

Weekly Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Week A

5 November 2021



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Some important information is repeated for your convenience, but there is also new content to be read.

Letter from the Secretaries of State for Education and Health

The Secretary of State for Education and the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care have written a [joint letter](#) to parents about the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly COVID-19 testing and reporting.

The letter provides information on COVID-19 testing and advises that, in response to potential outbreaks, local health teams may advise additional testing and isolation protocols at your school or college.

Alongside the letter are some [frequently answered questions for parents](#), from Dr Mary Ramsay, Head of Immunisation.

COVID-19 Asymptomatic Home Testing Guidance

Thank you for your continued support with Covid-19 home testing.

Wherever possible, your child should continue testing and reporting results twice a week at home.

Reporting results

Recording all test results helps scientists stay ahead of the virus by spotting new outbreaks quickly and advising how to respond.

Reporting results is easy.

Go to: [Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) Or call: 119 free from a mobile or landline. Lines are open every day, 7am to 11pm. Support is offered in 200 languages as well as British Sign Language and Live Video Assistance.

All results should be reported, even if your child's result is negative or void. To help in communicating the importance of testing and reporting, the government has produced a blog on [why reporting your test result is as important as taking a test](#)

You should also keep a note of the test ID and share your child's results with school using [this link](#)

Universal Testing

The government is encouraging all adults to participate in twice weekly testing to help stop the spread of coronavirus. You can order tests through the [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests](#) service.

Up to one in three people who have COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading it without knowing. Maintaining a regular habit of testing twice a week, 3-4 days apart, will help stop the virus spreading and keep schools and colleges open to students and staff.

Symptomatic COVID-19 Testing

- Home testing using the LFD tests **does not replace testing for those with symptoms.**
- If your son/daughter (or anyone in your household) experience symptoms of COVID-19 they must self-isolate immediately, book a PCR test and follow national guidelines. You will need to inform the school if this is the case.
- Once you have the result of the test please inform us as soon as possible. If the result is negative, you can then stop self-isolating and your son/daughter can return to school if they are well enough. If the result is positive they will need to continue to self-isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and follow national guidelines.
If you have any queries regarding testing please contact Carolyn Hobbs, Office Manager.

Please also see attached the Covid-19 Vaccination Parent Information Pack from Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust. This has information and links regarding the Covid-19 vaccine.

Do you have a child in YEAR 7-11. The Immunisation Team will be in school on (25&26/11/2021) to give the FLU VACCINATIONS. The online consent portal is available online at <https://childconsent.co.uk/kchft/consent/search>

Don't forget to submit your parental consent or refusal for your child's FLU vaccination before (22/11/2021).

Please use your child's NHS number or legal surname, date of birth and post code to access the form.

Timetabling Notice

From **15th-19th** November, we will operate a **2:1:2** lesson breakdown with an earlier lunch, to allow for Y13 exams to take place.

Survey: Violence against Women and Girls

This message is from PC J. Hobbs:

'Please see the below link to a survey that is being run by the Police Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott, the subject of the survey is Violence against Women and Girls.

I think it is very important to gain as many views and experiences around this subject.

I would like to reach as many young girls as possible as sadly we know many have experiences on this so it would be great to hear their voices.'

The Survey - <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/VAWGKENTPCC/>

Thank you in advance for your support in this

Many thanks

PC J. Hobbs

Kooth

Dear families,

We often recommend "Kooth" to support young people's mental health and wellbeing. If you would like to know more about their service, they are running monthly information sessions for parents and carers.

The link for parents/carers to book a free webinar can be found here:

Tues 16 Nov 6pm-7pm & Tues 14 Dec 6pm-7pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/discover-kooth-parent-carer-information-sessions-tickets-164152609875>

Year 9 Food Wellbeing Club

In the first session of the year 9 Food wellbeing club we made Halloween jack 'o' lantern stuffed peppers. They were absolutely delicious!

If your child has signed up for this, please remind them to attend next week on Monday 3.30-4.30pm

Year 8

Students will be sent home this week with an organiser sheet for this term's practicals. This should help you to know when they will need to bring in specific items for the Christmas cake competition.

The competition final date will be Monday 4th December this year.

Year 7

Ingredients for practical lessons will be posted on your child's Google classroom this term. Most classes will cook in their 3rd, 5th and 6th lessons of the term. Your child will be notified specifically the lesson prior to the practical lesson and ingredient lists will be posted on Google classroom for them.

From the Food and Nutrition Department



THANET SCHOOLS YOUNG ARTIST'S FESTIVAL 2021

Dear all,

Just to inform and remind the THANET SCHOOLS YOUNG ARTIST'S FESTIVAL 2021 ,is on all this week at The Margate school, <https://www.themargateschool.com/> , prizegiving Sat 6th at noon.

Photos of the exhibition can be viewed on https://www.facebook.com/thanetartsfestival/photos/?ref=page_internal .

Over 600 paintings are exhibited from 36 Thanet Schools and colleges.

Please inform all parents and pupils

There is free parking available on the prom near the Winter Gardens and Trinity Square.

Kind Regards

Brian

Brian Homewood

Art Festival co-ordinator

Rotary Club of Margate.

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withyou**

Mind and Body - Parent / Carer Information Sessions

Dear Parent/Carer,

Mind and Body recognise that parents/carers are often left with questions around mental health and may feel unsure how to deal with certain situations. With that in mind, we would like to offer you the opportunity to attend a free online session - 'Supporting Young People who Self-Harm: Information for Parents/Carers.' If you would like to attend then please find further information and book your place by following this link: **Book a Place**.

The aim of our support is to increase your confidence in these areas, as well as providing an opportunity to explore strategies to best support a young person. In the meantime, here is the link to our **Mind and Body in Kent** website where you can find further information, as well as specific advice around self-harm for parents/carers which can be accessed **here**.

If you have any queries with regards the above or require further information, then please do not hesitate to contact our office on 01795 500882 or at MABadmin@wearewithyou.org.uk

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

The Mind and Body Team

Year 8 Virtual Walk

The students in year 8 as part of their Caring theme this term are taking part in a virtual walk to raise money for Game Rangers International and the Musekese Conservation charities. They are aiming to complete a 990mile collective distance, the length of the River Kafue, and any donations that can be bought in by students will be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL DIRECT INFORMATION EVENING

Thinking of training to teach?

Primary and secondary School Direct routes into teaching with the East Kent Learning Alliance.

Book your place on our online information evening:

Wednesday 1st December - 6 pm

BOOK NOW

<https://www.ekla.org.uk/itt/school-direct>

Thanks.

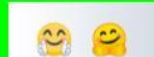
Rachel Rolls

Assistant Head Teacher

Food Parcels for families in need at Christmas. Please Can You Help?



The Dane Court Challenge Can we fill 50 food parcels with food and some special Christmas treats? Please see the list of foods and place your donations in the collection points in your Year Head's Office
THANK YOU



Suitable Food to Donate for the Food Boxes: Any of these would be great.

Please make sure the food has a long life, e.g. Tins, Dried Food, Jars, Cartons, Packets, Chocolates, Biscuits. Please Do Not include fresh foods that need to be refrigerated. Thankyou



TINS

Ham * Sausages * Corned Beef* Stewed Steak * Tuna * Sardines * Pilchards * Salmon * Pate * Crabmeat * Red Kidney Beans * Black Eye Beans * Baked Beans Soup * Tomatoes * Tomato Puree * Sweet Corn * Peas * Carrots * Potatoes * Fruit * Carnation milk * Condensed Milk * Lentils * Pies * Desserts

DRIED FOOD

Rice * Pasta * Noodles * Instant Mash Couscous * Fajita Kit * Grains * Lentils Split dried peas * Dried Beans

SAUCES, SPICES

Pasta Sauces * Curry Sauce * Salsa * Curry Powder * Chilli Powder * Cumin * Cinnamon * Mixed Spice * Mixed dried Herbs * Cook-in-Sauces

DRINKS

Tea Bags* Loose leaf Tea * Fruit Tea bags * Instant Coffee * Ground Coffee Coffee * Cocoa * Drinking Chocolate * Horlicks * Fruit Juices * Soft Drinks * Cordials * Squash *

CHRISTMAS TREATS

Christmas Puddings * Selection Boxes * Sweets * Chocolate Bars * Nuts * Dates * Marzipan * Brandy Butter * Cranberry Sauce *

PACKETS

Cereals * Sugar * Flour * Dried Yeast * Dried Fruit e.g. currants, raisins, sultanas, glace cherries, apricots, prunes, dates * Nuts * Tortillas * Naan Breads * Jelly cubes

CAKES AND BISCUITS

Any biscuits * Packaged Cakes * Cake Bars * Christmas Cakes * Tins of biscuits

JARS

Jam * Honey * Marmalade * Vegemite/ Marmite * Nutella * Chutney * Pickled Onions * Red Cabbage * Gherkins * Mince meat *

CARTONS

UHT milk * UHT Fruit Juice * Custard * Instant long life Desserts e.g. creamed rice, yoghurts, chocolate desserts *

NEW BOOKS, TOYS and CRAFT ITEMS

Gifts for children



DANE COURT PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Events 2021

Quiz Night

Dane Court School Theatre
Friday 26th November 2021



Tickets: Adults £7.00 Children £3.00

Doors open at 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm

(price includes ploughman's supper- bring your own drinks, glasses provided)

Teams up to 8 persons per table.

To book a table please contact Mrs Lois Gadd (Maths) (Tel (or text) 07968 687415 or Email

gadd@danecourt.kent.sch.uk) by 4pm on Wed 24th Nov

Charity number 1023394



A touch of History to enjoy!

REMEMBER, REMEMBER! THE FIFTH OF NOVEMBER, THE GUNPOWDER TREASON AND PLOT; I KNOW OF NO REASON WHY THE GUNPOWDER TREASON SHOULD EVER BE FORGOT!

Lots of people celebrate the 5th November with bonfires and fireworks – but not everyone knows the backstory of this explosive tradition.

Also known as Guy Fawkes night, the origins of Bonfire Night date back to 1605. At this time England was under the ruling of James I, who was a protestant. Unbeknownst to the King, a small group of English Catholics were plotting a rebellion against him. Their goal was to assassinate the protestant King and replace him with a Catholic leader.

There were 13 men in the rebel group, one of which was Mr Guy Fawkes. After extensive planning, the conspirators decided to place explosives beneath the House of Lords, in an attempt, to blow up Parliament. Once an explosives expert in the military, Fawkes was the perfect person to light the final fuse.

The government already had inklings of a plot against the King, but their fears were confirmed with an anonymous tip, in the form of a letter to Catholic politician Lord Monteagle, warning him to stay away from Parliament. Despite being aware of the letter, the conspirators decided to go ahead with their plans, believing that the Government would dismiss it as a hoax.

Luckily, the letter was shown to the King, who ordered a search of the cellars beneath Parliament. A search took place in the early hours of the 5th November, during which Guy Fawkes was caught and arrested. Following his capture, the search party discovered 36 barrels of explosives, hidden beneath piles of firewood and coal.

In January 1606, James I passed an act to celebrate the failure of the Gunpowder Plot and his subsequent escape from death. Known as the Observance of 5 November Act 1605, special church services, bonfires and fireworks were held each year, to commemorate the fateful day. Although the act was dissolved in 1859, these celebrations still take place today.



Lost property this week

We have various items, including an umbrella, a football, a box of guitar effectors, keys, jewellery and an odd size 11 Nike shoe/trainer that have been handed in to the office. Please remember to name any items your child brings into school to help us quickly return any lost items. If you recognise any of them, please do contact the office on 01843 864941 to arrange collection as soon as possible.

Many thanks, Office Team

