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Newsletter

Term 1

Friday 12th October

Still need to book a Parent Teacher Meeting for next week? [Click here](#)



There's lots going on at Little Ridge next week!

Parent/Teacher meetings, Harvest, Years R and 6 height and weight checks, Mufti on Thursday, school photographs on Friday and our Firework Evening on Saturday! Take a look at the calendar dates at the end of this newsletter and click on the links for further information. Remember also that, other than the Rocking Ridgers after school care club, there are **no activity clubs running Monday to Thursday** due to the parent/teacher meetings. **We are still looking for help at our Firework evening next week; do let the school office know if you can spare any time! Thank you.**



Harvest

Our children are having a Harvest Assembly on Tuesday. We will be collecting donations of food for Hastings Foodbank and a member of their team will come along to the assembly to explain to the children what will happen with their donations. Please bring items into school on Monday morning. If you need some [ideas click here](#). Please note; **non perishable items only**. Our school kitchen is also serving up a [Harvest lunch](#) on this day – why not book a meal? Thank you!



Y6 Visit Hastings Shipwreck and Fishermen's Museum

Children in Y6 have been studying the book 'Kensuke's Kingdom' as part of this term's topic 'Around the World'. They have also been looking at coastlines and the sea's temperament. To support this learning, children went to visit the local Shipwreck and Fishermen's museums; take a look at their [gallery of photos.....](#)

Uniform

It's good to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. Please always ensure they come to school with a tie and proper school shoes every day. A reminder also that only **STUD** earrings are to be worn to school for health and safety reasons.



Headlice

These are often a problem in schools. To help the situation, we ask that any long hair is properly tied up to avoid the spread of infestation.

Water Bottles

In line with our Healthy School's policy on drinking water in class, can we remind families that children should have water only in their class drinking bottles; no juice. Thank you for your support.





'The Lifters' Creative Writing Competition

Our School Council have decided to enter Ark Little Ridge into a creative writing competition. *The Lifters*, a new story by award-winning author Dave Eggers takes readers on a fantastical journey into another world right beneath their feet. With that theme in mind, primary and secondary school pupils in the UK and Ireland are invited to participate in this brand new creative writing competition by submitting a creative piece of writing (no longer than 500 words). Deadline is end of November. **To find our more and enter, [click here](#).**

School Council's Charity 2018 – 19



At the last school council meeting, members decided that the charity they would like to support this year would be '[Charity for Kids](#)' which is a local charity. Keep an eye open for future events to support them!



It's EasyPeasy!

Our EYFS (Reception classes) have signed up to [EasyPeasy](#), an online app which supports the seven EYFS areas of learning and development at home through a series of [games](#). Last week, Mrs Rose held an information evening to launch this to our Reception families. Here are some of the lovely comments we've had from parents after the launch of EasyPeasy on Saturday 6th October.

A great game for developing cognitive, physical and even imaginative skills. The children really enjoyed sharing new ideas to extend the game making it more challenging, for example walking on both their hands and feet to scramble across the 'stepping stones'

My little boy loved playing the game, we also made it more tricky by not standing on triangles, then squares, then circles. He also counted them all as he jumped.

Great game. My son enjoyed playing with his younger brother. They did it outside pretending the grass was lava. They worked out that the stones needed to be closer

together for the younger brother but further apart for the older one. We also counted how many stones we had to cross.

If you are a Reception parent who has not yet signed up for this, or need to know more, please speak to your child's class teacher. We would like to get everyone signed up before the next game which will be sent to parents on Saturday 13th October.

Attendance and Safeguarding


Attendance this week

Registration groups and % attendance		Y3 Kingston	97
YR Surrey	95.3	Y3 Brunel	100
YR Canterbury	94.4	Y4 Cardiff	96.9
Y1 Goldsmiths	96.9	Y4 Chichester	96.4
Y1Sussex	97.4	Y5 Aston	100
Y2 Bath	98.6	Y5 Leeds	98
Y2 Exeter	99.3	Y6 Oxford	95
		Y6 Cambridge	96.3
		Chester (SLC)	100



**Little Ridge's average attendance this term is 97.4%.
What's your child's?**

 This week's Achievers					
Class	Name of pupil	Award	Class	Name of pupil	Award
Canterbury	Robin Suleiman	Enthusiasm	Surrey	Isla-Mae Saunters-	Enthusiasm
	Eryn Sharrod	Achievement		Lucuis Loureiro	Achievement
	Kevin Shani	Achievement		Stanley Capon	Achievement
Goldsmiths	Elbie Willis	Enthusiasm	Sussex	Jack Jenkins	Enthusiasm
	Ella Brown	Achievement		Charlie Baxter	Achievement
	Isabelle-Rose	Achievement		Alice White	Achievement
Bath	Indie Hustwayte	Enthusiasm	Exeter	Callay Simpson	Enthusiasm
	Harley Hodges	Achievement		Freddie Hoare	Achievement
	Callum Chandler	Achievement		Eva Charlton	Achievement
Brunel	Danny O'Leary	Enthusiasm	Kingston	Jude Millard	Enthusiasm
	Chloe Casey-Moran	Achievement		Kayleigh Tilbury	Achievement
	Charlie Davey	Achievement		Aimee Stewart	Achievement
Cardiff	Naila Sharni	Enthusiasm	Chichester	Ethan Jones	Enthusiasm
	Isabel Jenkins	Achievement		Lucy White	Achievement
	Ayva Porter	Achievement		Isabelle Piotrowski	Achievement

Aston	Darcy Salehi	Enthusiasm	Leeds	Liam Turner	Enthusiasm
	Danielle Serrano	Achievement		Anthony Fowlie	Achievement
	Monty Wheeler	Achievement		Amy Betts	Achievement
Cambridge	Lauren Griffen	Enthusiasm	Oxford	Joshua Moor	Enthusiasm
	Sophie Harris	Achievement		Ruby Thompson	Achievement
	Logan Ellis	Achievement		George Thwaites	Achievement
Chester	Olly Foggo	Enthusiasm			
	Charlie Ansell	Achievement			
	Jack Carey	Achievement			



KS1 winners: Canterbury (300)

KS2 winners: Brunel (215)

CONGRATULATIONS!



Staff reward good behaviour in the dinner hall with a place on the 'Golden Table' each Monday. Children who have displayed good manners and good eating are allowed to sit on a specially decorated table in the dinner hall. Take a look at this week's guests!



Diary dates

Mon/Wed 15 th /17 th Oct	Year R/1/2 Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30 – 6.30 pm	Book an appointment
Tues/Thurs 16 th /18 th Oct	Year 3/4/5/6 Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30 – 6.30 pm	
Tues 16 th Oct	Children's Harvest Assemblies	Donations for Hastings Foodbank

Wed 17 th Oct	YR and Y6 NHS Height and Weight checks	Letter to parents Information leaflet
Thurs 18 th Oct	PSA Full Mufti Day	Non uniform day in exchange for tombola prize for PSA Firework Evening.
Fri 19 th Oct	School Photographs	
Sat 20 th Oct	PSA Firework Evening: Gates open 5 pm	Letter asking for help Competition Event information
Tues 30 th Oct	Tours for prospective new YR pupils Sept 2019 Please contact school office to arrange a visit	9.30, 10.00 and 11.00 am
Wed 31 st Oct		9.30, 10.00 and 11.00 am
Thurs 1 st Nov		1.30 and 2 pm
Wed 7 th Nov	Year 5 classes visiting LifeExpo Exhibition, St Peter and St Paul Church, Parkstone Road, Hastings	Aston class letter Leeds class letter

Term dates for academic year 2018 – 19

[This is the link for this year's term dates.](#) Please **ALWAYS** check **THIS CALENDAR** (which can be found on our website under 'about us – term dates) and not those on other websites to obtain the correct dates for our school. Our term dates/INSET days are not always the same as other schools! Paper copies are available from the school office.