

Dear Butterflies and Bumblebees,

As the weather has now become colder, it would be great if you could practise putting on your coat and taking it off independently. Don't forget to try doing up your own zip as well!

Have a go at writing your name in your home school diary now you have got your name card to copy. If you would like a challenge have a go at you surname too!

Have fun

Love Buzz and Bertie



Week beginning 4th October 2021

Dear Parents,

Where are the weeks going! The children are all trying so hard with their learning and doing so well at school. We have had a go at lots of different activities in the classrooms and the children are becoming their independence in their new environment. We have been busy working on our fine motor skills to support our handwriting and we are spending lots of time working on writing our names. We have sent home the children's name cards so that you are able to support your child with this at home. This week, we have come to the end of our learning about the Naughty Bus so for the last two weeks of this term we will be focussing on space and how our world fits into it.

Thank you for continuing to read with your child and for helping them to learn their sounds. You will find the new sounds they have learnt this week in their book bags (ck, e, u, r) as well as the first set of tricky words, which are learnt by sight. (These are one sheet but feel free to cut into individual cards) It would be great if you could get the children to demonstrate the sounds and actions that they have learnt this week. As they have now learnt a few sounds, you can also use the attached word lists to try blending sounds together to make a word. Some children are moving onto the pink level of books that use the first set of sounds. This will happen once your child is able to blend the sounds to say the word. As with c-a-t is cat.

We hope that you found our interactive phonics workshop useful last week. If you haven't had a chance to look at the PowerPoint yet, it should have come to you in an email. If you have any further questions about phonics and how to support your child at home, please do get in touch. Below are some useful websites for phonics:

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2yf4j>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Search.aspx?q=phonics>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/the-alphablocks-guide-to-phonics>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/> (you do need to pay for this one but it covers all the curriculum)

During Maths we have continued with the Make it, Draw it and Write it, where the children 'make' a number by getting that amount of objects; they then 'draw' the number by drawing that amount of circles; and finally they 'write' it, forming the numeral. Why not ask your child if they can show you how to do this for a given number. We have spent time in school learning how to form our numbers correctly.

We can definitely tell that it is Autumn now with the weather changing and the night's drawing in. We will be discussing Autumn next week so any if the children would like to bring in any items to discuss, such as leaves and conkers, that would be great!

Have a lovely weekend and should you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask, you can either write it in the home school diary or arrange to speak to us when convenient.

Mrs Uttley, Miss Ralph Mrs Fawcett-Jones, Mrs Coates and Mrs Wade

Dear Parent/Carer,

We recently contacted you to let you know about the free support that the Kent School Health Service offer in partnership with the NHS and Kent County Council. The service supports all school age children, including those who are fit and well.

As your child has started reception/foundation class at primary school this year, it is important that we know more about them so that we offer the right support for your family and your child's school. This is crucial as we continue to navigate the Coronavirus pandemic.

Therefore, we are inviting all parents to complete an online survey that addresses the health and wellbeing of your child. Please click this link <https://kent.hapi-system.com/school-entry> and complete before the end of November for your child in reception/foundation year only. The survey should take around 10-15 minutes and you will need to enter the password where your child's school is located. If your child is home schooled please select the area you live. (please note, the link and passwords are case sensitive):

School Location: Password

Folkestone and Hythe (Shepway): Shepway2021

Once you have completed if you have requested further information the system will direct you to additional advice and guidance. Depending on your answers, a member of the School Health Team may contact you to offer further support if required.

When you completed the school admissions form for your child, you gave consent for your information to be shared for health purposes. All of the information you provide is completely confidential and will only be used to inform our school health services. We promise not to share your information with anyone else (more information can be found on our website: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/legal/> or Kent County Council website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/privacy>. If you would like further information on this survey please access <https://www.thelancastermodel.co.uk/parents-guardians/>.

Supporting a variety of health worries:

The Kent School Health Service are here to provide advice, support and help with a range of health worries including daytime and night- time wetting and soiling, behavior management, healthy eating and lifestyle, emotional health and wellbeing, sleep, and complex health needs.

Our frequently asked questions also provide details of activities provided by the service and further online sources of support for parents: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/service/school-health/faqs-for-parents/>

Flu Vaccination:

In Autumn 2021, your child will be also be offered a free flu vaccination from the School Public Health and Kent and Medway Immunisation Service. This will be given in school. It's completely painless and is just a gentle squirt up the nose. You will be contacted by your child's school in the Autumn term with details about how to consent for this online.

Further support and guidance:

You can also get in touch with us at any time, even during the school holidays by phone on 0800 011 3474 (Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm) or you can email nem-tr.kentchildrenandyoungpeoplehealthservices@nhs.net

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and complete the above survey,

Best wishes from the School Public Health Service

This service is provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust in partnership with Kent County Council