29th September 2023

## Something's Cooking

ON Thursday there was a wonderful smell coming from the Year 4 classrooms. As part of their learning about the Anglo Saxons they were discovering how they did their cooking and what ingredients they used to fulfil their very basic diet. The smell of



warm flatbreads
wafted from the
classrooms
down the
corridor. We're
pretty sure the
children in Year
4 enjoyed
tasting their
learning!



# Dates for the diary

- 3rd October—
   Junior Harvest
   Festival—St
   Matthews Church
- 4/5th October— Individual and sibling school photos.
- 4th October—
   Reception
   Phonics Meeting
   2.30pm
- 7th October— Open morning Reception 2024
- 10th October— Open Evening Reception 2024
   6pm
- 19th October— Gold Award Worship 9am
- 19th October—
   Parent/Teacher
   Consultations—
   SCHOOL
   CLOSES AT
   1.30.PM
- 20th October—
   INSET DAY
   SCHOOL
   CLOSED

## Cauliflowers Fluffy...

...cabbages green. Expect to hear those words being sung in St Matthews Church on Tuesday if you are a Junior parent.



The children have been practising their songs and sound amazing. We are still looking for parents to walk to church (and back) with us. Let the school office know if you are free and able to help with this

We are already collecting items for the Manna Food Bank so thank you if you have already donated. If you have not made a



donation yet please see last weeks Highlights for items that are needed. Thank you for helping those that are in need.









#### Creating a Junior Playground for Everyone

We are so lucky at ACE to have such a large outdoor area to enjoy at breaktime and lunchtime. For those Children that love sport, there is a lunchtime sports club, run by Promise Coaching, and access to other sports equipment, such as basketballs, tennis and skipping ropes. We also have the fabulous trim trail and climbing frame, although please do not allow your children to use them before or after school!



However, sometimes children want a more chilled activity, so the area outside the Year 3 classrooms has become our 'Calm Corner'. Each day has a different theme, from Make-It Monday to Feelgood Friday, and we are trying to offer children a range of activities, such as colouring, crafts, reading books and games. After a



plea on social media in the summer holidays, Tesco Extra Ashford kindly donated some picnic blankets for the children to use and we've moved the picnic tables to create extra seating and activity space, which will be so important as the weather becomes more unpredictable!

Our 'Playground Squad' consists of our Year 6 House and Sports Captains, as well as some eager members from Years 3, 4 and 5 who are keen to look after our

playground and develop it going forward. We will be having regular meetings to discuss our next steps.

Parents and Carers, you can help too, and we are particularly keen for any donations of the following please:

Groundsheets or tarpaulins

Picnic blankets

Colouring books and sticker books

Felt tip pens

Simple and quick games, e.g. Top Trumps, Connect 4, Guess Who

Simple Craft activities, e.g. friendship bracelets, suncatcher painting, keyrings

Non-fiction books

If you have any suggestions or ideas, please forward them to the school email address or see Mrs Stevenson at pick-up time Tuesday to Friday - she will be with the Year 6 Classes.

#### Home Learning Superstar

Our Year 3 children have brought in some amazing home learning this week. This example was created by Scarlett from Meerkat Class. You



can see clearly that it is a model of Stonehenge. Many questions about Stonehenge have never been answered. Who built it? When and why? Look closely, can you see what it is made of? Find the answer at the foot of the page.

### Bag2School

TIME to clear your wardrobes and cupboards and make way for your winter clothes! Bag2school is back! The PTA will be collecting your unwanted clothes that are still in good condition on Wednesday 11th October. Just bag them up and drop them on the grass outside of the hall. There will be PTA members there to accept your donations. Your unwanted clothes raises money for our school. Thank you for your continued support.

#### **Art Attack**

YEAR 4 children have been super busy this week. Not only some super cooking (page 1) but some amazing artwork too. This type of art is called wax resistant drawing. The children coloured the paper then covered it in black paint. They 'scratched' the paper to reveal their crayon colouring underneath.



#### We'd love to hear from you

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher meetings. We would love to get some feedback from you. Please click the link below.

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