



newsletter



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Mothering Sunday Mass

This term's School/Parish Mass will be held on Mothering Sunday – Sunday 11th March 2018 at 11.00 a.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Guildhall Street. The children will be doing the readings, the bidding prayers, the offertory procession and leading the hymns. We do hope to see lots of families there to support their children and to join us in the celebration. If you're a mum, you'll get some daffodils too!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 7th March between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. and on Thursday 8th March between 3:50 and 6:20 p.m.

The meeting is to discuss your child's progress with reference to their latest assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths using information that has already been shared with the children during their Assertive Mentoring Review.

A booking form is attached overleaf. Please fill in one form for each child you have in school and return it to their class teacher as soon as possible. This is especially important where siblings are in the school to ensure consecutive appointments.

Easter Assemblies

Our Easter Assemblies this year are as follows:-

Monday 26th March at 10 a.m.

Imps, Pixies and Elves – The Palm Sunday story.

Tuesday 27th March at 10 a.m.

Hobbits and Dragons – the Maundy Thursday Story

Wednesday 28th March at 10 a.m.

Griffins and Unicorns – the Good Friday story.

Parents of children in the classes putting on the assemblies are very welcome to join us.

Lenten Fund Raising

Lent is a time when we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter – and one of the ways we do this is through 'almsgiving': raising money for others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

During Lent this year, we have decided to raise money for CAFOD. On Tuesday 27th February, CAFOD are going to come into the school to talk to the children about their work.



Don't forget we also have the Food Bank that The Sunshine Team have organised 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.

Parents in School

We are keen at Stella Maris to keep our positive, open relationship with parents. We do have to balance this carefully with ensuring the safety of all our children. Mornings are now running much more smoothly with parents leaving the site on time and on the odd occasion when children are late, parents are happy to leave children at the office.

At the end of the school day, we still have a number of parents coming into the school building via the classrooms or end corridor door. This is against school policy and we would like to remind ALL parents that should you need to come into the school to see a member of staff that is not your class teacher, you must report to the School Office. This ensures that parents are not exiting the building unsupervised by staff and therefore our children are all kept safe whilst waiting to be collected.

Thank you for your cooperation.

TERM DATES

Monday 26 th February 2018	Book Week begins
Friday 2 nd March 2018	Dress Up Day
Tuesday 6 th March 2018	Lent Breakfast & PJ day
Wednesday 7 th & Thurs 8 th March 2018	Parents Evenings

Friday 9 th March 2018	Gardening Club TAG Day – Green Theme
Sunday 11 th March 2018	School Parish Mass – Our Lady Help of Christians
Thursday 29 th March	TAG DAY for School Council
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Break up for Easter Holidays at 2.30 p.m.



Rainbow Centre

We have received a letter from the Rainbow Centre – thanking our school community for the kind donation of £633.29. This will help in supporting the vital work of the Folkestone Churches Winter Shelter project. One of the guests staying at the shelter comments saying “I felt hopeless, worthless and incomplete. That just about sums it up. But I think the Shelter saved my life and it’s certainly given me hope and faith in humanity”.

Our donation will ensure the Rainbow Centre continues to support those members of our community that need it most. Thank you!



The Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott sets the policing and community safety priorities for the county.

During his regular engagements with young people across Kent and Medway, one issue which he has heard repeated concerns about is cyber-bullying. He has raised these concerns during face-to-face meetings with representatives of some of the world’s biggest social media companies, as well as with Government Ministers.

Mr Scott, along with some of Kent Police’s Volunteer Police Cadets, has created a short Cyber-Bullying Survey which is available online at www.kent-pcc.gov.uk/consultations

Following on from our Safer Internet Day, we would like to encourage our pupils to complete this survey with the help of their parents. Please follow the link above.

SCHOOL DINNER MONEY AND PARENT PAY

Thank you to all the parents that are bringing in their child’s dinner money in advance. This is greatly appreciated and necessary to fulfil Chartwells policy.

We have been assured parentpay will be up and running by the end of this term ready for Term 5. Watch ourschoolsapp for further updates.



ParentPay

356 PENGUINS

Thank you for all the gorgeous penguins that have come in so far! Keep them coming.



Parents’ Evenings

Child’s name: _____ Class: _____

Please place one tick in one box to indicate your preferred time slot – you may also put two ticks in another box to indicate a second preference.

Between:	Wednesday 7 th March	Between:	Thursday 8 th March
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:50 – 4:20 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4:20 – 4:50 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4:50 – 5:20 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	5:20 – 5:50 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		5:50 – 6:20 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed : _____

Date: _____