



# newsletter



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## Food Bank

The Sunshine Team have organised for a food bank bin to be in the school hall at all times. This is an ideal way of continuing to give little and often to those in need. If you can spare any items on a weekly or monthly basis, please send them in with your child. At the moment we are collecting nappies, dried mash potato, tinned potatoes and tin openers. Of course, all donations would be gratefully received. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## Start and End of the School Day

Please remember the start of the school day is 8.45 am prompt. Our school gates are open from 8.30 a.m. to ensure traffic is as steady as possible before the start of the school day.

When the weather is wet, the school will open via main reception at 8.30 a.m. We are unable to open earlier as the teachers are often preparing materials for the day ahead and

therefore not in the classrooms to supervise children. If you need to arrive before 8.30 a.m., Breakfast Club is always available for £1 per session at the school hall. When collecting your children at the end of the school day, please make sure you are here on time. The children can get very anxious if you are not here and they don't know why.

If your child is in Griffins or Unicorns and the journey home is straightforward, you may decide that they are able to walk home on their own. If so, please make sure we have a note from you, making it clear that you give them permission to walk home alone.

In the rare event that you experience problems at the end of the school day, please phone the school office to let us know and we will make sure the children are looked after while they wait to be picked up. Sadly we are not able to offer after school childcare at this moment in time.



You may have noticed that your child's Athletics account is no longer valid. This program has now been cancelled throughout the school and we have

introduced the children in Y2 – Y6 to a new program called TT Rock Stars! Your child will have received a letter explaining all about it. If you have any questions regarding this program, please ask the class teachers for information.

## Attendance Table

Congratulations to the Imps, who at the time of printing the newsletter, take the lead on the table!

Imps	97.38%	Pixies	96%
Elves	96.91%	Hobbits	95.91%
Dragons	96.96%	Griffins	94.33%
Unicorns	96.20%	<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.23%</b>

## Ourschoolsapp

Each week, the school office and classroom teachers receive a number of complaints from parents as their children are not bringing home the letters that are issued from school. To avoid such complaints, please ensure you have downloaded the school app, and if for any reason you are unable to do this, please notify the school office. **Except for those parents that have notified the office they are unable to download the app, newsletters will now be published on our website and school app only and will not be printed routinely for all parents.**

Over the year, this will save an enormous amount of time and

money that can be put to better use in the school. If you are finding it difficult to download the app, please see Mrs Tidd in the office and she will happily assist.

## Have you lost a purse?

A purse was found at the end of the Infant play in December. Please contact the school office if this could be yours!

## School Dinner Arrangements

Dinners are now underway with our new catering suppliers – Chartwells. Please ensure that dinner money is paid on a Monday morning (or before) for the weeks meals. £11.50 per week or £2.30 per day.

At the moment, we are only able to offer a full week meals or Friday only dinners.

As previously advised, we hope to move to electronic payment via ParentPay in the next few months. We will keep you updated with developments.

## Get Colourful Tag Day



On Friday 26 January, Stella Maris will be holding a charity day in aid of 'Get Colourful for Evelina London Children's Hospital'. Many of you already know Martin, our Elite sports

coach. Martin's son Cameron has received enormous support through this charity since his birth - see his story below:-

*Cameron was born with Chronic Renal Failure in 2001, his kidneys and bladder were extremely damaged and he has had a number of operations since, this together with a lot of medication daily has managed to keep his kidneys going until February 2015 when his mum Tanya, selflessly donated one of her kidneys.*

*The operation took place at Evelina Children's Hospital - Cameron and Tanya are both doing really well now. Evelina is such an amazing hospital and have done so much to help Cameron and treat him. The doctors, nurses, surgeons and absolutely everyone at the hospital are the best - they truly work miracles. The staff not only look after the children, they also always look after and care for the needs of the families. They are always there for help and support - nothing has ever been too much for them.*

*We will never be able to repay Evelina Hospital for what they have given to us, but by asking our friends, family and their friends and family we can give a little back. Please help me to do so.*

*Every year the Transplant children attend the British*

*Transplant Games and the money raised will go to The Paediatric Transplant Clinic and help towards these special children and families enjoy this brilliant event all together.*

Stella Maris would like to support Martin's efforts and we will be running a variety of fundraising ideas throughout the day including a cake sale, guess the name of the teddy and even pay to throw a wet sponge at Mr Langley in the stocks!

Children can dress as colourful as they like (bright clothes, wigs, wristbands, leg-warmers). We are asking for £1 donation for each child wearing their own clothes – plus extra spending money for the activities on the day.

If you are able, we would be most grateful for any donations of cakes for us to sell on to the children and school community. Further details will be sent out by the school app in the week leading up to the event.

### TERM DATES

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Get Colourful TAG Day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	IMPS Assembly
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Planetarium Imps/Elves/Griffins
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	02 Young Voices
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Arethusa Residential for Y6
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Imps/Elves Trip to Kids planet
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Pixies trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 Return from Arethusa Break up for half term.

