

2023/2024 – Newsletter 13

Dear Parents/Carers

The whole school community has enjoyed a great start to Term 4 with a typical range of activities taking place both within and beyond the classroom. We are busily planning our extra-curricular activities for Term 5 and 6. Full details and information on how to sign up will be released in Newsletter 14.

Food Bank

Thank you for all the donations to our Christmas Food Bank. As students did such an impressive job of collecting donations, Ashford Family Bank have asked us to share their Easter appeal with our families. Any donations will be gratefully received by the school office by Friday 22nd March.

All donations are voluntary but must be ambient, long-life food or hygiene items which may include, for example:

• Cereal • Soup • Pasta • Rice • Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce • Lentils, beans and pulses • Tinned meat • Tinned vegetables • Tea/coffee • Tinned fruit • Biscuits • UHT milk • Fruit juice

Thank you in advance for your support.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

On Wednesday 21st February, representatives from United Learning, the Department for Education and the developer, Bowmer and Kirkland, joined together on the final school site to mark our Groundbreaking Ceremony. This ceremonial event which marked the official start of the construction of our new school building.

Thank you and well done to all students who attended this exciting event. We will be hosting numerous visits to the site over the coming year so that many students will be able to see the development of the site over time.



School Photographer

On 29th February, we welcomed in our school photographer for individual photographs. All students will be handed a personalised slip over the coming fortnight with a QR code attached through which the photographs can be ordered.

Our Therapy Dog

Gus continues to visit our school and students every Monday and is spending 1-1 time with students in many capacities. As a school we are working hard to raise funds for the full dog therapy training and have had some generous donations from local businesses for our upcoming raffle later in the year. We are pleased to share with you some photos below of his time in school this week.



Use of the Residential Area on Scholars Way

Just a quick reminder about parking around our school. Can we please ask that as parents and carers you remain considerate of our residents when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please do try not to block paths or driveways as far as possible.

Fundraising Year 7 Disco – Friday 22nd March 18.00-20.00

We are pleased to let you know we will be hosting our first ever Year 7 School Disco to help raise funds for our therapy dog, Gus. We will be hosting the school disco in our school hall and we have been kindly supported by some local businesses to provide our students with an extra special evening. Tickets will be available via sQuid and will be £5.00 which includes an arrival drink. Students will have the opportunity to purchase further food and drinks on the night at the tuck shop.



Key Dates

Date	Event
Friday 22 nd March	School Disco – 6pm-8pm
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term
Monday 15 th April	Inset Day
Tuesday 16 th April	Start of Term 5 for Students

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and we look forward to welcoming students back on Monday.

Kind regards

Jon Rutland
Principal