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*Shining Bright, Aiming High*

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## Miers Court Matters 27

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**Attendance** – Well done Macaw Class (Year 4) for achieving 99.3%, Bumblebee Class (year R) for achieving 98.1% and Puffin Class (Year 3) for achieving 97.8%. These classes are this week's top attenders!

This year's attendance to date **94.3%**

**Special Headteacher's Award** – Congratulations to Cooper, Olivia and Stevie in Year 6 for earning a Special Headteachers Award for achieving 25 learning points.

**Bronze Award** – Congratulations to Oakley, Willow, Gracie, Lottie, Daniel, Owen and George in Year 2, Luca L in Year 3, Olivier, Joshua, Macie, Modesola, Rajni and Casey in year 6 for earning a Bronze award for achieving 50 learning points.

**Friday Club** – We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that Friday club is only for the children of those parents who are in work on a Friday afternoon and do not have access to any other childcare arrangements. We are consistently over-subscribed for places and we must ensure that they are being offered to those who have a genuine need. We expect children to attend regularly and not 'drop in and out', as this causes difficulties for planning, resourcing and staffing the sessions. We expect children to stay for the full club i.e. until **3.10pm**. We review attendance every term and will remove the



offer of the space if it is appearing from the lack of attendance that other arrangements are available to the family. Thank you for your support with this.



**Collection of pupils at the end of the day REMINDER** - We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you that, if there are any changes in collection arrangements at the end of the day, you must let us know in writing. If it's a one-off, on the day change, a message in your child's contact book is fine or you can, of course, email the office who will pass the message on. It can be tricky for you to pass a message on to the teacher on duty in the morning as it's such a busy time, so a written note or message left with the office is always best.

If it's a more permanent arrangement i.e. a family member or close friend will be meeting your child regularly at the end of the day, please send in a letter or email, or call the office. We will need the person's name and a contact number for them.

**Emergency contact numbers** - It is essential that we have at least 2 emergency contacts for your child. If we currently only have 1, please log on to Arbor and update your records. If this is going to cause difficulties, please speak to a member of the Office Team.

Thank you



**Battery Recycling** – This week we have collected **112** batteries!! Fantastic total, thank you.

We submit our total to the Duracell website each week. To find the national running total go to:

[https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/?utm\\_source=NSP&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=DUR4&utm\\_content=DUR4-029](https://www.bigbatteryhunt.co.uk/?utm_source=NSP&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=DUR4&utm_content=DUR4-029) Please send your used batteries into school.

Ask your family and friends and bring theirs in too!



**Year 1 Avenger Training Day** - Year 1 had the time of their lives at Avenger Training Academy at the end of last term. We all waited in anticipation to see which super hero would be coming along to train us, and were thrilled when Batman arrived. He came to deliver the very exciting news that Spider-Man had received and read all of our applications and had decided that everyone in Year 1 had been accepted into Avenger Training Academy. Batman was an inspiration as he put us through our paces. He marvelled at our shooting skills, he gazed in amazement at how well we could aim and he was blown away by the strength and speed of all of the children. In fact, he was so impressed by every single child that he gave us all a certificate proving that we had what it takes to be an Avenger. We all passed Avenger Training Academy with flying colours!



**We have been asked to share the following information with you from Medway Public Health** - MMR vaccine catch-up clinics running this April and May. Make sure your child is protected from measles

Following a rise in measles cases in London and England, the NHS are urging parents and carers to make sure their children are up-to-date with their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations. To do this you can check your child's red book, or check with

your GP, who can offer MMR catch-up appointments. [Measles](#) can lead to serious illness but it is preventable through two doses of the MMR vaccine.

Catch-up clinics are available to school-aged children, and teens up to 19 years old, on Saturday, 27 April and Saturday 18 May at the Clover Street Clinic in Chatham.

To book an appointment visit

<https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/.../immunisation-community.../>



Medway's Child Health Team would like to hear from Medway parents and carers. We would love to know your thoughts on our workshops for you and to find out which topics would be most useful and when would be the most convenient time for them to be delivered.

The aim of our parent workshop programme is to provide skills for parents and carers to navigate modern life challenges such as social media, mental health, and wellbeing, while exploring strategies that can contribute to the health and wellbeing of children, with a focus on family support.

Those completing the survey will have the option to enter a prize draw for one of two Amazon vouchers (£50 and £100).

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kz5QaOc8lkq\\_xf\\_uQhofV7JzVU\\_O6s5OnFO6TMhIOZRURTBKOTMzUkJIRDNHRUhKNTJNOU1JTDcxVS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kz5QaOc8lkq_xf_uQhofV7JzVU_O6s5OnFO6TMhIOZRURTBKOTMzUkJIRDNHRUhKNTJNOU1JTDcxVS4u)

**Kestrel class assembly has been postponed** – Due to unforeseen circumstances Kestrel Class assembly has been postponed until Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

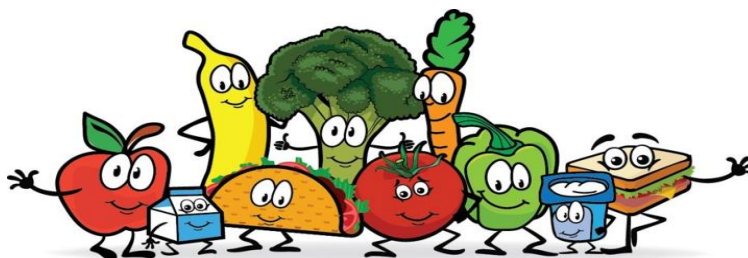
**ABM Catering update** - From 29/04/2024 paid meal prices will unfortunately be increased from £2.45 to £2.55, this is a 10p increase for the two-course meal and represents a 4% increase. Whilst we would like to avoid any increase, we are pleased that the increase is below the average inflation.

Just a reminder that ABM (our school caterer) are currently seeking feedback from Parents/ Guardians regarding the catering provision to help them to continue to improve their service- we would encourage you to feedback.

**Reminder – Universal Infant Free School Meals – All Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can receive a Free 2 course meal every day!**

Please see attached leaflet from ABM (our catering provider) along with the Term 5 menu.

**ABM Competition winner** - A massive congratulations to Rose in Year 5 who won the ABM Easter competition.



**Meal Balance reminder** – Please can we remind you to keep an eye on your child's meal account, and top up when needed. Thank you.

Also, if your child has school dinners and there is still money owing on your child's account, please can this be paid as soon as possible.

Please remember that, if your circumstances change, you child may be eligible for Free School Meal Support. You can apply on line for this and we are always happy to help if you are finding it a little tricky. The link will take you to the application page and you will get a decision really quickly.

[https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200164/school\\_information/354/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200164/school_information/354/free_school_meals)

**Dates for the Diary**

**02.05.24** – Dragonfly Class assembly 9am

**1 – 24.05.24** – KS1 SATs window – children do these assessments in smaller groups. More information will be shared.

**13 – 16.05.24** – KS2 SATs

**23.05.24** – Skylark Class assembly 9am

**24.05.24** – Community Picnic – more information to follow

**6.05.24** – Kestrel class assembly 9am **NEW DATE**

**3 – 14.06.24** – Y4 Multiplication Check – the children take these assessments in small groups – more information will be shared

**10 – 14.06.24** – Phonics screening week

**20.06.24** – Hummingbird Class assembly 9am

**27.06.24** – Nightingale Class assembly 9am

**04.07.24** – Robin Class assembly 9am

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