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Headteacher News

School Values

During our assemblies and worship this term we have been focusing on our school values and what they mean to us. So far this term we have really been focusing on ways in which we can 'shine' and how we can help others if they are upset or having a difficult time. We have talked about compassion, going out of our way to support or help others and the importance of a smile that makes someone else feel better about themselves.

We have also been relating our values of kindness and forgiveness to our school and thinking about the values we uphold in Britain. We continually thank our children for kind acts to others and for showing forgiveness when things do not go to plan. We are grateful to have freedom of choice and to live in a country where we have rules and laws to keep everyone safe. We are also considering the importance of showing tolerance and celebrating the uniqueness and differences between humans.

We have enjoyed visitors from other schools to see what we are learning at Sissinghurst and parents also wanting tours to consider our school for their children. All these visitors really complement our children for their compassion, thoughtfulness and superb attitudes to learning, stressing a sense of purpose and calm when they walk round.

School Uniform

We have spoken to all of the children about the importance of looking smart. Your support is very much appreciated and we would ask that all parents ensure that children come to school dressed appropriately, in our uniform, with black or navy school shoes, without nail varnish (or fake nails / extensions / gels) and with only plain stud earrings and watches for jewellery (no bracelets, rings or necklaces please). Please could we also ask that children do not come to school with large bows in their hair or temporary tattoos as this is not part of the school uniform. Click here for a reminder of our expectations <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=19> Mrs Branson is finalising purchase information for our move to a new company for uniform. This will be with Brigade and means our uniform will be as close to what Phillip Mann offered as possible but is actually a little cheaper. The company we have chosen is an online store so a little different to being able to pop into Cranbrook to make a purchase, but we hope we will all get used to it quickly and the service will be easy for us to use.

Thank you so much for your valued support. Our school is a vibrant place to be and your children are a real credit to you all. We don't always get everything right all the time but we can assure you that we will always work tirelessly to secure the very best for all children.

Have a lovely weekend when it gets here

Sarah Holman

Opal Play

Tomorrow we will hold our first non uniform for donations to Opal Play. You have hopefully seen on our X feed the wonderful photos we post across the week of your children accessing high quality opportunities to play together. Play and lunchtimes have really transformed and feel so much more pleasurable than previously. Children love so many parts of what is on offer – they after all get a say in what there is as it is important that they have a say in what they play with! We thank you in advance for your donations so we can further enhance our offer and continue to offer excellent playtimes for all our children.









[Click here for dates](#)



Courses starting Jan 2025

Course Code	Course Title	Start	End	Day	Start Time	End Time
ONL/148495/P/PF	Managing Children's Behaviour	07/01/25	28/01/25	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/148604/P/PF	Supporting your Child with Language (ESOL)	08/01/25	12/02/25	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
ONL/148426/P/PF	Supporting Your Child's Anxiety	14/01/25	14/01/25	Tuesday	19:00	21:00
ONL/148481/P/PF	Supporting Your family through our Screen Obsessed World	15/01/25	15/01/25	Wednesday	12:45	14:45
ONL/148275/P/PF	Keeping up with the Children - English	16/01/25	06/02/25	Thursday	09:30	11:30
ONL/148277/P/PF	Autism Awareness	16/01/25	06/02/25	Thursday	19:00	21:00
ONL/148713/P/PF	Autism Awareness	21/01/25	11/02/25	Tuesday	10:00	12:00
ONL/148671/P/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	22/01/25	12/02/25	Wednesday	13:00	15:00
ONL/148682/P/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	22/01/25	12/02/25	Wednesday	10:00	12:00
ONL/148962/P/PF	Exploring Behaviour Strategies	22/01/25	22/01/25	Wednesday	19:00	21:00



Supporting ADHD in the Home

Our Supporting ADHD in the Home course is designed to give parents and carers an understanding of ADHD behaviours and others practical advice on how to support children in the home.

Would you like to:

- Explore the categories of ADHD
- Share ideas and strategies for managing behaviour
- Celebrates the positive of ADHD

This course is for you!

Where: Tunbridge Wells Family Hub

(Address: 39a Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1SD)

Date: 16.01.2025 – 06.02.2025 (Thursday)

Time: 12:30-2:30pm

To book a place please contact: 0300 0418059 / TWfamilyhub@kent.gov.uk

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

FREE, fun & informal courses



Kent Adult Education is part of Community Learning and Skills

To book a place on our FREE courses go to:

Family Learning courses ([https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/course-areas/health-wellbeing-and-personal-development/family-learning/?pageNumber=2&pageSize=10&sortOrder=StartingSoonest&alreadyStarted=No&courseArea=Health%2C Wellbeing and Personal Development&category=Family Learning](https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/course-areas/health-wellbeing-and-personal-development/family-learning/?pageNumber=2&pageSize=10&sortOrder=StartingSoonest&alreadyStarted=No&courseArea=Health%2C%20Wellbeing%20and%20Personal%20Development&category=Family%20Learning)) and [Work Skills courses](#)

If you can't find the course, please copy the code on the left (e.g. ONL/146824/P/PF) into the search box



EY SEN group starting in Cranbrook



SEND Stay & Play 10 week course



Are you a parent/carer of a child aged 0-5 who has additional needs?

Come along, with your child, to our 10 week course starting:

DATE: Friday 17 January

TIME: 1.30-2.30pm

VENUE: Outreach Centre Cranbrook, Carriers Road, TN17 3JZ

We will be linking closely with the 'Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)', covering a different topic each week and therefore we encourage you to attend each session to fully benefit from this Course.

We will be covering:

- Sensory stimulation with messy play
- Recognising emotions
- Being creative with art and music
- Fine and gross motor skill development
- Literacy and mark making
- Learning about the world around us

Your paragraph text

BOOKING REQUIRED

PLEASE NOTE: You are able to join part way through. If your child is over 5 years old but not in full time education please contact us to discuss attending.

Tel: 03000 418059 **Email:** TWFamilyHub@kent.gov.uk

Visit your local Family Hub today

www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub





Kent Libraries

The Marvellous Makers are back for another fun free reading challenge. Keep children motivated and help those reluctant readers fall in love with books!

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NEW YEAR WORD SEARCH!

5 Things you want to learn in 2025?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

FUN FACT
The ancient Babylonians are said to have been the first people to make New Year's resolutions some 4000 years ago.

HEY!
I'm really excited for you and all your learning and fun! Let's make 2025 the best year ever!

Decode the message!

the key:
1-a
2-b
3-c
4-p
5-m

POP QUIZ!

1. How many months in a year?
2. Which month starts the new year?
3. At what time do we celebrate New Year's Day?
4. In letters can you spell 2025?
5. How many days are in a year?

ANSWERS

1. 12
2. January
3. 00:00
4. 2025
5. 365

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or call 01480 467 567

FACE - Newsletter February 2025

We are aware of these family courses that may be of interest to our families. Please note, that we are not able to check or vet such providers, do let us know if you feel they are positive or otherwise if you do attend any, so we can promote further or cease passing such information on.

		February 2025 Newsletter
Thursday 20th Feb 19:00 - 20:00 FREE		FREE SESSION Supporting Healthy Screen Use A range of steps that can help minimise the harms from screens
Monday 3rd Feb 10:00 - 11:30 £24		Supporting a Child with ADHD Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.
Tuesday 11th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Facing Defiance Specific strategy to help parents manage defiant and challenging behaviour, especially aimed at ADHD, ODD and PDA conditions, 5 to 12 years old.
Tuesday 18th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness Get the facts and know the harms about these two drugs so you can hold an informed conversation with your teens.
Tuesday 25th Feb 19:00 - 20:30 £24		Understanding the Teenage Brain A 'must see' for all parents and teachers of teens and pre-teens. Explains why teens think, feel and behave very differently from adults and how we can support them.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk. info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Sissinghurst Flower Show Society

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

You are very welcome to join this friendly village society which promotes amateur vegetable, flower and fruit growing as well as home cookery,

flower arranging and handicrafts for both adults and children. The Society puts on three shows a year at Sissinghurst Primary School as well as a social with a talk followed by a short AGM.

Classes for adults and children include:

Flowers, Fruit & Vegetables, Flower Arranging, Cookery, Craft, Photos



Dates for 2025:

Saturday 22nd March ~ Saturday 21st June ~ Saturday 13th September

AGM and social event Monday 10th November

Membership for 2025 is £5 per person or £10 per family

If you would like to join, please email SFSS@Mail.com with your name, address and contact details

Benefits of membership include discounts for garden items from:

Flowers for all Occasions ~ Golden Hill Nurseries

Frankies Nursery ~ Webbs

Idea Croft Herbs ~ Millbrook Garden Centre

Rumwood Nurseries & Garden Centre

Non-members are welcome at the shows to see the entries, join in with the raffle and side shows and enjoy a cup of tea and cake

Further details from:

www.sissinghurstflowershow.co.uk

Spring Summer 25 Overview

HEMSTED PARK
BENEDICTIN SCHOOL

SPRING/SUMMER 2025
Book now at hemstedpark.com

The Glenn Miller Orchestra
25 January

Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club
Remembering Oscar Peterson
7 February

Macbeth
David Tennant & Cush Jumbo
16 February

NOW
22 February

An Audience with Davina McCall
8 March

Benjamin Grosvenor Pianist
16 March

Len Phillips Swing Orchestra: 100 years of Big Band
6 April

Puss in Boots
17 April

Thank You for the Music
THE ULTIMATE TRIBUTE TO ABBA
3 May

NT Live: The Importance of Being Earnest
11 May

Dad's Army: The Radio Show
29 May

Romeo & Juliet
31 August

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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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