



24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our school's involvement with the NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics) and the Kent and Medway Maths Hub, we will be hosting two teachers from Shanghai between 15<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018. We are the only school in Kent to be selected to participate in this exchange which allows the children in Panthers and Sharks to experience being taught maths by teachers from one of the highest performing education systems in the world.

During these two weeks, one teacher from China will be teaching one maths lesson each day to the Panthers and Sharks in their own classroom with the class teacher present. For the rest of the day the usual teaching arrangements apply. These class based sessions will additionally be observed by headteachers, teachers and other educational professionals from around the county.

Additionally, there will also be three showcase lessons on 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January which are designed for a larger number of audience members and will only involve the Sharks class.

The showcases on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> will take place in the school hall, whilst the showcase on 24<sup>th</sup> January will be a fully funded trip to Sir John Williamson's Mathematics School in Rochester. This is an incredibly rare opportunity which will benefit not only the children in Sharks and Panthers, but also all pupils and staff of Sandgate Primary School.

We also recognise the need to be mindful of the wellbeing of the children who will be participating, therefore they will be fully supported at all times by their regular teaching team.

If you have any questions about the exchange, please do not hesitate to contact Mr James or Mrs Wilkinson who will be happy to answer them for you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Green  
Headteacher