

Newsletter Issue 4



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Headteacher's News

Well what a term we have had and how time has flown by! I cannot believe we are 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 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 Opal play and lunchtimes. Children are reporting that playtimes are 'so much fun' with 'so much to choose from.' I hope you have had a look at X (Twitter) to see some of the pictures – especially of dressing up, the bikes and scooters, mud slide, den building, mud kitchen and the sand pit – all 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 has created storage so each class can have a wellie shelf so that the field and grounds can be accessed all weathers.

Click here for our policy and rationale for active playtimes at

Sissinghurst <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Opal+Play&pid=78>

Cranbrook Literary Society

Mrs Desai and a small group of Y4, Y5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a meeting at Benenden School on Friday morning last week. 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 Friday 17 October and we are all looking forward to the disco too on the last day– we hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend when it gets here and an even better half term break coming up.

Term 2 starts on Tuesday 28 October.

Sarah Holman

Headteacher



[Click here for dates](#)

Reminders

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

A reminder that online applications for secondary school admissions is open and the national closing date for all secondary school applications is the 31st 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 on of our amazing inclusion and wellbeing team? Remember we offer drop in SENCO and FLO and ELSA sessions – book via the office – dates can be found here. Book via the office

... <https://www.sissinghurst.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Drop+in+sessions&pid=92>

Parent Governor

Mr Twedde was successfully elected as Parent Governor in our recent election. Thankyou to all the parents who voted and to both applicants for this very important role in school leadership.

Wear Red Day – Friday, 17th October 2025

On Friday 17th October, we'll be joining people all across the country to take part in **Wear Red Day!** Everyone is encouraged to wear something red — it could be a t-shirt, jumper, hat, or even red socks — to show that we stand together against racism. The day supports the charity **Show Racism the Red Card**, which works to make the world a fairer, kinder place for everyone. Let's fill our school with red and show that we believe in respect, kindness, and equality for all!

Sissinghurst October Disco - Friday, 17th October

It's the Sissinghurst October Disco!

Friday 17th October 2025 5pm-6:30pm

Tuck shop/Pocket money stalls (gifts ranging from 50p to £3)

We will need lots of parent helpers! Below is a link to sign up if you wish to volunteer :) <https://volunteersignup.org/CDXQA>

Thank you

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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 couple from last week:

We enjoyed the fantastic opportunity to engage with Jenny McLachlan, hear about the inspiration behind her work, and were inspired in our own reading and writing





Loving our dance lesson in Elephants.





Hardy Roofing Supplies - Thank you

A big thank you to Hardy Roofing Supplies in Marden for supplying the roofing for our new Opal shelter at a great price.



October Half-Term



Youth Engagement Activities Tunbridge Wells

Tuesday 21st October
and
Wednesday 22nd October
1.00-5.00pm
Calverley Road Precinct
TN1 1QR

- Gaming Bus
 - Weapons awareness workshop
 - West Kent Catapult Club
 - Mental Health Support
 - Street First Aid
 - Creative Crafts and Activities
- Suitable for young people aged 11+



Friday 24th October

10.00-1.00pm
Paddock Wood Community Centre
TN12 6EB

- Bring the whole family along for an exciting, friendly football match with Kent Police
 - Creative Crafts and Activities
 - Lots of support from our partner agencies for you and your family
- Suitable for the whole family



HALLOWEEN YOGA WORKSHOP

THURS 23RD OCT 0930-1100
SISSINGHURST VILLAGE HALL

A SCARE FREE HALLOWEEN YOGA SESSION WITH
MUSIC, STORY, GAMES & MINDFUL COLOURING

AGES 5-12 BOOKING ESSENTIAL

£12 Per child

Email: hayley@namastekids.co.uk to book

MAX OF 12 SPACES











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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