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Headteacher's News

Who are we?

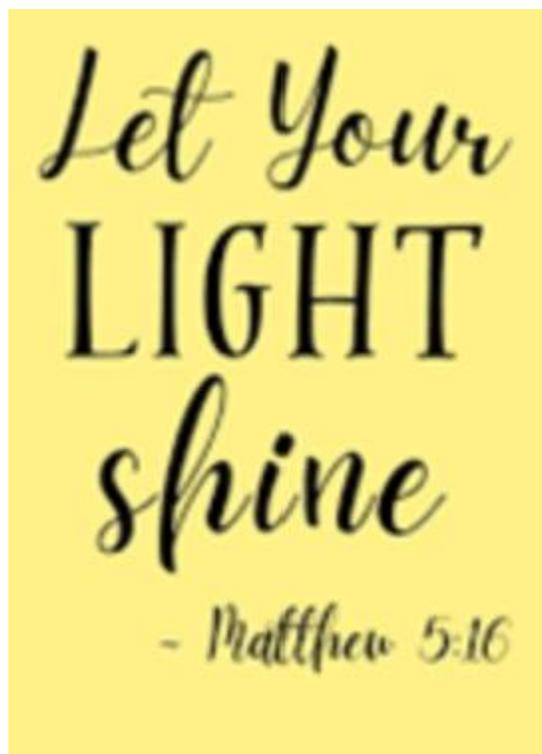
As a school community we have been thinking about what we offer at Sissinghurst and what we value as important to us. We have thought deeply about our vision and our values that we hold dear to us. Every church school has to have a few paragraphs that tell a little more about this to the community and visitors. Please do read our ethos statement below and consider what it means for you and your child (ren). We pride ourselves in being a fully inclusive school, valuing every member of the school community and ensuring we offer support and challenge in equal measure to all. We feel that the bible verse that our vision is taken from explains this fully too. When we are in darkness, we look for ways to let our light shine and for good to overcome bad or evil. We of course make mistakes and get things wrong sometimes, but it is with strength, courage and positivity that we thrive and ensure our offer for children is a wonderful one.

Ethos statement - At Sissinghurst Church of England Primary School in partnership with the Church, parents, and wider community, we offer an inclusive learning environment to nurture

potential that enables all to be successful. Vibrant, rich curricular opportunities equip everyone with knowledge and skills to question, discuss and challenge.

Everyone's talents are discovered and celebrated. We foster spiritual growth and reflection to find wonder and joy in the World together. As light bearers, our shared responsibility is to encourage each other to be compassionate and kind so we can all shine with integrity, humility and wisdom. We find courage to act when we know there is darkness, illuminating the World with God's light and hope.

Our vision is underpinned by the Bible verses Matthew 5: 14-16. Jesus said ... **"You are the light of the world!** A city can't be hidden if it's on top of a hill. People don't light a lamp and put it under a bucket; they put it on a lampstand. Then it gives light to everybody in the house. That's how **you must shine your light** in front of people! Then they will see what wonderful things you do, and they'll give glory to your father in heaven... If I make you **light-bearers**, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—**shine!** Keep open house; be generous with your lives."



We would love it if you could really consider these this week and how you can help us to work together to support our children.

We are grateful for the brilliant things this year has brought us so far and the challenges too. It is wonderful to see the children settling in to their new classes so well and upholding our values so well.

Have a lovely weekend when it gets here.

Sarah Holman



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Puzzles

Elephant Class are looking for donations of puzzles to support their classroom activities.

To make the most of these, they would love puzzles that link to **learning themes** (such as animals, maps, letters, numbers, problem-solving, nature, or landmarks) rather than character-based puzzles (e.g. Bluey or Gruffalo).

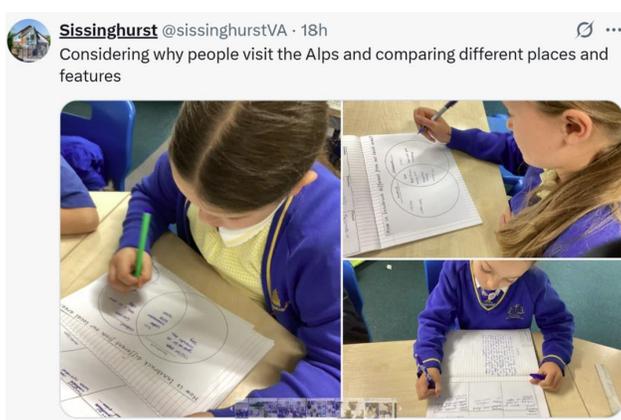
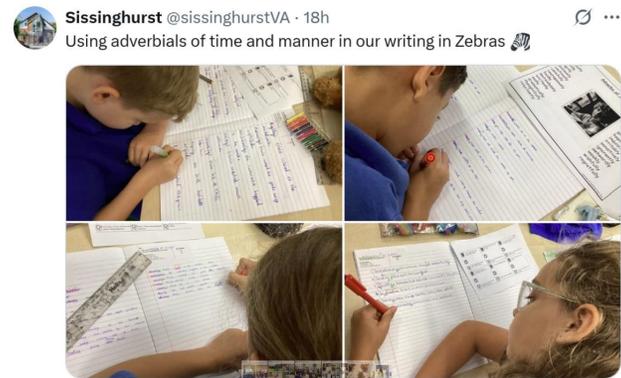
The maximum size they are looking for is around **300 pieces**.

Thank you very much for your support!

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 recent ones:







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Leopard Class had great fun taking photographs today, creating compositions in the style of a music album cover. @kapowprimary



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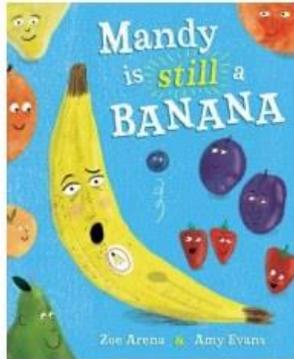
Superb fitness at Running Club ★★ ★



Cranbrook Library

Cranbrook library will be closing temporarily while we prepare for an exciting new chapter. We are creating a shared space with Kent Family Hubs, bringing together services that support children, young people and families. The library will be closed from Monday 13 October and we expect to reopen early in 2026.

The nearest library is Hawkhurst, just 3.78 miles away, where you will find a full range of library services. Remember too Staplehurst have a library.



Kent Libraries

Meet author Zoe Arena

Zoe will be visiting Hawkhurst library to read her new book ***Mandy is Still a Banana***

Friday 24 October 10.30am

Perfect for Half-term

Free activity – booking advised

All children must be accompanied by a parent/carer



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ATHLETICS SESSIONS EVERY WEEK

6+ years old

Tunbridge Wells	Monday	6:00pm - 7:00pm	TN3 0EB
Tonbridge	Wednesday	6:30pm - 7:30pm	TN9 2PH
Medway	Saturday	11:00am - 12:00pm	ME7 1HF

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