



WELCOME BACK EVERYONE to an exciting new school year. Welcome to our new pupils and their families and to the new members of staff.

KENT TEST

It was a busy 11+ Day on Thursday - well done to all of our Year 6 candidates for their excellent effort over the past months - and whilst out of my study on pupil watch, a young SG hopeful sneaks onto the piano seat for a bit of boogie! Good luck also to those pupils who are sitting the Shepway Test on Saturday.



FUTURE TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2018

Begins: Wednesday 5th Sept
 Half Term: Thursday 18th Oct to Friday 26th Oct
 Ends: Friday 14th December

Spring Term 2019

Begins: Tuesday 8th January
 Half Term: Monday 18th Feb to Friday 22nd Feb
 Ends: Wednesday 3rd April

Summer Term 2019

Begins: Wednesday 24th April
 Half Term: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
 Ends: Friday 12th July

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

IF
 YOU CAN
 DREAM IT
 YOU CAN
 ACHIEVE
 IT

NOMINATED FOR A NATIONAL EDUCATION AWARD (VOTE MR CURNOW!)

Mr Paul Curnow, Head of Forest School and Prep 3 Form Teacher, has been nominated for a prestigious national education award in recognition for his commitment and passion for learning outside the classroom. Paul now faces a public vote to find out if he will take home the title of Inspiring Educator.

Kim Somerville, Head of the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the charity behind the awards, explains:

“The Outstanding Contribution to Learning Outside the Classroom Awards recognise and celebrates the people and teams who are transforming the lives of children and young people by providing or championing exciting and inspiring learning outside the classroom experiences. We want as many people as possible to vote for their local hero so they can get the credit they deserve.”

Mr Curnow’s passion for outdoor learning, cultivated by his time in the British military, was the inspiration behind the successful introduction of an overarching Forest School programme at Spring Grove School – an innovation that saw Spring Grove School achieve a UK and Kent first at the start of November 2017 after being recognised as the first independent school in the UK, as well as the first setting of any type in Kent, to be approved by the Forest School Association (FSA) as a recognised Forest School Provider.

So engaged in his love of the outdoors and the benefits that outdoor education can bring, Paul religiously goes the extra-mile to ensure that his lessons are always both enjoyable and memorable. His fun, inspiring and innovative approaches, including survival training, camouflage, wattle-and-daub wall construction to name but a few, have directly had a positive impact on all the children at the school, especially those in the Reception, Year 3 and Year 4. During important periods of transition for primary aged pupils (EYFS to KS1 and KS1 to KS2), Paul’s constantly expanding outdoor learning programme has developed and nurtured creativity, confidence, community engagement and self-reliance in the children – a real ‘can-do’ spirit!

Not content with resting on his laurels, Paul and the School have further expanded the Forest School provision this year to cover the entire School from Reception to Year 6 and have also established a permanent outdoor learning site (Thank you to Mr and Mrs Loudon). Paul is also working with other members of staff to bring a first beehive to the School.

Kim Somerville continues: “Learning outside the classroom plays such an important role in helping young people to achieve their potential by providing hands-on practical experiences that bring learning to life. Whether it is through fieldwork, school ground activities such as forest schools, educational visits to museums, galleries, farm activity centres, or cultural expeditions abroad, LOTC can build lasting, positive learning experiences.”

Votes can be cast via the CLOtC website (Voting closes on Friday 26th October 2018):

<http://www.lotc.org.uk/news-and-events/awards-for-outstanding-contribution-to-lotc/>



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SG PEBBLE FOUND

Our first painted pebble has been found on Weybourne Beach, Norfolk. The finder says ‘Thank you for the wonderful gift.’

READ A BOOK DAY

Spring Grove School a great place to grow... and read!





CINDERELLA PANTO TICKETS at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

Tickets are available to purchase for Spring Grove School parents through Mr Ken Lutz (secretary@sgpta.co.uk), on behalf of the SG PTA, for this year's panto at the Marlowe Theatre (Performance on Tuesday 18th December 2018, 2.30pm, Row J) priced at £20.25 each.

Please speak to Mr Lutz for further details and booking advice.

SG PTA WELCOME BBQ

A great event! Thank you to the PTA.



PREFECTS & CAPTAINS

Prep 6 get their new roles and responsibilities.



LAMDA SUCCESS

Very well done to all.



PTA NEWS

JOIN THE PTA IN 2018

The PTA is a great way to get involved with the school and to meet new people. We're a friendly bunch and are always looking for an opportunity to involve coffee and cake in our meetings!

The PTA is open to all parents and we would love to see some new recruits to help with our fundraising efforts and events. So if you would like to get involved, please speak to your class rep or the PTA Chair, Suzie Boyd (chair@sgpta.co.uk) for more information.

ASSEMBLY COFFEE ROTA

Many thanks to our PTA reps and volunteers for manning the tea & coffee station on the following assembly dates. Please check the rota below for your date:

14th September -	Prep 4L SGPTA Reps
21st September -	Prep 4D SGPTA Reps
28th September -	French Breakfast
5th October -	Year 2 SGPTA Reps
12th October -	Year 1 SGPTA Reps
2nd November -	Prep 5D SGPTA Reps
9th November -	Prep 6 SGPTA Reps
16th November -	Prep 3 SGPTA Reps

NEXT PTA MEETING

The next SGPTA Meeting & AGM will take place on:

**Tuesday 18th September 2018
at 8.45am (SG50 Library)**

All are welcome to attend.

2ND HAND UNIFORM

Could we please request any Second Hand Uniform to be given to the SGPTA for their upcoming Second Hand Uniform Sale during September 2018.

For further information please contact chair@sgpta.co.uk

ADVERTISE IN THE MESSENGER

If you would like to place an advert in the Messenger, please see Jude Meikle (Prep 2 class rep) or email comms@sgpta.co.uk or judemeikle@gmail.com for costs and terms & conditions.

Diary

Monday 10th September – Friday 14th September

Monday 10th	After School Clubs begin
Tuesday 11th	Forest School (Prep 4)
Wednesday 12th	U11 Football v Ashford/Lorenden at Lorenden
Thursday 13th	U9 Football v Ashford/Lorenden at Ashford
Friday 14th	Prep 4L & 4D Assembly Forest School (Reception)

HEADMASTER'S ASSEMBLY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY...

Miss Fisher, Lucas M, Felix C, Isobel B, Anja O, Willa L, Edward G, Sanjay P, Emily B

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CONGRATULATIONS

Awards

Tennis: Olivia D-M and Thomas E (Kent Championships)

Sailing: Anna, Thomas and Samuel M, Dexter W, Jack E

Swimming: Andrew D, Rosalind J

Summer Reading: Phoebe B

Hockey: Emily & Thomas B, Anna, Thomas and Samuel M, Olivia D-M

Music: Eleanor J, Grade 2 Cello—Distinction

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