



NEWSLETTER NO.11 AUTUMN TERM – 25 NOV 2011

THE WEEK AHEAD

	WEEK 12	
Monday 28th	Whole School Assembly Last Rugby Club of the Term	8.55am 3.45pm
Tuesday 29th	Swimming – Years 5 & 6 Governors Meeting	8.45 at Mayfield 8.00pm
Wednesday 30th	Advent Mass led by Y3 and Y2 - all welcome U11/10 Rugby Workshop at Skippers Hill	9.00am 2.00pm leave
Thursday 1st December	Parent & Toddler Morning in Nursery	9.00-10.15am
Friday 2nd	PTA Home Produce appeal Awards Assembly ISA Rugby Tournament	8.55am 10.30am depart
Saturday 3rd	PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR	12 – 3pm
Sunday 4 th		

GOOD STUDENT BADGES

RECEPTION	Rafferty Knight	For hearing all the sounds in words when writing
YEAR 1	Sam Martin-Young	For neat work and very good work with 2-D shapes
YEAR 2	Harry Goodman-Condon	For a beautiful piece of weaving
YEAR 3	Emilie Wilson	For always being helpful
YEAR 4	Klara Waring	For always working so hard and for her fantastic general knowledge
YEAR 5	Samuel Bethel-Motagalli	For always working hard, being kind, considerate and polite
YEAR 6	Harry Thatcher	For always trying hard at his spellings and reading and making great progress.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- Martha Ellis who successfully performed three dances (Ballet, tap and modern) in the Caroline School of Dance show at the Angel Centre in Tonbridge recently.

NETBALL Report by Isabelle Brattle Yr 5 Captain

On Wednesday, 23rd November Years 5 and 6 played an exciting netball match against Rose Hill. There was some great play from both teams in the first half and Caroline, Jenny (Y5), Phoebe and Precious made some excellent interceptions. In the second half there was very impressive play from Hermione, Millie and Jenny which was followed by some fantastic goals from Fenella & Precious. It was Millie's (Y5) and Jenny's (Y5) first netball match and they play brilliantly. We won by two goals and the final score was 6-4!

Afterwards we had a delicious tea prepared for us by our Mums. We would like to say a big thank you to our Mums and Dads for their support, to Mrs. Grocock for training us and to Mrs. HT for coaching us throughout the match!

Report by Fenella and Chiara Yr 6

On Wednesday 23rd November Year 5 and 6 girls played netball against Rose Hill. We played extremely well. Fenella scored 13 goals and Rebecca 5. Isabelle and Chiara defended well with the end score being 18-1. Thank you to the parents for contributing to the delicious teas, to Mrs Grocock for organising and a big thank you to Mrs H-T for stepping in Mrs Grocock's place.

MISSING UNIFORM

Can all Monday evening footballers please check their long grey trousers to make sure they are theirs! If you discover you have the wrong trousers. One child's trousers have been missing since Monday 14th November club. Please return them to the school office.

Easyfundraising.org.uk

We've recently received a cheque for £15.64, being funds raised by supporters shopping and searching between July and September. This Christmas you can really boost our funds by remembering to do your shopping through easyfundraising. The average family spends around £600 on Christmas so this could mean big donations for our cause! Using easyfundraising not only raises money for the school but it can also save you money as they pride themselves on finding the best voucher codes and discounts from their retailers.

CHILDREN IN NEED

A big thank you to everyone who participated in this event which helped us raise a final total of £346.30.

YEAR 5 CAKE SALE

We omitted to report back to you the total raised from the Year 5 Cake Sale and are pleased to let you know the total sum was £172.00.

STAFF NEWS

End of terms often signal departures and at the end of this term we will be very sad to say farewell to Mrs Gooch who supports us so cheerfully in the Foundation Stage. As Jennifer has worked here for 21 years I know this term's Nativity productions will be especially poignant for her. She has witnessed some interesting changes in early years' education and has encouraged so many young boys and girls in the first stages of their learning journeys. Jennifer has some exciting plans for her retirement and I am sure she will find time to maintain a special link with the school. If you are in touch with any of our former pupils who spent time in the Nursery with Mrs Gooch, perhaps you would kindly share this news with them.

Mrs Snelling-Colyer also leaves us at the end of this year. Kaye has been an invaluable support in the office, dealing with finance and admin, but now takes the opportunity to pursue more fully her other interests. We are indebted to Kaye for sharing her amazing artistic talents; for many years she has painted the backcloth scenery for our Nativities and musicals. She has a long association with the school and will stay in touch through her continuing role as Clerk to the Governors.

CAFOD EVENT

St Thomas of Canterbury CAFOD Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 17th December 10.30 to 12.30pm at Convent Courtyard, St Leonards Mayfield School

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Monday 28 th November	Last Rugby Club session	3.45pm
Wednesday 30 th November	Advent Mass led by Year 3 and Year 2 – all welcome	9.00am
Friday 2 nd December	ISA Rugby Tournament	10.30am departure
Tuesday 6 th December	Re-arranged swimming session for Yr5 and Yr6 Foundation Stage Nativity Dress Rehearsal Foundation Stage – Nativity Performance	9.00am 11.00am 5.30pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Foundation Stage – Nativity Performance	5.30pm
Thursday 8 th December	Choir to Weald Hall	2.00pm departure
Friday 9 th December	Rotary Club Wadhurst Christmas Lights and Carols	5.00-5.30pm
Monday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal KS1 Nativity Performance	9.45am 5.30pm
Tuesday 13 th December	Zebedees Christmas Lunch KS1 Nativity Performance	12.00 midday 5.30pm
Wednesday 14 th December	Class Christmas Parties	2.00pm
Thursday 15 th December	Last Nursery session	
Friday 16 th December	Carol Service SCHOOL FINISHES	11.00am 12.00 noon

The first snow fall.....

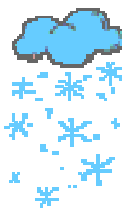
The snow is like sugar falling from the sky.
The floor is spread with icing.
The cars are like frozen cakes.

Snow is falling covering the meadows,
Making them look like small icebergs,
Floating on water

Snow is like white pom
pom balls on trees



Year 4 worked on similes and alliteration this weekend finally putting their ideas into poems about the first snow fall. Here are just a few of our favourite lines submitted by Erica, Rafael, Klara, Alex and Tristan.



The bushes are like
Christmas pearls that
sparkle in
The sun all day long

The snow glistens in
the light like a spark.

