



Newsletter

Friday 8th October 2021

Week 5 Term 1

Judging by the recent rain, the clouds and the drop in temperature, it is safe to say that summer has definitely ended and winter is on its way...

Autumn is always such a lovely time of the year for young children who love watching the leaves slowly change colour. Many of our children will have the opportunity to explore the seasons in more detail as they embark on their Forest School experiences over the coming months. We are very lucky that Mrs Chapman, our qualified Forest School teacher is able to offer regular Forest School experiences in our school grounds.

Fortunately, the weather managed to stay bright and sunny long enough for us to enjoy the Autumn Fair. It was lovely that so many of you were able to visit and support our fantastic Friends of Discovery school FODS (PTA). The Fair raised a fantastic £2,800.00 for our school. A huge 'thank you' to our brilliant FODS committee and our volunteers who made the event such a massive success.

The next big school event is the Halloween Raffle, which will be drawn on 22nd October. Tickets can be purchased via the following link:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/halloween>

On Saturday 13th November, the FODS PTA will also be organising the annual Fireworks Display – look out for more details coming soon...



Attendance

The Government expects all schools to promote the importance of good school attendance. Attendance at The Discovery school has always been high, which is something to be celebrated.

Overall attendance so far for the year 2021/22: 96.31%

Best Class Attendance:

Well done Faraday Class (week ending 1st October 2021) – 99.03%

Well done Armstrong Class (week ending 8th October 2021) – 99.35%

Value Points

Value Points All of the children have been working hard to uphold our school values of Honesty, Kindness, Perseverance, Friendship and Respect.

Winning House (week ending 1st October – Shackleton House 😊

Winning House (week ending 8th October) – Cook House 😊



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- Message from the Chair of Governors -

Following our recent request for Parent Governors, the Governing Body is delighted to advise you that Mr. Nick Maw and Mrs. Katy Steele have been appointed as parent governor representatives.

We look forward to formally welcoming them both to the governing body on Monday 18th October.

We are confident that both Nick and Katy have skills sets and expertise that are going to be a great asset to our governing body. We thank them both in advance for volunteering their time for the benefit of our school community.

Kind regards,



Mrs A Cornall
Chair of Governors



Upcoming dates for your diary

Please find below a list of key dates for the remainder of Term 6. All of the dates below, and the organisation of any planned events, will be subject to any COVID-19 restrictions which may be in place and may be subject to last minute change.

- 15th October – New Entrants Tour
- 20th October – New Entrants Tour
- 21st October – Kent Test results day
- 22nd October – FODS – Halloween Raffle
- 22nd October – **End of Term 1**
- 1st November – **Start of term 2**
- 2nd November - New Entrants Tour
- 8th November - New Entrants Tour
- 13th November – FODS Firework Display
- 23rd November – Parent Consultations
- 24th November - Parent Consultations
- 26th November – **INSET Day** (no children in school)

Finally...

We would like your help with something. Of the many changes that occurred last year, one was the move to online parent consultations. Nationally, the press is reporting that this was one of the few bonuses for parents that came out of the pandemic. With this in mind, we would welcome your views regarding arrangements for the first parent consultations due to take place in November. Below is a link to a short survey, seeking your preferences regarding online parent consultations or in school appointments. Please could you use the link below and complete the survey. This will assist us in our decision making and planning for the next set of consultations.

<https://forms.gle/QS9o3n2xnaHJmiTa9>

Thank you in advance for submitting your views.

With kind regards



Miss T Gobell - Headteacher

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WELCOME

We would like to say a big "hello and welcome" to our new lunchtime supervisor who have joined our dedicated team:

Miss Julia Green

We are currently advertising for additional lunchtime supervisors. If you know of anyone looking for a small part-time job, do let them know.

Likewise, we are currently advertising for a Sports Leader to organise and run team sports during the lunch-hour – details can be found on Kent-Teach:

<https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/SearchResults.aspx?VacancyType=Support&Phase=Primary>



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Thank You FODS!

I am sure that those of you that attended the Autumn Fair on Saturday 25th September can attest to the fantastic time that was had by all. The Autumn Fair raised an amazing:

£2,800.00

This wouldn't be possible without our fantastic FODS committee and our willing volunteer helpers – so huge thanks to them all!

If you weren't able to attend, then please take a look at some of the photographs taken on the day...



Super Star Corner

Well done to Oscar De Oliveira. Oscar was really proud to receive his first swimming certificate and move to stage 2 - congratulations Oscar!



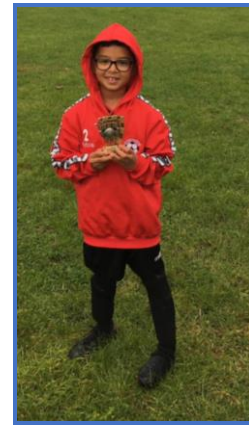
Congratulations to Reece Illingsworth in Faraday Class. Reece has been working hard and has just achieved his Stage 2 swimming badge and certificate - well done Reece!



Well done to Oliver Brett in Edison Class who has just achieved his level 2 swimming badge and moved up to Stage 3. He worked really hard over the summer to improve his swimming – a great job Oliver!

Super Star Corner

Congratulations to Avi Vaishnav in Pasteur Class. Avi was awarded 'Man of the Match' in the Maidstone Invicta Primary League U8 match against Barming Blues U8. Avi's team won 8-1 - well done Avi!



Well done to Mia Rubens in Class. Mia set up her own Loom Band stall at the recent Autumn Fair and raised £70.10 for the school – a great job Mia!

