ISSUE

Friday 8th March 2019

# Newsletter



Key Dates

15<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose
day - Pay £1 to wear
red

Term 4
Tuesday 26th February
until
Friday 5th April
Term 5
Tuesday 23rd April
until
Friday 24th May
Term 6
Tuesday 4th June
until
Tuesday 23rd July

# **Head**line

National Science Week - 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - Years 1-6

This year we are immersing ourselves in the wonderful world of engineering and taking part in the national competition run by Primary Engineer which asks the children 'If you were an engineer what would you do?'

At the start of the week, the children will attend science workshops to brush up on the knowledge they have gained in their lessons. We have three scientists coming in who will be visiting some of the workshops and talking to the children about their learning. Next, the children will carry out some research with their teacher into the different fields of engineering, and they will decide on some questions to ask a 'real-life' engineer. Each year group will then be assigned an engineer who will come in to be interviewed by the children. We have engineers visiting from lots of different backgrounds, with different specialisms, working in different industries.

The next stage is for the children to begin identifying problems in their own life, or in the lives of others which they could invent a solution to. This is the part when we want their imagination and creativity to run wild! Their chosen design will need to be drawn and annotated and they will also be writing a letter to the competition judges persuading them that their design should be chosen as a winner. Some children may take part in a 'Dragon's Den' to show off their creative inventions and practice their presentation skills.

A team of engineers and Mrs Mason will then begin judging the entries and selecting some school winners and runners-up. Teachers will also be looking carefully throughout the week for children who are putting lots of effort in and demonstrating our school values.

Entries will then be sent to Primary Engineers who will pick their winners. As well as every single child that enters receiving a certificate, runners up will be invited to special awards events and public exhibitions and one lucky child in each age group for the South East region will have their design made into a prototype by engineers at Canterbury Christ Church University!

Mr Presneill is setting an additional maths challenge, with a prize for the pupil who can show their mathematical workings in their design.

FS children will be taking part in various science experiments across the week based around a story book as well as their interests.

Remembering that it's the taking part that counts, we really hope that the children will be inspired by the creativity of engineering and get problem-solving to come up with some truly innovative designs.



### **Uniform**

A navy blue jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan for Years 1 - 6. Royal blue for FS1 and FS2 (Nursery and reception). Navy, black or grey trousers, tailored shorts, skirt or dress/navy and white checked dress. A white or blue polo shirt, shirt or blouse. Flat plain black shoes or trainers (no heels or open toes). Uniform can be ordered from

www.myclothing.com

# **Key Staff**

Mrs Mason Headteacher
Mrs Price Deputy Head FS &
KS1

Mr Presneill Deputy Head KS2
Mrs White Chair of Governors

Mrs Prentice SENCO
Mrs Lewis FS Leader
Mrs Price Y1 Leader
Mrs Byrne Y2 Leader
Mrs Marie LKS2 Leader
Mr MacDonald UKS2 Leader

**Mrs Liddle** Family Liason Officer 07535 696125

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, achieving equal opportunities and combating discrimination.

We operate a very clear whistleblowing policy for staff.

#### News

#### Well done!

Danny S won the raffle and received his signed copy of the new David Walliams book.

#### Year 5/6 Mini Fobs sale

We raised £102.20 for Unicef! Thank you for your support.

Brompton's Got Talent
Please note that BGT this term has
been postponed. A new date is
currently being arranged so we will
keep you posted. Keep practising!

#### Office helpers

We have some Y6 pupils who visit the office 3 times a day to help us by delivering anything brought in late. This means if you bring something in that your child has forgotten, it will go round to class either at break time or lunch time only.

The Greatest Fundraising Evening! This year Mrs Bailey will be running both the Brighton and London marathons fundraising for the ABF Soldiers Charity. You and your child are invited to attend a one off fundraising Greatest Showman Singalong party on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

- Doors open at 6pm.
- Prizes for the greatest circus fancy dress.
- Raffle prizes to be won, only £1 a strip.
- Drinks and Snacks will also be available to purchase.
- Entry only £3 in advance, (£4 on the night)
   Letters will be sent out this week, please complete the form and return in a named envelope to Mrs Bailey by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March.



#### Reminders

The school office
The school office opens at 08.30am and is extremely busy. The main entrance area is not a place where you can wait for school to begin with your children. If you arrive at school early, you need to wait outside with your children. The office staff are busy setting up for the day and answering the telephone which becomes very challenging if there are several families chatting in the reception area. Thank you for your understanding

Pat The On Back FS2C - Freddy and Holly - showing enthusiasm in all areas of their learning FS2L - Samuel for his use of mathematical language when describing 2d and 3d shapes and Annalise for persevering with learning her teen numbers and she's nearly there © FS2S - Oliver for his enthusiastic learning in maths this week and Amelia E for her independent writing in RWI 1B - Lakvia for her interpretation of a Jackson Pollock painting and Ethan for his drawing and labelling of underwater creatures

1W - Sandra for her consistent attitude to all her learning and Oscar S for his positive contribution in class this term 2B - Kaitlyn for her perseverance whilst learning a new strategy in maths and James for his valuable contributions and ideas during classroom discussions 2M - Maria for being a fabulous monitor and keeping the classroom table pots tidy and ready for action! Jamil for sharing some creative ideas and predictions for our class story ©

## Coming home.....

Nothing this week

