

Newsletter Issue 4



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Headteacher News

Well what a term we have had and how time has flown by! I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of term 1 and all our Lions are settled now at 'big school' The learning everywhere you go is so exciting with children desperate to talk about what they are learning in history, science, art and much more. October is Black History month and we, as always, used this month to promote this in each class and in worship and assemblies. The articulate responses in all learning is a real credit to your children, all visitors comment on this and how mature and thoughtful children are at Sissinghurst.

School vision

We have been thinking all term about our new vision – 'Let your light shine' from the bible passage, Matthew chapter 5 where the story of the Sermon on the Mount tells us of when Jesus spoke about how people should live their best lives. Jesus taught Christian followers why it is important to be the light for the whole world and to shine in all we do. In school, we have also really considered why it is so important to shine when someone else is in darkness and it has been wonderful to share these times together and be thankful for a smile or support when we most need a friend who is there for us. Click here to read more on our school vision which drives all we do in school <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Christian+Distinctiveness&pid=42>

Opal Play

We are very proud of our first term of Opal play and lunchtimes. Children are reporting that playtimes are 'so much better' and 'so much fun now' with 'so much to choose from.' (You know it is good when children say 'so' so many times!) I hope you have had a look at X (Twitter) to see some of the pictures – especially of dressing up and the sand pit – both now firm favourites at Sissinghurst! We are trying to work out how to develop play into the winter months and this has been through a number of assemblies about playtimes, this week, a whole school discussion led by Leopards. The school field is such a great resource but in this wet weather, we definitely will be needing waterproof coats and wellies. Mr Humberstone is busy designing some storage so each class can have a wellie shelf so that the field and grounds can be accessed all weathers – watch this space!

Click here for our policy and rationale for active playtimes at Sissinghurst <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Opal+Play&pid=78>

Pickles – Non uniform day on Monday 21 October -

On Monday next week we will celebrate our first charity donation non uniform day for our own PET Dog – Pickles. Thankyou so much for your donations to help this super charity. We are so grateful to Pickles for bringing his owner Daphne in to school each Monday and Tuesday to listen to children read!

Football Team – Lamberhurst last week, Colliers Green this week..

We have had many matches this term – we are so grateful to staff for organising and running them and for parents for transport (if not at home) and support. We recently had a game with Lamberhurst and the team spirit and support from our players was exceptional – kindness and service seen in abundance – well done!

Rachel Burge – visiting author – Cranbrook Literary Society

Y5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from Rachel Burge on Monday morning last week where she spoke about how she gets her ideas for stories and how she writes her books. Many children could not believe how long it took – especially when sometimes almost the whole book needed to be redrafted before the final version! Determination and resilience were key for being a successful writer. Children after the workshop enjoyed meeting Rachel for book signing. Thankyou so much to the Cranbrook Literary Society for providing this visit and for the many book donations for our libraries too – local service really promoting a love of reading – we are so very grateful to you for your time and for thinking of us!

It is the last day of term on Thursday 24 October (staff have a development day on the Friday) and we are all looking forward to the disco too on Thursday – we hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend and an even better half term break coming up.

Term 2 starts on Monday 4 November.

Sarah Holman

Headteacher



[Click here for dates](#)

Recent Sporting Events

Rawlinson Fun Run, held at Dulwich Prep School on Friday 4th October.

Such a lovely afternoon with so many Sissinghurst runners. This event is for years 2-4, with girl and boy races. Our runners were:

Year 2 girls: Madeline G, Juniper T.

Year 2 boys: Kiaan P, Maximus W-P, Max W, Jack D, Ethan V.

Year 3 girls: Blessie B, Willa G, Edith H

Year 3 boys: Tinaye B, Karter P, Hugo G, Magnus N, Calujcci B-G.

Year 4 girls: Lucinda C, Leilani H, Maja P, Charlotte P

Year 4 boys: Charlie R, Leo D, Alexander B, Klayton P

They all did Sissinghurst school proud with representing our school by cheering, congratulating, supporting our team. They all showed great courage, willpower and enthusiasm to finish their race. So many finished high in positions against 12 other schools. Ethan V in the year 2 boy race won a medal for coming third!

Football match against Lamberhurst: Monday 7th October

Our football team: George I, Devid J ,Idris B-J, Zachary K-T, Ralph D, Freddie E, Reuben B, William D and Alexander B all played extremely well. Unfortunately, Lamberhurst had a few of their players that couldn't attend. We decided to mix the teams with halving our footballers, which meant playing against each other and Lamberhurst's 4 players divided into 2 on each team. It was a fantastic game, with our footballers showed all our school values, especially having to adapt to the change of format. So proud of them all.

Well done teams,

Mrs Saxby

Please do look at twitter/X for photos of these events.

Reminders/Requests

Contact information - parents

Just a little reminder that if you have had any changes to contact details during the last few months please remember to let the office via telephone or email.

Secondary School Applications - Y6 Parents

A reminder that online applications for secondary school admissions is open and the national closing date for all secondary school applications is the 31 October. Click here for full information <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>

Drop in sessions

Need to talk to one of our amazing inclusion and wellbeing team? Remember we now offer drop in SENCO and FLO and ELSA sessions – book via the office – dates can be found here <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Drop+in+sessions&pid=92>

Play Doh Club

Please could we ask for any old rolling pins, cookie cutters, play doh or play doh toys to be donated to school as part of our OPAL play activities?

Thank you,

Charlie and Sienna (Play Doh club leaders)

Twitter / X

Do follow us on Twitter/ X @sissinghurstva to keep up to date on all the exciting activities/lessons the children are taking part in. Here are a few from the last couple of weeks

Zebras have been learning about the importance of trade in the Iron Age. They played a game where they had to barter to trade the items they needed. [@kapowprimary](#)





Loving our new reading hut



Mini London Marathon 2025



SISSINGHURST
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tcs  **MINI LONDON MARATHON**



SATURDAY 26TH APRIL 2025
REGISTER INTEREST HER 

Tunbridge Wells Family Hubs Half Term Timetable



Tunbridge Wells

Monday 28th October -
Friday 1 November,
2024

Half Term Timetable

Our Activities

- Diddy Discos
- Workshops
- Arts and Crafts
- 11 + Activities



Contact us
TWFamilyHub@kent.gov.uk
03000 418 059

Find us on Facebook or
Instagram at Tunbridge
Wells Family Hubs

Family Hub Sites are run by Kent County Council

Tunbridge Wells Family Hubs Ages 0-11

Monday 28th October

Craft Activities, Quizzes, Story Telling - 12.00 - 4.00pm

To help us celebrate **'Black History Month'** come along to the **Royal Victoria Place Shop** in the Lower Mall (*Next to Customer Services*), TN1 2SS, where we have lots of craft activities, games and quizzes for you all to enjoy. Suitable for ages 0-11 years.

NO BOOKING REQUIRED



Wednesday 30th October

'Diddy Discos' - 2.00 - 2.45pm **or** 3.15 - 4.00pm

Join us for lots of dancing and fun games at our Diddy Discos **St Philips Church**, Birken Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 3TE. Suitable for ages 0-11 years.

BOOKING REQUIRED

Tel: 03000 418 059 / **Email:** TWFamilyHub@kent.gov.uk



Thursday 31st October

Kent Adult Education Craft Event - 1.00 - 3.00pm

Kent Adult Education are running a craft event at our **Sherwood Family Hub**, Friars Way, TN2 3UA, loads of activities planned for you to enjoy. Suitable for ages 0-11 years.

BOOKING REQUIRED

Tel: 03000 418 059 / **Email:** TWFamilyHub@kent.gov.uk



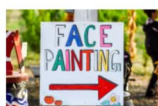
Tunbridge Wells Family Hubs Ages 11+

Tuesday 29th October, Wednesday 30th October & Thursday 31st October.

Guy Making, first aid training, theatrical make up wounds, steel band, face paint, mask making and more...

Join the Family Hub 11+ team at the **Royal Victoria Place**, 300, Tunbridge Wells TN1 2SS for a range of exciting activities designed for the 11+ age group!

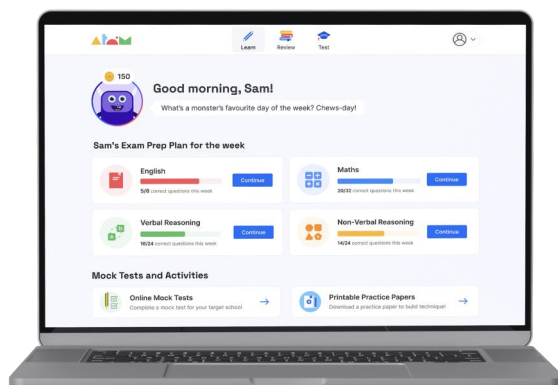
- **Tuesday: 12:30 - 3:30 PM** at the **Royal Victoria Place Shop** and **4:00 - 5:00 PM** on the **precinct**.
- **Wednesday: 12:30 - 3:30 PM** at the **Royal Victoria Place Shop** and **3:30 - 5:00 PM** on the **precinct**.
- **Thursday: 12:00 - 5:00 PM** on the **precinct**.



We have a variety of activities planned, including Guy making, first aid training, theatrical makeup wounds, face painting, mask making, and more. Additionally, we will be serving hot snacks from 4:00 PM, and on Thursday morning, we will have a steel pan band performance. Come along and join the fun this half term!

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

Atom Learning - 11+ Support for Pupil Premium Families





TUNBRIDGE WELLS
GRAMMAR SCHOOL for BOYS



Free 11+ preparation and KS2 support

TWGSB and Atom Learning

Trustpilot ★★★★★





TUNBRIDGE WELLS FAMILY HUBS

SPOOKY TIME DIDDY DISCO

Suitable for children
aged 0-11 years



29th October

St Philip's Church

Birken Road
TN2 3TE

2 Sessions

2.00 - 2.45pm

or

3.15 - 4.00pm

BOOKING REQUIRED:

Tel: 03000 418059

Email: twfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk





OCT/NOV TIMETABLE

Talks are delivered online via zoom 7pm to 9pm £24 each

If you can't make the date or time all paid for talks are recorded and available for 48 hours afterwards

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

| FREE SESSIONS Introduction to Facing Defiance Decreasing Depression | 24 OCT 25 NOV |
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| Anxiety Explained | 17 OCT |
| Understanding Anger | 21 OCT |
| Autism: Improving Communication | 28 OCT |
| Introduction to OCD | 29 OCT |
| Improving Family Communication | 4 NOV |
| Anxiety-Based School Avoidance | 12 NOV |
| Anxiety Explained | 14 NOV |
| Understanding Anger | 18 NOV |
| Drug Awareness for Parents | 19 NOV |
| Supporting Healthy Screen Use | 21 NOV |
| What is ACT? | 26 NOV |
| Understanding Addictive Behaviour | 28 NOV |

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Low Demand Parenting Workshop



**LOW DEMAND PARENTING
WORKSHOP**

With Kirsten Terry- Kent Send Support

Gain an understanding of low demand parenting and how this approach can work for all family members.

FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER
9:30AM-2:30PM
(for a 10am start)

Jean Mealham
29 Lower Road, Woodchurch, Ashford, TN26
3SQ

If you would like to attend, please email kmicb.arsocial.team@nhs.net to book a place.

Please note that this is booked on a first come first serve basis.

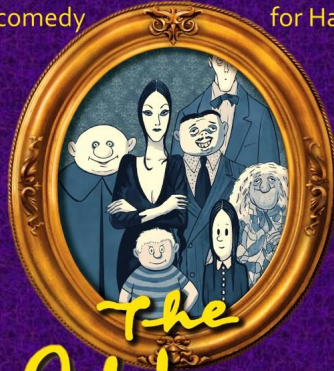
Lunch will be provided

 Kent **SEND** Support
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 AUTISM/ADHD
SUPPORT GROUP
Ashford Rural PCN



Cranbrook Operatic & Dramatic Society presents
A musical comedy for Halloween!



The Addams Family

QUEEN'S HALL THEATRE, CRANBROOK

October 31 to November 2 - 7.30pm


BSL- 31 Oct. Saturday Matinee - 2.30pm.

£15/£10 ticketsource.co.uk/cods

Sponsors: Peter Jones (Opticians) &
Cranbrook Farm Shop and Nursery

Addams Family is presented through special arrangement with
and all authorised performance materials are supplied by
Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW), www.theatricalrights.co.uk





DULWICH CRANBROOK

Fireworks Night

Friday 8 November

Gates Open: 5.45pm Bonfire: 6.30pm

Fireworks: 7.00pm

Hot dogs, sweets and chocolate for sale,
alongside a licensed bar and soft drinks.

You can book your ticket here

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

[dulwichfireworks24](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/dulwichfireworks24)

The Dulwich School Cranbrook, TN17 3NP.

Access via Goldford Road



News & Events

For upcoming local events in the parish of Cranbrook & Sissinghurst:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/>

Sign up to receive 'Be In The Know' emails from the parish council:

<https://cranbrookandsissinghurstpc.co.uk/>

Or follow the Parish Council Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/CranbrookandSissinghurstPC>

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