

A PARENTS GUIDE TO...



Starting Year Six September 2017



PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ THIS DOCUMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS THEN PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO MEET WITH A MEMBER OF THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM.

WELCOME TO YEAR SIX

MEET THE CLASS TEACHERS



Ebony Class
Miss Underdown



Ivory Class
Mrs Dewey



Additional Teacher
Miss Barnden

MEET THE TEACHING ASSISTANTS



Mrs Kennedy
Ebony Class



Mrs Luckhurst
Ivory Class

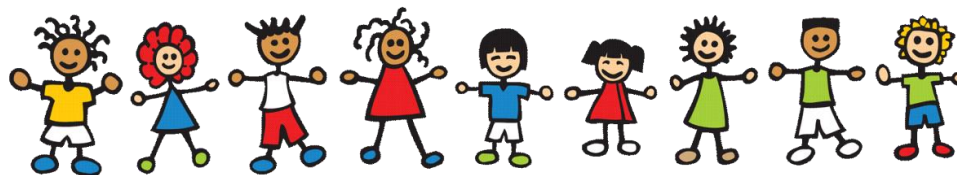
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4 th September 2017	-	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 5 th September 2017	-	Staff Development Day
Friday 20 th October 2017	-	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	-	Staff Development Day
Monday 4 th June 2017	-	Staff Development Day

Term One	Wednesday 6 th September - Thursday 19 th October 2017
Term Two	Monday 30 th October - Tuesday 19 th December 2017
Term Three	Thursday 4 th January - Friday 9 th February 2018
Term Four	Monday 19 th February - Thursday 29 th March 2018
Term Five	Monday 16 th April - Friday 25 th May 2018
Term Six	Tuesday 5 th June - Tuesday 24 th July 2018

ATTENDANCE

At Queenborough School and Nursery, we encourage high levels of attendance and punctuality as these are key factors in supporting children to achieve the best they possibly can. We recognise that children are occasionally unwell and unable to attend school and that specific and unusual circumstances can, at times, cause children to be arriving to school late. However, where possible, it is essential that children attend school regularly as poor attendance can impact upon their levels of attainment and hinder progress with their learning. Holidays are not authorised during Term Time.



OUR THEMES THIS YEAR WILL BE...

Term	Theme
One	Hola Mexico
Two	A Child's War
Three	Frozen Kingdom
Four	Blood Heart
Five	Darwin's Delights
Six	ID

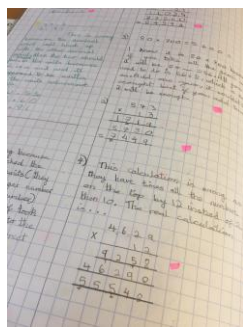


Cornerstones

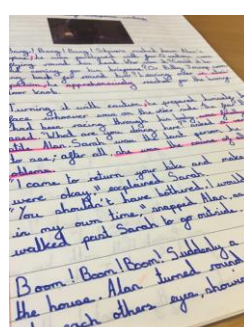
OUR DAILY ROUTINE



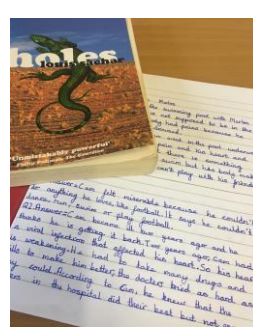
SPaG



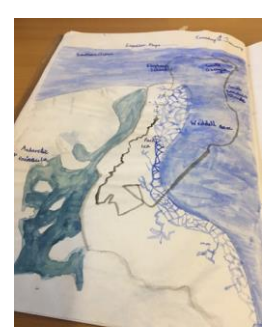
Maths



Literacy



Reading



Foundation

SECONDARY READINESS

THE IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications for children due to start secondary school in September 2018 open on 1 September 2017 and close on 31 October 2017.

It's important to find out more about schools you're interested in before you apply. You can apply for up to 4 schools.

Visit each school's website for dates and times of their open days and evenings.

If you are thinking about applying for a grammar school, your child can only be offered a place if they have been assessed as suitable. Assessment takes place via the Kent Test or in some cases by a test held by the school.

Find out about a school

To find out if a school is suitable for your child:

- visit the school - most schools have open days and evenings, for dates and times please check the school's website.
- ask other parents what they think about the school
- check the school's admissions criteria - this sets out how schools choose which children to offer a school place to
- read the school's Ofsted reports
- check school league tables
- think about what school transport is available
- find out how the school can support your child if you are choosing a school for a child with a special educational need.

<u>Borden Grammar School</u>	Sittingbourne	Grammar School
<u>Highsted Grammar School</u>	Sittingbourne	Grammar School
<u>Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School</u>	Faversham	Grammar School
<u>Fulston Manor School</u>	Sittingbourne	High School
<u>Sittingbourne Community College</u>	Sittingbourne	High School
<u>The Westlands School</u>	Sittingbourne	High School
<u>The Oasis Academy</u>	Sheppey	High School

What is the Kent Test?

Your child will take the test in year 6 of primary school.

The Kent Test dates for 2017 are:

- 7 September 2017 for children who go to school in Kent

The tests are multiple-choice with a separate answer sheet. They are marked by an automated marking machine.

The first test will be an English and Maths paper and will take 1 hour. Each section will involve a 5 minute practice exercise followed by a 25 minute test. The English section will involve a comprehension exercise as well as some additional questions drawn from a set designed to test literacy skills.

The second test will be a reasoning paper. It will take about 1 hour, including the practice sections and questions. It will contain a verbal reasoning section and a non-verbal reasoning section of roughly the same length. The non-verbal reasoning will be split into short sections, administered and timed individually.

There will also be a writing exercise which will not be marked but may be used by a local headteacher panel as part of the headteacher assessment stage of the process. 40 minutes will be allowed for the writing task, including 10 minutes planning time.

The 'Kent Test familiarisation booklet' gives a description of the different parts of the test and advice on approaching the types of questions asked

What are the SATs?

Children are tested on what they have been learning at school. In Year 6, your child will take official SATs in Reading, SPaG and Maths. They will also be assessed by their teacher (known as the teacher assessment) on Speaking and Listening, Writing and Science.

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 14 May to Thursday 17 May 2018.

Date

Activity

Monday 14 May 2018 English reading

Tuesday 15 May 2018 English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1:
questions

English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2:
spelling

Wednesday 16 May 2018 Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic

Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning

Thursday 17 May 2018 Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

If you would like to support your child at home in preparation for their Year 6 SATs, you may wish to use the following websites:

<http://www.mathsisfun.com>

<https://claritymaths.uk/>

<https://myminimaths.co.uk>

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