



Brishing Lane
Park Wood
Maidstone
ME15 9EZ

Tel: 01622 754888

Christmas Holiday

Thursday 22nd December
to
Tuesday 3rd January

Children in school
Wednesday 4th January



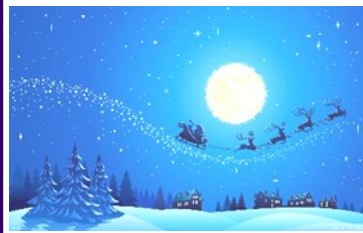
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**PRINCIPAL
MRS STEPH GUTHRIE**

Dear Parents and Carers,



We are now in full swing with our Christmas festivities. Please do try and come along to share the celebrations with your child if you can.

We are very grateful for all your support for the children this term. We have been holding progress meetings with all the teachers to discuss the next steps for each child. We are really pleased to see so many children moving forward in their reading.



Thank you for all your support with reading at home. Do remember to bring books back to change in school. We hope that you like the reading related presents from Father Christmas!

In school the staff have been using **The Power of Reading** method to really strengthen the children's understanding of story structure and use this knowledge to help them in their writing.



We are already seeing super results. More information can be found on the Power of Reading website.

<https://www.clpe.org.uk/corebooks>

We are excited to see how well the children are able to explain carefully in their maths problem solving. We have been using cooking and other practical Christmas activities like the 'Mystery of the Stolen Christmas Pudding' to bring maths to life!





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Each year Group have been preparing learning grids for Term 3 to send home for the holidays. Please see these and the individual Newsletters for information about the new topics coming up. Please see the Tree Tops website for details and ideas to support learning.

<http://treetopsprimaryacademy.org.uk/>



We are going to start some *Early Years Celebration Assemblies* in the new year. Please look out for information about these.

We are also going to encourage the Reception children to come into class by themselves to gain that little bit of independence. Thank you for your support with this.



Just a reminder to please remember to use appropriate language in the playground when dropping off and picking up your children.



Thank you

Everyone at Tree Tops wishes you and your family a lovely Christmas, peaceful New Year and a huge thank you for your support.

**We look forward to an exciting new Term 3 starting on
Wednesday 4th January.**

Best wishes,
Steph Guthrie
Principal





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Midday Meals Supervisor required for Key Stage 2 (Year 3 to Year 6)

We are looking for a Midday Meal Supervisor to work 7 hours a week (term time only) from 12:15 pm to 1:35 pm, Monday to Friday.

Please telephone Miss Newham on 01622 754888 for an application form. The closing date for the application form to be returned is Friday 6th January 2017.

Interviews will be held on the afternoon of Friday 13th January 2017.

Star Pupils

We are so proud of our children at Tree Tops and the following have received Awards at our Celebration Assembly for their outstanding achievements including Super Reader, Maths Master and Multiplication Mate.

Arnab
Taohid
Ruby-Lea

Madeleine
Sky A
Artina

Ethan K
Mausam





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Children's safety during winter nights

During the winter months may we ask that your child is collected from school and does not walk home on their own?

If this is not possible may we suggest that your child is told to keep to streets populated with houses, too, rather than dark, deserted alleyways?



Poppy Appeal

As a school we raised £116.04. Thank you so much for your kind donations.

The Poppy Appeal needs a volunteer to organise the poppies in Park Wood. Please contact Jane Ayers on 01622 793194 or email Jayers@britishlegion.org.uk for more details.



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MINDFULNESS TALK - BOWER GROVE SUPPORT (NO NEED TO BOOK)

Friday 13th January 2017
10.15am for 10.30am – 11.45am

Location: Bower Grove School, Fant Lane, Maidstone,
Kent ME16 8NL

MINDFULNESS

Have you ever had a journey to work and when you arrived, you suddenly realise that you don't actually remember the task of getting to work? Alternatively, have you lay in a warm bubble bath and couldn't relax because you just cannot stop your thoughts racing?

For most of us, our minds are constantly whirling, thinking about the children, cleaning, dog walking, shopping, what we're doing at the weekend etc. We rarely live in the present and do not pay attention to what is happening in our lives at a particular moment.

Mindfulness is the act of stopping and noticing what is around you at any given moment (the sights, smells, sounds, feelings and maybe tastes!)

During the last 20 -25 years, there have been many studies which demonstrated that mindfulness provides benefits in a range of clinical settings, from pain management and stress, through to management of depression.

We will be looking at what mindfulness is, why it can help us relax and practising some mindful strategies!



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Christmas Events:

Monday 19th December at 2.00 pm in Woodlands Hall
Owls, Fireflies, Bumblebees and Butterflies
Christmas Performance for family and friends

and

Tuesday 20th December at 9.30 am in Woodlands Hall
Owls, Fireflies, Bumblebees and Butterflies
Christmas Performance for family and friends

Tuesday 20th December at 2.00 pm in
Treetops Hall
Foxes, Hedgehogs, Eagles and Dragonflies
Christmas Carols for family and friends



Wednesday 21st December
**Christmas Jumpers for £1.00 charity donation
for Dandelion Time**



Dandelion Time provides troubled families with an individually focused bonding workshop to build relationships.

All monies raised for the PTA has been used towards this year's Christmas Pantomime by New Line Learning and items for the benefit of the children - for example the PTA paid for the sound system used in School Plays. They have also supported the purchase of our reading tasks for Year 6.