



# Trottiscliffe CE Primary School Newsletter

*Learning together, believing together, achieving together*

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Date: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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Term 1 Week 6

Whole school  
attendance this  
week

97.7%

Whole school  
attendance this term

97%

Whole school  
attendance since  
September

97%

Minutes late this  
week

0

Number of pupils  
with 100%  
attendance this  
week

70/77

Class with  
100% attendance  
this week

Uganda

## Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our team. Over the coming weeks Mrs Harrison and Mrs Fisher will be joining us and they will both be working closely with children providing classroom support. We are sure you will join us in welcoming them into our school community.

## Kent Test

We wish all Y6 candidates sitting the 11+ next week the very best of luck. Make sure you get a good night's sleep beforehand and just do your best on the day.

## Book Bags and Rucksacks

Thank you for your continued support with children just bringing book bags into school, this has been working very well and has reduced the storage space needed. We know there have been some supply issues but if your child hasn't yet got a book bag could we please urge you to purchase one as soon as possible to avoid reading books being damaged in the rain. Bulky bags are very difficult to manoeuvre around school when they contain books and lunch boxes and we don't have enough room in classrooms and on pegs for large rucksacks.

## Non-Uniform Day

The TSA is holding a non-uniform day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the last day of term. For a donation of £2 children may wear their own clothes to school that day. A member of the TSA will be collecting £2 donations as children come through the gate that morning.

## Parents' Evening

Due to the ongoing restrictions in place around visitors in school we are not able to hold face to face consultations with parents to discuss children's progress. We are therefore holding virtual consultations on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October via Zoom. Letters were sent home with children this week, request slips must be completed and returned as soon as possible as appointments will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

## School Dinners

Please let Mrs Ballard know next week if your child is likely to want a school dinner from Term 2 and approximately how many times a week so we get an idea of numbers. Roast on Wednesday and Fish and Chips on Friday are our most popular days. Service will be a little different as we have to observe social distancing and children will eat lunch within their bubble but we have a timetable in place which means that we can accommodate hot dinners for all children during lunch break. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. Children in all other year groups must pay online for their school meal. The cost of a school meal is **£2.30** per day. If your child is entitled to a Free School Meal this will be provided. Please contact the school if you believe you are entitled to Free School Meals and we can provide further information. The menu is available on our website and was emailed out to all parents last week.

### Road Closure

We have received notification that School Lane will be closed to all traffic from 12<sup>th</sup> October to 16<sup>th</sup> October. Diversions will be in place along Church Lane and Taylors Lane and we would urge you to exercise extreme caution and be more aware of traffic and pedestrians as this closure is likely to cause chaos at school drop-off and pick-up times.

### Admission to Primary School in 2021

If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017 it's time to start thinking about applying for their primary school place for September 2021.

Applications must be made online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) between 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

If you require a paper application form or information booklet please call 03000 41 21 21

### School Photographs

We are pleased to inform you that our school photographer H W Premier will be visiting us on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Please note that due to the government restrictions within schools and the necessity to keep 'bubbles' secure, there will unfortunately be no family groups or sibling photographs, there will be individual photographs ONLY.

We have been very impressed with the quality and variety of photographs taken by H W Premier and we are pleased that they are still able to take the formal shot, funny shot and prop shot. Therefore, if your child wishes to use a prop which highlights an interest or hobby (eg. soft toy, football etc.) please ensure this is brought in on the day in a named carrier bag. Props will be kept on pegs and cannot be shared amongst siblings. Please do not send in anything breakable.

## TERM DATES

OCTOBER	
14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup>	Virtual Parent Consultations via Zoom
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Test (for pupils who attend a Kent school)
16 <sup>th</sup>	School photographs – individual ONLY, no family photos
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Last day of Term 1 Non-uniform day for a donation of £2 per child
NOVEMBER	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Staff Training Day, children do NOT attend
3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Day of Term 2
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal Flu Vaccine – whole school
DECEMBER	
18 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of Term 2

Please visit our website for updated information and a full list of term dates

<http://www.trottiscliffe.kent.sch.uk>