

Weekly Bulletin for Families

Message from the Head of School

A big welcome back to the weekly bulletin! It has been a busy couple of weeks in school since our return from Easter, the Trinity term is in full swing and we have plenty of activities planned for this term.

Please follow us on Twitter - our tag is @SETMandC and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/SETMandC/> here you will find regular updates about what the children are learning and exciting activities in school. Updates include photos of children hard at work, sharing their learning and videos of me visiting the children taking part in different activities. You can of course access the same updates via the school website if you do not have access to Twitter or Facebook.

Our Friends of SET Maidstone and Causton also have a brand new facebook page which can be found [here](#).

As parents and carers you are all automatically members of our Friends of group, so please ensure you join their facebook group, and support our fantastic team in raising funds for the school. We are already planning activities with the support of the Friends of group to start following the easing of restrictions on 21st June so keep a look out for more details which will be sent home soon.

I met this week with members of the senior leadership team to look at plans for transition activities for this year. We hope to be able to put in place a full transition plan this year following last years cancellation due to Covid. You will soon start to receive information regarding transition including welcome postcards, transition packs and dates of events.

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ask – the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. For your child to complete the survey please follow the link below -

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>



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Children and staff recognition

This week, my recognition goes to Reception for continuing to walk along the corridor to P.E in silence and for behaving beautifully. The same was noticed by Mrs Thompson and Robins' class this week and again, I would like to thank the children and staff. Thank you to all of the staff and children ensuring this happens and setting a great role model to the school.

I would also like to say thank you to our Pastoral Team across both sites, led by Mrs Brunning. The team ensures the children are supported through different activities and support systems including Thrive and support to access the learning in the classroom. I also know they have had a lot of engagement with parents/carers and we have had great feedback from the parents on the value of this support. Miss McRae is now one of your Suffolk Young Carers leads and is already taking action to get more children involved and information out there. She is also going to be leading support from the charity Level 2, particularly with a focus on year 6.

Miss J Urey, Deputy Head of School

What has been happening in school?

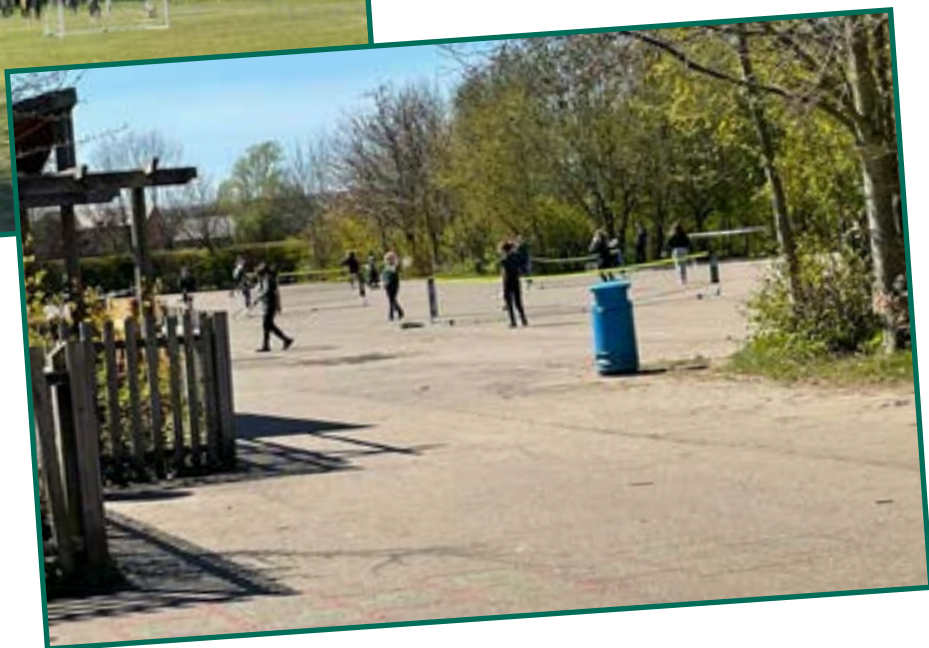
Year 3 and 4 discovered something in the woodland today on site at SET Causton so now the debate begins... to sell or not to sell?!



Out in the beautiful sunshine last week, enjoying Forest School.
Just one of the enrichment activities we have on offer at SET Maidstone and Causton
#wellbeing



It's so nice to enjoy PE sessions outside in the grounds of SET Causton, especially in the sunshine. Year 6 and Year 3/4 had a great afternoon of sports!



Parent information

Following the news recently, about pupils reporting peer on peer abuse in schools across the UK. I would like to reassure you that this is an issue that we take very seriously, the news is concerning and whilst we work hard to ensure that our children of primary school age are not victim to this type of abuse it is important we acknowledge the concerns.

We have recently introduced a new personal, social, health education curriculum into school using resources from a company called Jigsaw PSHE. The curriculum includes a heavy emphasis on the teaching of positive relationships between peers and within families.

We would encourage all children to talk to us if they have concerns so that we can ensure we are supporting our children, families and putting in the place the right procedures to deal with any reports.

Please remember to speak to your child's class teacher or one of our pastoral team members if you have any questions or concerns.

Lynne Friston, Trust Administration Manager

We have been made aware of a new service provided by **The Salvation Army to support families in the local community. Please see the information below from the **Community Outreach Worker, Gemma Saxton**:**

I am writing to introduce the new charity **The Compass** based in Felixstowe, where I am proud to say I am the newly appointed Community Outreach Worker.

The Compass will operate as a facilitator between existing services and those who need them - a two-way flow. All too often families don't ask for help until the situation becomes desperate, or they struggle to engage with the solutions that are suggested.

I will ask to visit community groups such as parent and toddler groups, local community groups and pop-up shops, to become a known face. I will also accept referrals from any of the current service providers (early years, schools, adult and children's services, social prescribing, social housing etc). Parents and families can also self-refer.

I or one of our trained volunteers, can help people complete forms (free IT access on site), make phone calls, go with/take them to first appointments, follow up to make sure appointments were kept, or do whatever is needed to help individuals engage with the solutions that will help them make positive changes.

Once a referral form has been received from one of the service provider organisations (obviously with the permission of the person being referred), I will make an appointment to meet them - preferably at our base at **The Compass** on Grange Farm Avenue where we can bless them with free coffee and cake! Their situation will be looked at holistically, rather than one family member in isolation.

We will also identify any missing services, perhaps 'cooking on a budget' 'meal planning' or 'bike maintenance' and ask local churches with suitable facilities and relevant skilled people to run them.

Our evidence suggests that once some of the stresses and strains of day-to-day life can be addressed, it becomes easier for individuals to tackle any underlying issues.

We will also have access to emergency food parcels and prepayment meter cards, but these requests will be used as a gateway to identifying the needs behind the presenting emergency.

All the trustees, staff and volunteers live in Felixstowe and our heart is to see our whole community thrive.

If you feel you would benefit from speaking to one of the volunteers, please contact school in the first instance and we can make a referral.

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