



Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

## LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

### OWN CLOTHES DAY

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May is own clothes day in return for a bottle of drink for our May Fayre tombola. Children must still wear sensible footwear and weather appropriate clothing.

### ROUNDERS COMPETITION

A group of students will be taking part in a trust rounders competition at Shears Green School tomorrow, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. I look forward to updating you next week with how they got on.

### YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

SATS week is fast approaching for our year 6 pupils, starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Children in year 6 are invited in to have a free hot breakfast from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Children attending must be in school for 8am to eat and must pre-order their breakfast using the following link:

<https://forms.gle/QacuyuGYauPWJmDZ8>

Any siblings wishing to attend breakfast on this week will be charged at the usual rate of £1.50 a day.

### BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Next Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday and school will not be open. We look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and hope you all have a lovely long weekend. Hopefully we get some sunshine!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs A Wilson  
Headteacher



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK AND HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Each week the staff in each class choose a child who has gone over and above and behaved impeccably. These children get a certificate and can sit on a chair for assembly that week. The children then join me for hot chocolate on the Friday afternoon.



This week's Students of the week: Alexis Westwood (Year 1) and Eshaal Khan (Year 2).

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Each class awards two stars of the week to children who have worked hard in their lessons, overcome a barrier to learning, met a target or produced a fantastic piece of work.



This week's Stars of the Week: Lien Jackson and Bill Reddington (Year 1), Logan Reid and Jasmin Begum (Year 2), Mya Atkins and Ivaneta Georgiev (Year 3) and Vincent Kstenis-Dack and Scarlett Saunders (Year 4).

## HOUSE POINTS

This week's winning house with 1355 house points is...**Penshurst!**

## ACTING OPPURTUNITY

**ENSEMBLE AUDITIONS**

**SUNDAY 23RD JUNE AT THE WOODVILLE -GRAVESEND**

**JUVENILE AUDITIONS 7-11 YEARS**  
10:00AM - 1:00PM REGISTRATION FROM 09:30AM

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 7 AND 11 TO PLAY OUR JUVENILE CHORUS IN THE YEAR'S PRODUCTION. CHILDREN WILL NEED TO HAVE A GOOD DANCE BACKGROUND AND SING WITH CONFIDENCE. BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME TO AUDITION.

**SENIOR AUDITIONS 12-16 YEARS**  
2:00PM - 5:00PM REGISTRATION FROM 1:30PM

THE SEARCH IS ON FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 12 AND 16 TO PLAY OUR SENIOR CHORUS IN THE YEAR'S PRODUCTION. CHILDREN WILL NEED TO HAVE A GOOD DANCE BACKGROUND AND SING WITH CONFIDENCE. BOYS AND GIRLS ARE WELCOME TO AUDITION.

A DANCE ROUTINE WILL BE TAUGHT ON THE DAY OF AUDITIONS. THERE IS NO NEED TO PREPARE ANYTHING IN ADVANCE.

**JACK AND THE BEANSTALK**

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN AUDITIONING PLEASE CLICK THE LINK IN THE DESCRIPTION. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE A REPLY. THIS JUST HELPS US TO KNOW THE NUMBER OF ATTENDEES TO EXPECTON THE DAY

**GRAVESEND PANTO**  
**@GRAVESENDPANTO**

Attention all talented performers! 🌟🎵  
Are you ready to climb to new heights in the magical world of pantomime? 🌱🌟  
We are thrilled to announce auditions for the junior and senior chorus of Jack & the Beanstalk at The Woodville, Gravesend!

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Join us on Sunday 23rd June at The Woodville for your chance to showcase your skills and be part of an unforgettable production! 🌟🗣️

To register your interest and secure your spot, fill out the form at the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/DgewyCeyaevdBa7E8>

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Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity! #JackAndTheBeanstalk  
#PantomimeAuditions  
#TheWoodvilleGravesend 🌱🎵🏠



## LAWN EVENTS TEAM





## Recruitment Event

**Tuesday 7 May 2024**  
5pm - 7pm

Are you interested in working in Education? Would you like to work for a local Nursery, Primary or Secondary School? Come along to discuss:

- Teaching Vacancies
- Support Staff Vacancies
- Teacher Training
- Routes into Teaching

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## ONLINE SAFETY GUIDANCE

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

##### SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

##### DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

##### FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

##### SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

##### MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

#### BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

#### CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

#### KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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