



# Newsletter 2

13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents,

## **KM First Class Photographs**

A photographer from the Kent Messenger newspaper will be in school on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September to take class photographs of our new Reception children for the KM First Class newspaper supplement. If you have indicated that you do not wish for your child to appear in the media on the form that was provided to you in your starter pack, your child will not be included in the First Class newspaper supplement.



Individual photographs will take place on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

## **Cool Milk**

Unfortunately, Cool Milk have recently experienced distribution problems, which has meant that children have not received their milk every day in school. The company have assured us that parents will be credited for any missed days.

## **Application for School starting September 2022**

Do you have a child born between 1.9.17 and 31.8.18? The school admission process for children born between these dates to apply for a school place for September 2022 opened on

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and will close on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 5pm.

Now is also the time to apply for a Junior School place if your child is currently in Year 2. Further information regarding this will be sent home separately with our Year 2 children.

Applications for Reception and Junior School places should be made online at

[www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](http://www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions)

## **Prospective Parent Look Around Sessions**

We will shortly be holding prospective parent look around sessions for children starting school in September 2022. Details of the dates which will begin in early October are available from the school office. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place on one of our tours.



## **Attendance**

The school day at Balfour Infants begins at 9.00am and the register will be taken as soon as possible after this. Children arriving after 9.00am should report to school office and will be marked as "late". Parents will need to sign a late

slip and give a reason for the lateness of their child.

Any children arriving after the official closure of registers at 9.30am will be given a 'U' mark, which is classed as an unauthorised absence, unless it is for a medical/dental appointment or a reason is provided which can be authorised by the Headteacher.

Parents will also be required to sign the late book at the end of the school day if their child is collected from school late.



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

In addition to the work of the MacMillan Nurses, MacMillan Cancer Support covers help with money worries and advice about work etc.

We would like to raise money in support of MacMillan Cancer Support by holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 24th September from 9.05a.m. – 10.05a.m. Would you be willing to buy or bake cakes and donate them to our Coffee Morning? We would be grateful to receive any donations.

We are also hoping to hold a uniform and book sale at the same time.



Regards

Ms D Atkinson – Headteacher

For Information regarding school closures please access: -<https://opencheck.atomwide.com/>

Our school website: - [www.balfourinf.medway.sch.uk](http://www.balfourinf.medway.sch.uk)

### **Football Club**

We still have a few Year 2 football club places available. Please contact the school office if you are interested in your child joining this club.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**KM First Class Photos**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**Individual school photographs**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**Platinum Jubilee – School Closed**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021**  
**Staff Development Day**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**  
**Staff Development Day**

**Autumn Break**  
**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### **Important Dates**

**Year R and Year 2 parents – please avoid any planned absences in the month of May and June due to end of Key Stage Assessments taking place for pupils.**

**Year 1 parents – please avoid any planned absences in the month of June due to the Phonic Testing that takes place for pupils.**