



Newsletter 2

19th September 2022

Dear Parents,

After School Club

We are very pleased to inform you that in addition to the Breakfast Club, we are now able to offer you the services of the After School Club run by MFSE at Balfour Junior Academy. A walking bus will collect your child from school and walk them round to the junior school. Please make sure they know which door to collect your child from. If you are interested in booking a place for your child, please do so online direct with the club providers at

<https://mfse.class4kids.co.uk/>



School Photographs

Our school photographers will be visiting us on Wednesday 28th September to take individual school photos. Please remember to bring your best smiles to school on the day.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon

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 Afternoon on Friday 30th September from 2.30p.m. – 3.45p.m. Would you be willing to buy or bake cakes and donate them to our Coffee Afternoon? We would be grateful to receive any donations.

We are also holding a uniform and book sale at the same time. Monies raised from these sales will be used to raise funds for our school.

Cakes, books and uniform items will be on sale in the school hall, please come and join us.

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

SchoolGambia

We are working with The School Gambia Trust to support a school in the Gambia region and hope to develop this partnership further.

If you have any outgrown blue checked school dresses that your child no longer wears, we would

be grateful to receive these from you to forward onto the school in the Gambia.

We would also like to be able to support the school by providing filled pencil cases for their children. If you would like to help by donating a filled pencil case, these may include coloured or HB pencils, a small ruler, crayons, chalks etc. Please do not include felt pins as these dry out quickly. A note can be included in the case to the receiving child with well wishes if you would like to add this.

If you have any old or unused laptops with Windows 10 that you would be willing to donate, there is a shipment being sent to the Gambia containing these items and we would be pleased to receive these from you.

If you would like to make a monetary donation to the school in the Gambia to buy the stationary etc. that they desperately need, please send this into the school office in an envelope addressed to SchoolGambia.



Please let us have all donations by the end of this term. Thank you for your support in what I am sure you will agree is a worthwhile cause.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Board. We need enthusiastic and committed parents from a variety of backgrounds. You do not need leadership or education experience, just a desire to give back to the school and its community and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team. If you are a parent or guardian of a child attending our school and you would be

interested in becoming a Parent Governor, or would like further information regarding this, please contact the school office or pop in and see us.



Application for School starting September 2023

Do you have a child born between 1.9.18 and 31.8.19? The school admission process for children born between these dates to apply for a reception school place for September 2023 opened on Monday 5th September and will close on Sunday 15th January 2023.

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 via Medway Council at

www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

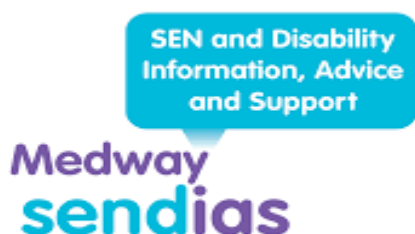
If you would like to book onto one of our school tours, please contact the school office.



Medway SENDIAS

Do you have a child with SEN or a disability and would like some information or advice? Medway SENDIAS Service is holding bookable online one to one advice sessions on Wednesday 28th September for Medway residents. Spaces are limited and should be booked at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sen-one-to-one-advice-sessions-medway-residents-virtual-session-on-teams-tickets-415836447007>



Year 2 Trip to Rochester

A reminder that the date for the Year 2 trip to Rochester has changed and will now take place on Thursday 6th October. If you have not yet sent in your consent form, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 28th September 2022
School Photographs

Friday 30th September 2022
Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 19th October 2022
Staff Development Day

Thursday 20th October 2022
Staff Development Day

Friday 21st October 2022
Staff Development Day

Autumn Break
Monday 24th – Friday 28th October 2022

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.

Regards.

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Headteacher