

# Pilgrims' Way Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2023 Term 4

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Dear Parents and Carers

Once again we find ourselves at the end of an extremely busy term with so much to celebrate and share.

Our 'Irresistible learning for all' continues to be enhanced through careful planning and teaching across the school with many children gaining a deeper understanding of their learning through educational visits. This term we have seen many visits into the community; children representing our school at hockey, football and cricket; children visiting Kings' School library and having lunch; children visiting Waterstones and buying books and so much more.

You all know how proud I am of all the children who attend Pilgrims' Way, but they have all exceeded my 'proudest' through upholding our school values when out in the community. At each venue and event, the staff have been told how amazing, polite and engaged the children from Pilgrims' Way are. Thank you and well done.

My thanks to you all for supporting our drive to ensure all children are in school on time every day. We still have a way to go as there are a number of children who are missing out on their early morning learning (and bagels!). We are here to help - Please come and speak to us.

Thank you so much for the kind and generous donations of children's books this term. Any book received is either entered in our Accelerated Reading scheme and placed into the library or goes into our Book Exchange, which can be accessed by any child in the school. Any remaining books are carefully stored and donated to Books for Africa appeal. This Easter holiday, if you are having a sort out, please think of us. Any children's books are warmly welcomed. Thank you.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break and will see you back in school on Monday 17 April.

Warm regards

Miss AM Middleton - Headteacher

## Canterbury Food Bank

Would a food parcel help you make ends meet or relieve some of the financial pressure?

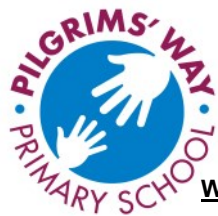
Please click the link below for more Information.

<https://canterburyfoodbank.org/need-food/>



## Term Dates 2022 - 2023

| Term 5                  |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| First day of term       | Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023              |
| May Bank Holiday        | Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 (school closed) |
| Coronation Bank Holiday | Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 (school closed) |
| Last day of term        | Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2023                |
| Term 6                  |   |
| First day of term       | Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023                |
| Last day of term        | Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2023            |



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## Height and Weight checks for Reception and Year 6 Children – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Each year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP).

The NCMP will be carried out in school on Friday 21st April 2023 for all children in Reception and Year 6 that have not opted out.



### Children Being Collected Early

We have an increasing number of children being collected during the school day for appointments and for other reasons. In many cases, school staff are unaware that a child is being collected, which is very disruptive for the class teacher and upsetting for the child when they are in the middle of an activity.

Please avoid making appointments during the school day unless this is absolutely necessary and note that we expect children to attend school before and/or after the appointment if they are well enough to do so. We will also require evidence (an appointment card, letter, text) in order for us to authorise the absence.

If there is no other alternative and you do need to collect your child early, please give the school office as much notice as possible (either in person or by calling 01227 760084). **Please do not just turn up without calling the office first** as office staff have to try to find your child/children who could be in the hall for assembly or outside for PE, break/lunch time, Forest School etc.

### Primary School Offer Day for Children starting Reception in September 2023


If you applied for a primary school place for your child online and provided an email address on your application, Kent County Council will email you on **Monday 17 April 2023 after 4pm** to tell you which school you have been offered.

You will need to accept or refuse the offer directly with the school by Monday 1 May 2023. [Read our guide to accepting or refusing your place \(PDF, 138.2 KB\)](#) to find out more.

If you did not make an application or do not receive communication from KCC please contact the school office by email at [office@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@pilgrims-way.kent.sch.uk) and a member of staff will help you.

### Do we have the correct contact details for you?

 **PHONE NUMBER**

 **email address**

It is vital that we hold accurate contact information for parents and carers on our records so that we can get hold of you in an emergency.

If you have changed your telephone or email address recently and not told us, please let the school office have these details as soon as possible.

Thank you.





## Visiting Author Lynsey Glasgow

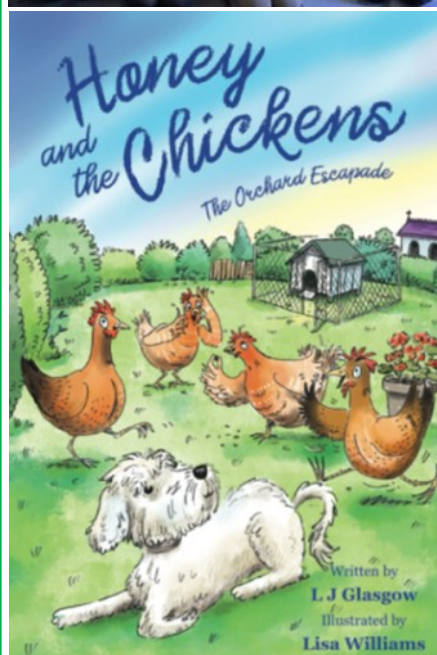
On Wednesday 29 March, Key Stage 1 and Reception were fortunate enough to be visited by published author Lynsey Glasgow and her new book 'Honey and the Chickens: The Orchard Escape'.

Ms. Glasgow worked with the children on a variety of tasks related to her books main theme – friendship. The children role played and then wrote their own versions of a chapter, completed friendship flowers and asked lots of questions about becoming an author.

Many children managed to get themselves a signed copy of the book.

The English Team

Seal Class said - "We really enjoyed having Lynsey in today. The children enjoyed the role-play and listening to the story. Most of the class bought a copy to read and were very excited to take this home".



On Thursday 30th March 2023 we were wowed with our amazing children displaying their talents.

Well done to all children who took part, performing on stage in front of the whole school.

Thank you to the school council for organising the event (led by Miss Hager).

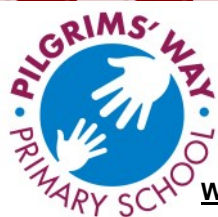
Miss Hager said "I am very pleased with the organisational skills of the School Council in running a smooth and entertaining afternoon for all".



Helen (FLO) was one of our judges and said "As a judge of the Talent show every single contestant was amazing. What an incredible variety of talent we have from musicians, singers, dancers, gymnast and performers from all around the world.

We are very lucky to have so many children willing to share with us their talents. Every child was a winner in my eyes. Thank you, Helen"





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## EAST KENT NETBALL ACADEMY



**SATURDAYS (FROM 22ND APRIL)**  
9AM - 10AM FOR YEARS 3 AND 4  
10AM - 11AM FOR YEARS 5 AND 6

**SIMON LANGTON GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

**COACHING FROM  
EX INTERNATIONAL  
AND NATIONAL  
PREMIER LEAGUE  
PLAYERS**

**EMAIL**  
[EASTKENTNETBALLACADEMY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:EASTKENTNETBALLACADEMY@GMAIL.COM)  
TO BOOK YOUR SPACE

**5 SESSIONS FOR £30**

### Bikeability

More than 30 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in level 1 Bikeability this week.



Thank you to The Canterbury Bike Project for delivering the sessions for free and providing bikes and helmets.

Yr 6 children who successfully completed Level 1 will be given the opportunity to take part in Level 2 next term. More information to follow after the Easter Holiday.

### Outstanding Debts

Polite reminder that Pilgrims' Way has a zero debt policy. This means that all clubs and lunch payments must be paid for in advance via ParentPay.

If payments are not received in advance, your child may be refused entry to a club or you may be asked to provide your child with a packed lunch until the debt has been cleared in full.

If you have an outstanding debt, you will receive an email or text message today.

Please arrange to clear any outstanding debts before we return on Monday 17th April.

If you need help with ParentPay please ask at the school office.



### School Car Park

Reminder to all parents/carers of school and nursery children that the car park is for staff and authorised visitors only.



**Please do not drive into the entrance of the school driveway to drop off children or to turn around. In doing so, you could be endangering a child.**

**If you are dropping or collecting your child in a taxi, please ask the taxi driver to wait outside on the road while you drop off or collect your child.**

Please help us to keep our children and families safe.

### **Braiswick's Photographer - Tuesday 2nd May 2023**

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 2nd May 2023 to take Year 6 Leavers' and class photos.

Please ensure your child is looking smart and tidy and is wearing their correct uniform.

Thank you to all parents/carers who purchased their child's individual and/or sibling photos in October. We raised £35 for Cancer Research which Braiswick's donated on our behalf.

