

Pilgrims' Way Newsletter

Friday 26th May 2023 Term 5

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Dear Parents and Carers

Last time I wrote to you it was to applaud our amazing Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs.

This time I wish to give a round of applause to our Year 2 children who, last week, focused on their own special tasks (KS1 SATs). With the support of their amazing teachers and families they all were motivated to do their very best – well done everyone.

I am very proud to announce that last Friday, Miss Annetchiarico attended the KM Kent Teacher of the Year ceremony where she was presented with her award for being Leader of the Year for Canterbury District. We are all so very proud of her and thank her for her hard work (leading the Early Year team to Outstanding) and for what she has achieved for our staff, children and families at Pilgrims' Way. Thank you.

As many of you may be aware, the government has published its minimum expectation on length of the school week - from 1 September 2023 all schools must deliver a minimum of 32.5 hours per week. At Pilgrims' Way, our time is calculated from the official start of the day (8.50am) to the official end of the compulsory school day (3pm). This equates to 30 hours 50 minutes per week.

From **September 2023** we need to change our official school hours to **8.45am to 3.15pm** therefore equating to 32 hours 30 minutes

New timings proposed, (Please note, the school times have to change in September)

- **Class doors open at 8:40am.**
- **Class doors close at 8:45am for all pupils and registration takes place. All pupils will be expected to be in school by this point. Anyone arriving after this time to be recorded as late.**
- **School ends at 3:15pm for all pupils**

I welcome any comments/observations regarding this proposal and will continue to provide clear information to ensure a smooth transition for the new timings in September.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday. We will see you all again on Monday 5th June.

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/>



Rich Rhythms

We were delighted to welcome 'Rich Rhythms' on Wednesday who led a number of djembe workshops for different year groups throughout the school.

It was a very noisy, yet enjoyable, day and the children had a fantastic time, learning and repeating rhythms on the drums and understanding more about the culture they come from.



**RICH
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...takes some beating!



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Netball Tournament

Last Wednesday, 10 children from Year 5 and 6 participated in the school's first netball competition. We played against 3 other schools from the Canterbury area. The children had never played before as a team and succeeded with a 2-2 draw in their first match!

We were so proud of them for learning the rules so quickly and playing fantastically!



Trust Sports' Festival

On Thursday 25th May, Pilgrims' Way hosted the inaugural sports festival for Veritas Academy Trust.

The day was filled with Tag Rugby, Diamond Cricket and Netball. We all ate lunch together outside and got to know the children and adults from Mundella and Warden House Schools.

In the end, all the children voted for which school showed the most sportsmanship. In a very close vote, Warden House took home the trophy.

All the children who participated enjoyed the event and were an excellent role model for the school.

This week, Mr Walsh, Forest School Leader, invited some of our parents/ carers to join their child's Forest School session.

Ladybird Class children were very excited to be able to show their adults around Forest School and many parents were surprised at how much the children get to do there.

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who were able to join us this week.



Mr Walsh will be arranging more sessions for parents/carers to join us in the future so watch out for your invite...

Instrumental Outreach Programme

Year 4 recently joined an 'Instrumental Outreach Programme' run by the Simon Langton Music Centre, along with other schools from the area. This culminated on the evening of May 22nd in a concert at the Simon Langton Boys' School, where some of the children went to join in with the final performances. It was a wonderful time and the children enjoyed every minute.

As always, Pilgrims' Way children represented the school fantastically in every way and did us all proud. It was a pleasure to be there and to cheer them on.

Mrs Webb

Reception Classes - Writing

Miss Aneccharico and Mrs Peachey-Smith are very proud of the children's writing this term, especially their Very Hungry Caterpillar books.

Well done Rabbits and Hares.



Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Last day of term 5	Friday 26 th May 2023
First day of term 6	Monday 5 th June 2023
Last day of term 6	Wednesday 19 th July 2023



PYXIS·social

LEGO® club



A YOUTH CLUB FOR 10-13 YEAR OLD'S INTERESTED IN LEGO®

We have developed Pyxis.Social Lego® as an offshoot of our successful youth club. From Technic® to Minifigs, big scale builds to intricate inventions, we've got it all.



This club is for young people aged between 10-13 years who have a particular interest in Lego, but is particularly suited to those who are also socially lonely, isolated or need support with their social skills. We specialise in providing a low-stimulus environment for young people to thrive.

"I like how relaxed it is and the calm environment."

Young Person at Pyxis.Social

"The time my daughter spends at Pyxis is invaluable because it is the one time during the week she can relax and enjoy interacting socially, with people her own age, without having to mask her true self."

Parent of Young Person at Pyxis Social

Key Information

- Pre-Registration Required
- Sundays
- 11am-12:30pm
- Canterbury
- £10 per session
- Max. 8 Young People Per Group

Contact us at the following for more information:

 <https://pyxis.life/what-we-do/> OR @ hello@pyxis.life



Seal Class - Trip to Canterbury on Wednesday 24th May 2023

Year 2, Seal class have had a fantastic walking trip through Canterbury, visiting some of Canterbury's most historic sites.

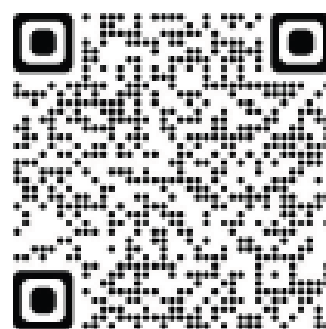
We saw the old Tudor water house, the incredible Cathedral, the clock tower in Whitefriars, Westgate Gardens and Westgate Towers, the medieval dunking stool on Kings Bridge and finally Dane John Gardens walking along the city wall and climbing Dane John Mound.

The children were FANTASTIC!

Thank you - from Mr Chappell



SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING



Order Deadline Dates

Orders placed before midnight on the 15th of the month will be delivered approximately the end of the month. Orders placed before midnight on the last day of the month will be delivered approximately the middle of the following month. Please allow up to 20 working days from cut off during the busy months of June – September.

The final deadline date for delivery into school before the school closes for the summer break is 15th June.

The final deadline for delivery to home addresses before 31st August is 31st July.

Deliveries into school are free, however, you do have the option to pay for home delivery.

PLEASE NOTE – Home delivery is not an express option.

Any orders that are due for delivery into school while the schools are closed will be held in our warehouse until the school re-opens.

Maths across the schools

This week Robin and Eagle classes were the first to complete a maths morning across the three schools in the Trust. With a live link up to Warden House and Mundella Primary schools, the children received two tasks. In the first task, they were challenged to an escape room type activity, cracking the clues in mathematical problems to solve the puzzle. There were five classes competing across the academy and all classes were timed. Well done to Eagle class who completed it in the fastest time.

The Veritas Trust vision is to make learning irresistible for all pupils, so in their second task we wanted the children to show us what irresistible means to them using mathematical manipulatives to model it. We had some interesting creations.



The morning was to promote maths and encourage the children to use their mathematical skills to problem solve collaboratively. We sought to engage them in mathematical activities beyond their usual curriculum and introduced them to others in the Trust schools. The children all had a great time and spoke positively about the experience.

We hope to have more across Trust maths events in the near future.

