

# Tull-egraph



Term 4 Week 4

March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although it looks as if it is about to rain; just in time for the football match, how nice it has been to enjoy a little warmer weather and witness the blossom starting to break through on our glorious cherry trees. Certainly we have a lot to be grateful for. However it is impossible not to allow our thoughts, at times, to drift towards the plight of the families that are caught up in the situation in Ukraine.

I must take a moment to thank you all and the team at school for sensitively addressing the difficult topic of the current war. Thank you, particularly, for sharing ideas and resources to help parents more easily discuss such a challenging theme.

Thank you, too, for all of your donations towards the Ukraine Appeal. We will continue to coordinate the collection and delivery of donations but, should you wish to take donations yourselves, the county collection point is nearby at Unit B, Kingsmead, West, Park Farm Industrial Estate, Folkestone CT19 5EU and is open between 9 am and 5 pm each day except Sunday.

**I would also like to invite parents and carers to join me on Monday, at 10am, for a meeting about fundraising, the Jubilee Celebrations and the Spring Fair. I will share a Zoom link, that morning, so that you can join the conversation virtually.**

Returning to the idea of blossom, to show that we are thinking about the people of Ukraine we are going to help and encourage all of our pupils to plant sunflowers, the Ukrainian national flower, and share their progress and pictures across social media and on the different school platforms.

Frazer E. Westmorland

## Dates for Diary

**The Secret Garden – M&M Theatre**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar

**Red Nose Day (£1 - wear Red)**

**Clubs finish week ending Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**March**

**House Event: Skipping- Fri 25<sup>th</sup>**

March, P.E kits needed in school

**Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March-**

**Living and Growing Week**

**Easter Service at St Johns Church-**

29<sup>th</sup> March

**Good to be Green Reward – 29<sup>th</sup>**

March

**House Event- 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Birthday Party- 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Easter Parade- 31<sup>st</sup> March. Parents**

may come onto the school

playground at 3pm to watch.

### Pupil Asset App

Some important updates are being made to the Pupil Asset payments system that we use. We have been contacted by the company at very short notice regarding some changes being implemented as a result of new legislation in the banking system whereby two factor authentication is required by banks. You may have seen more of this in your day to day banking recently.

The updates and improvements that are being made may mean payments via the app will be intermittent for a period of time. They are hoping for this to be a matter of days but it could place restrictions on the app for up to 3 weeks. During this time they request that:

- Parents use the web portal to make payments where possible [Parent Portal \(see guide attached\)](#)
- Parents using the app only, make payments for all items expected between now and the end of the Easter holiday
- If you are unable to pay via the app and cannot use the web portal, payments may be made by card at the school office.

We have fed back to Pupil Asset our dissatisfaction regarding the lack of notice period in relation to this information. They have apologised but were expecting the updates to be successful sooner.

We appreciate your support in this matter.

### Year 2 Trip

Year 2 will be going to Deal Castle on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Please hand your child's slip into school by Monday morning if you haven't already. This is important so that we can let the kitchen know how many school packed lunches are needed in advance.

Please ensure your child arrives on time before 8:45am as we will need to leave early. Children will return to school for normal pick up time. If you are having payment issues then please let us know.

# Every Day Counts !



- Days off school add up to **lost learning**
- Please **don't let your child miss out** on the education they deserve
- **Every school day counts!**

**175 non-school days in a year – use these to spend with family on visits, holidays, shopping, appointments and other household activities**

<b>190</b> school days in a year.  190 days for your child's education	4 days absent	8 days absent	10 days or 2 weeks absent	14 days absent	16 days or over 3 weeks absent	19 days or nearly 4 weeks absent	38 days or nearly 8 weeks absent
	<b>186</b> days of learning	<b>182</b> days of learning	<b>180</b> days of learning	<b>176</b> days of learning	<b>174</b> days of learning	<b>186</b> days of learning	<b>152</b> days of learning
<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>
<b>Excellent</b> Best chance of success		<b>GOOD</b> Staying in the game		<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Probable Fixed Penalty Notice (fine)	
<b>If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to your school about it.</b>							

The above figures are approximate representations based upon a whole school year, with 96% being around 1.5 days per term.

Approximate total days learning lost so far this year	<b>900</b>	Approximate days learning lost per child	<b>5</b>
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The figures below represent the first three terms at school this year\*.

	<b>100%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>91%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Days Lost	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <small>1 week</small>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <small>2 weeks</small>	<b>20</b> <small>4 weeks</small>

Take a look at your child's most recent report, how many lost days does their percentage attendance add up to?

\* If your child has been at Mundella Primary School all year.