wearing make-up or nail varnish at school and only stud earrings are permitted.

<https://www.chattenden.medway.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform>

## **Lost Property**

It is such a shame to see such a great amount of expensive school uniform in the lost property container. Please help your children by marking their names in their uniform. Some companies offer iron-on labels which are durable and don't come off in the wash. Companies such as mynametags.com provide these.



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## **Have fun with Maths!**

If your child is in Years 1 -6, please encourage them to login and play Times Table Rock Stars and Sumdog regularly. Just a little time each day will help to improve their recall of number and times table facts. Each week, Mrs Diddams will award one child with the title, 'Rockstar of the Week' and they gain a position on our 'Wall of Fame'. There are also competitions within school and between other schools within Medway, so please do encourage your child to join in!



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## **Dates for the Diary**

<b>w/c Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 Bikeability – Group 2</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 4 parent consultations</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Jaguar Class Health Checks</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class Photographs</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 parent consultations</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 parent consultations</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Last day of Term 5</b>