What's On

WEEKLY EVENTS:

Tuesdays

Table Tennis 7 - 9pm Stalisfield Hall

Wednesdays (Alternate)

Eastling Walkers 10.30am Call 01795 890703

Thursdays

Zumba 6.30pm Stalisfield Hall

Fridays

Short Mat Bowls 7.30pm Eastling Hall

July 2019

3rd Otterden & Stalisfield W.I. 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall

5th Theatre: The Winter's Tale 7.30pm Belmont House

7th School Summer Fête 12 - 3pm Eastling School Field

7th Newnham Open Garden 1 - 6pm Newnham

10th Stalisfield Parish Council 7.30pm Stalisfield Village Hall

13th Treasure Hunt 2.30pm Stalisfield Green

18th Painters Forstal with Selling W.I 2pm Eastling Village Hall

15th Deadline for August copy of Good News goodnewsmagazine@me.com

21st Theatre: Nell Gwynn 3.00pm Belmont House

27th Paella and Wine for UNICEF 8pm Eastling, booking required

30th Publication of August Good News

31st Eastling Parish Council 6.30pm
Eastling Village Hall

AUGUST

24th Stalisfield Village Fête 2pm Stalisfield Village Green

Good News Parish Magazine

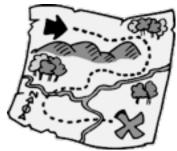
High Downs Parish

Serving the villages of Eastling, Otterden, Stalisfield and Throwley

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Treasure Hunt around Stalisfield Green! Saturday 13th July

Meet at the village hall from 2.30pm and you'll be given a map and clues to solve as you walk through the beautiful countryside of Stalisfield.



Invite your friends, it's for all the family (shorter route available for little legs!)

Cost is £2 per person and includes prizes and refreshments served as you return to the Village Hall

Organ Recital

with Charles Francis

Doddington Church Saturday 3rd August at 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 at the door to include light refreshments.

Cantiana Summer Concert

All the Days of Your Life-

Doddington Church Saturday 6th July at 7.30pm

Tickets £7.50 at the door.

Sunday 30th June

A service for Faversham and surrounding villages in St Mary of Charity, Faversham, with Archdeacon Stephen, starting at 10 am. All Welcome



Stalisfield Village Fete

Saturday 24th August 2019, 2-5pm

More information on centre pages



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Holy Days or Holidays?

Some porters were hired to carry a group's possessions on a trip through the jungle. The pace quickly increased until the head porter called a halt: 'We've come so far, so fast we need to take a break and allow our souls to catch up with our bodies!'

How often do we feel like this? July is a month when many of us take a break.

Jesus and His disciples often took time to withdraw from the crowds: 'because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, He said to them, 'Come with Me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.' (Mark 6: 31,32). Jesus saw how tired and stressed His disciples were and wanted to give them a break from their busy lives. He loved them and cared about their wellbeing. He longs to do the same with us, so we

can restore the balance of work, rest and play in our lives. Going on holiday or taking time off gives us an opportunity of letting go the burdens of everyday life and renewing our rest in Him. This enables us to entrust Jesus with our issues and concerns, as we take time aside declare a holy day or holiday!

The story is told of the aged Apostle John playing with doves. A passing hunter expressed surprise at what a man as pious as John was doing. John pointed to the bow in the hunter's hand and asked him why he carried it with a loosened string. The hunter replied, 'it loses its strength unless it is given the chance to unbend'. John replied, 'why are you surprised that a servant of Christ should not relax to keep himself stronger for his work?'

Prayer Pointers July 2019



Sundays - Pray for Priests in our churches, especially Steve our Priest-in-Charge and Justin Welby our Archbishop.

Mondays - Pray for the Police service and Alan Pughsley, Kent's Chief Constable.

Tuesdays - Pray for the Kent Fire Service and Chairman Nick Chard

Wednesdays - Pray for the Ambulance Service and South East Coast CEO Geraint Davies.

Thursdays - Pray for the NHS in Kent and Chairman John Goulston.

Fridays - Pray for Education in Kent and Matt Dunkley, KCC lead for Children and Education.

Saturdays - Pray for Kent social services and KCC lead for Adult social care Penny Southern

Eastling Church Flower Rota



July 7th & 14th - Clive

21st - Bay 28th - Wedding flowers 4th August - Julia & Marion

If you would like to join the flower arranging rota please call Bay on 01795 892036

The organisers of the June Flower Festival and Choral Concert at Eastling Church are delighted to announce that £1750 was raised for Church funds.

The Church was full for the beautiful Evening of Midsummer Music programme, presented by Sutton Valence Choral Society Chamber Group,

whose talent surpassed our

Di Kemp

Floral Success

expectations. The Concert ended with rapturous applause and we are very grateful to them for their contribution to our fund-raising weekend.

We are also grateful to the teams and individuals who worked so hard to design and arrange the floral displays at the Flower Festival. And to the tireless al fresco Refreshments Team, who offered delicious food in an idyllic setting. We even had spontaneous singing from visitors, from time to time!

St Mary's Church was more beautiful than usual and the perfume from the flowers added to the atmosphere. As did the stunning artwork provided by the children from all of the classes at Eastling Primary School. Huge thanks to their Headteacher and class teachers for encouraging the children to produce such wonderful and talented work. But above all, this was a Village Event and our heartfelt thanks go to everyone involved and to all who visited and donated.

visitors. A heartfelt thanks to all of you who memorable and enjoyable. Bay Lees

Due to the skill and hard work of our

regular team on the flower rota, St Mary's Church always looks beautiful and welcoming but over the weekend of the Flower Festival the floral

arrangements moved into a different league. The church was decorated not only by our stalwart team of regular flower arrangers, but also by contributors from neighbouring villages and there was a strong feeling of community and teamwork. The sense of excitement was contagious as armfuls of beautiful garden flowers were carried into the church to create exquisite floral art that was both diverse and thought provoking. Each musically themed, story was created with imagination and care-some small and poignant; others magnificent and exciting; all stunningly beautiful and enjoyed by our many

participated and made this event so

3rd July St Thomas the Apostle – confused and doubting

Thomas, one of Jesus' 12 apostles, was an impulsive, confused, honest sceptic. Jesus could understand and work with such a man. Thomas' impulsiveness was evident when Jesus prepared to visit Lazarus in Bethany. It was a dangerous trip to make, because of the Jews, but Thomas urged his fellow disciples: "Let us also go, that we may die with Him." (John 11:16) Instead, Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

Thomas' confusion is shown in later talks with Jesus. He was not really sure where Jesus was going long-term (John 14:5). But Jesus accepted this confused commitment, and began to untangle it, patiently explaining: "I am going to my Father", and "No one comes unto the Father but by me."

Finally, Thomas' honest scepticism is revealed after the Resurrection, which he flatly refused to believe - unless he could touch the wounds of the risen Jesus. Sure enough, Jesus appears - but instead of scolding him, shows him the wounds. Thomas responds: "My Lord and my God" (John 20.26ff).



St Thomas the Apostle Church at Harty Ferry ME12 4BQ FLOWER FESTIVAL 6th - 7th July, 11am - 5pm

Thus Doubting Thomas' honest doubts, turned to honest faith, have become a reassurance for thousands of men and women across the centuries, who also want to follow Jesus, but who require some proof of this amazing event - the Resurrection. In Doubting Thomas' complete affirmation of faith, after meeting

the risen, crucified Christ, they can find support for their own faith.

Ancient legends tell how Thomas went on to India as a missionary. There are rumours that Thomas even built a palace for a king's daughter in India, and thus he is the patron saint of architects. It is believed that he was martyred by a spear on 3rd July, 72 AD in Mylapore, near Madras. 46 ancient churches in England were dedicated to him



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DIARY DATES

22nd August - National Burger Day

Just a good excuse to come and feast upon our delicious homemade burgers.

24th - 26th August - Beer Festival Weekend

August Bank Holiday. Join us for an action packed weekend - filled with live bands; Group Therapy on Saturday, Hullaballoo on Sunday and Rosie Horne on Monday.

An outstanding range of beers, ciders, wines and cocktails enough to make your head spin

24th August - Stalisfield Village Fête

Good old fashioned fun at a traditional village fête and dog show. 2 - 5pm

Keep up to date by following us on **Facebook, Twitter or Instagram**

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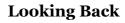


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by Audrey Keen

I see them still
('though not here now),
The horses and the gentle cow,
The fields and meadows
Are empty - bereft,
And sad once the animals
Died and left.
But the hedge is the same
The sky, the trees,
Nothing it seems
Will alter these.
Big buzzards fly
So without fear
Where plovers once

And on this oh so scorching day
I walk the meadow left for hay,
But the horses I loved, the cows, the sheep,
Witnessing their play or contented sleep,
Are secreted in my mind and time

For life was wondrous then - sublime.

Would greet me here.

And I have lived through winter chill And summer skies above, But faith has always deemed That we shall meet again -In spirit and in love.





Izzy's Odd Jobs

For all your general jobs:

Gardening, DIY, Cleaning, Animals (i.e. horses, dogs, cats, etc.).

If interested/have any enquiries contact me on 07455 394605.

Always happy to help. References available on request.

Painters Forstal with Selling W.I.

Members had a wonderfully sunny afternoon at Norton Court. Our meeting on Tuesday 16th July will be a hands on flower arranging session with our favourite 'flower lady' Jan McLean at 2pm in Eastling village hall. Jan is wonderful and. sessions are anything to go by, I know we will be very pleased with the afternoon as we will be making Table Posies to take home with us. Further details from Barbara on 01795 890020 tombar72@hotmail.co.uk



Dogs Trust Fun Day

Faversham Showaround. **ME13 9SP**

Sunday 14th July from 11.30am

A fun filled day including a fun Dog Show, Have A Go Agility, lots of stalls and refreshments, games and activities for 4 and 2 legged members of your family. Admission: Adults £2. Children and OAPs £1, Under 5 and dogs Free.

Free parking.

Tin foil

What do you do with your used tin foil? Councils are asking us t o give it a good rinse from any food or grease, so that it can be recycled. Foil trays could be added to your dishwasher, so that you don't waste time or water washing them separately. As the Aluminium Recycling Packaging Organisation says, "It doesn't have to be squeaky clean.... But if it is really greasy, wash it with soap." Most councils can now recycle aluminium foil.

Faversham Open Gardens and Garden Market Sunday 30th June

10am - 5pm

Explore a host of private and community gardens in the heart of historic Faversham. Special Garden Market 10am - 4pm, plus children's competition.

Entry to garden by guidebook only: £6 per person; £10 for two; children under 12 free: from the Faversham Society, 13 Preston Street, or on the day from their market stall in the Market Place.

Sky Fright

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon bumping around in the sky. One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him for comfort. "Can't you do something?" she demanded forcefully.

"I'm sorry ma'am," said the minister gently, "I'm in sales, not management."

Stalisfield HighLife 2019 Events

Treasure Hunt 13th July Summer Fête 24th August Harvest Supper 5th October Panto 6th / 7th December Children's Party 8th December

Seniors' Christmas Dinner

14th December

Burns Night - TBC 25th January 2020

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A beautiful hall in a lovely village location for your wedding, club, sports or meetings.

The large hall has pretty grounds, car parking, meeting rooms and fully equipped facilities for professional or self-catering occasions.



Stalisfield Village Fete

Saturday 24th August 2019 2-5pm

Help needed!

We are looking for **volunteers** to run stalls.

DONATIONS are needed towards the White Elephant (bric-a-brac) stall, book stall, and prizes in the shape of chocolates, bottles (food/toiletries/alcohol), and children's toys.

This year

the Southern Golden Retriever Display TEAM will be performing,

the FIRE SERVICE will be paying us a visit, there will be a STEAM TRACTION ENGINE giving rides,

and we also have a CHAINSAW CARVING demonstration!

Competitions to enter are as follows:

CAR & BIKE SHOW: Best Classic, Best Modern Best Rat, Dog Show

THE GREAT VILLAGE BAKE OFF: Best Cake, Best Decorated Cup Cakes (4), Best Biscuits (4)

CHILDREN'S COMPETITION: build a 'House for a Mouse' To volunteer, donate, or for further details contact Melanie:

mjcarter64@outlook.com, 07961 566 81

NEWNHAM OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 7th July 1 pm to 6 pm

Come and enjoy an afternoon at one of Kent's favourite Open Gardens days

Afternoon teas from 2 pm

• 10 gardens open •

5 gardens not open for the June afternoon

including New Calico

Little Frith Farmhouse

Pimm's and local beers •



Parking at Sharsted Playing Field ME9 0LQ

Proceeds to Newnham Church building fund neumham@kingsdowncreekside.co.uk for more information

Otterden and Stalisfield W.I.

June's Meeting saw us listening to a very entertaining Speaker, Sharon Lynn from Medical Detection Dogs. Sharon spoke naturally with no notes and great passion for her subject, as

her husband had benefited from one of these dogs in the past. They are trained to detect disease or assist with managing life-threatening medical conditions, using their powerful scenting ability. As an example, Sharon told us that a dog can be trained to detect the slightest trace of cancer - the equivalent

of a teaspoon of sugar diluted in the capacity of water that would fill 2 swimming pools. Many people were almost prisoners in their own home prior to receiving a Medical Detection Dog, worried that they may have a seizure or their sugar levels drop to a dangerous level.

Later the same week, a group of us visited the Guru Nanak Temple which is a Sikh Gurdwara in

Gravesend. It is an impressive building, beautifully decorated inside and out. We were given a guided tour with a taster lunch and more food was offered if we so wished. The



environment was so peaceful despite being quite busy with visitors and a wedding. While we were listening to the guide several of us felt a calmness descend upon us, almost a state of meditation. It is well worth a visit, no charges are imposed, just a donation of whatever you can afford. You will however, need to take a scarf to cover your head and remove outdoor shoes. This is as a mark of respect and also readiness to gather thoughts

to engage with what you will receive and in return give. Removing shoes indicates that you are leaving the material world outside for a brief time. It cost 15 million to build completely from donations from the Sikh community, which shows just what can be achieved when like minded people come together.

At the time of writing, we have not yet held the Quiz Night that Julie Murray has organised, which promises to be a good evening at Stalisfield Village Hall on 14th June.

July's meeting on Wednesday 3rd, will be more of a social occasion. We are all invited to bring along a photo of us when we were very young and one fact about us that no one knows. This could be interesting!

We hold our Meetings at Stalisfield Village Hall on the first Wednesday evening of every month at 7.30 p.m. If you would like to join our friendly group, please contact Ellie Cameron on 01795 892016 or Helen Brooks on 07477580727.



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Belmont House and Gardens



BELMONT HOUSE & GARDENS

LAVENDER WORKSHOP

Wednesday 3rd July, 10am - 2pm

Lavender is considered by many as the most useful herb for several ailments and a favourite ingredient in skincare products. £30.00 pp including light refreshments and your own beautiful spritzer bottle of lavender.

OPEN AIR THEATRE: THE WINTER'S TALE

Friday 5th July, 7.30pm

Leontes has everything a man could want, wealth, power, a family that loves him and friends, but he is not at peace. inside he harbours a bitter jealousy that drives him to destroy all he holds dear. Years later, in a distant country, a journey begins that ultimately heal his pain and renuite his family. Adults £22, ages 10 - 18: £12

OPEN AIR THEATRE: NELL GWYNN

Sunday 21st July, 3.00pm

London, 1660, King Charles II has exploded onto the scene with the love of all things loud and extravagant. And at Drury Lane a young Nell Gwynn is causing stirrings among the theatre goers. Enjoy an evening of theatre in our beautiful Walled Garden. Adults £22, ages 10 - 18: £12

Belmont House & Gardens, Throwley, Nr Faversham, Kent ME13 OHH www.belmont-house.org



Paella and Wine Evening in aid of Unicef

As part of my attempt to drown myself on board team UNICEF, the big blue boat, in the Clipper race 2019/20, I am attempting to raise funds for this very worthy charity. To this end we will be hosting an evening of Paella and wine at Stonefield House on Saturday 27th July from 8pm. Ticket numbers limited by the size of my one metre Paella pan to 50 people. In return for a donation of £15/person I hope to feed you all and get you mildly inebriated. Smaller Vegetarian Paella also available.

Ian Gilbert

Mb 07752 736566

My Facebook page is

Across the big blue on the big blue boat. https://www.facebook.com/

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Services in High Downs

30th June Trinity 2

Galatians 5. 1, 13 - 25, Luke 9.51 - end

St. Mary of Charity, Faversham 10.00am Whole Deanery Service; Holy Communion with Archdeacon

Stephen

7th July Trinity 3

Galatians 6. [1 - 6] 7 - 16, Luke 10. 1 - 11, 16 - 20 Eastling 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

14th July Trinity 4

Colossians 1. 1 - 14, Luke 10. 25 - 37

Throwley 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

21st July Trinity 5

Colossians 1. 15 - 28, Luke 10. 38 - end

Stalisfield 10.30 am Holy Communion (CW)

Throwley 2.15 pm Baptism

28th July Trinity 6

Colossians 2. 6 - 15 [16 - 19], Luke 11. 1 - 13

Eastling 8am Holy Communion (BCP)
Throwley 10.30am Holy Communion (CW)

4th August Trinity 7

Colossians 3. 1 - 11, Luke 12. 13 - 21

Eastling 10.30 am Morning Prayer (BCP)

Kingsdown and Creekside Parish

Sunday 7th Julynst Achird Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Teynham Benefice Communion
3.30pm Wychling
5.30pm Lynsted Evensong
6.00pm Breakthrough

Sunday 14th Monton Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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Sunday 21st Maynh Fifth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Oare Holy Communion BCP
9.00am Doddington Holy Communion CW
10:30am Lynsted Family Service
10.30am Norton Morning Worship

10.30am Teynham Holy Communion CW Trad. Family Service

3.30pm Lynsted Holy Communion BCP 6.00pm Breakthrough

Sunday 28th Middinstoth Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Lynsted Holy Communion BCP 9.00am Oare Holy Communion CW 10:30am Teynham Morning Worship

10.30am Teynham Family Service & Communion

3.30pm Lynsted Evensong
6.00pm Newnham Breakthrough
6.30pm Hymns & Pimms

High Downs Parish

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Throwley Gaynore Moss (01795 890995)

From the Registers

Funeral

Norman Neaves 28th May 2019 at Eastling followed by Cremation at Charing

Interment of Ashes

Raymond Keith Mills 29th May 2019 at Stalisfield

Midweek Groups

Tuesdays: Study group, 9th & 23rd July, 9.30am

at Garden Cottage, Eastling. 01795 890368

Wednesdays: Study group, weekly, 7.30pm, 18 Beech

Close, Faversham. 01795 890338

Thursdays: Prayer group, weekly, 10.30am, Pinks Farm

Kettle Hill Road, Eastling. 01795 890338

Fridays: Study group, weekly, 10.45am, New House Farm,

Eastling. 01795 890629

You will be welcome at any of our groups.

CONTACT THE GOOD NEWS EDITOR

If you would like to advertise in the August 2019 magazine, submit articles or stories for publication, or would like any forthcoming events publicised, send your contribution by 15th July to: Hilary Harlow, Pinks Farm, Eastling, Faversham, ME13 0BA. Tel: 01795 890338. Where possible, please submit your entry by email: goodnewsmagazine@me.com

Past and current issues of the Good News may be viewed on ccgi.northdowns.plus.com/goodnews

Defibrillator in Eastling

The defibrillator is situated in the cupboard at number 1 Manor Lees, which is the 1st white bungalow 70 yds along from the pub towards Otterden.

The cupboard is marked

AED Emergency Defibrillator.

No codes are needed, it is not locked and ready to go with all the necessary accessories.

Eastling has a system called the Village Emergency Telephone System (VETS) which is run by volunteers. Many villages and towns place their defibrillator on a site which is available to all and feel they have made their moral contribution. Here in

Eastling the VETS system is available as an additional assistance for the defibrillator.

The advice generally is that should you stay with a person who has had a heart attack or stroke and not leave them to obtain the defibrillator but carry on with CPR, naturally after dialling 999.

The VETS telephone number: 01795 342990, is a designated number which is lodged with South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAM) and can be rang by any member of the public.

The system is logged into the telephone number of the local volunteers in Eastling and will ring all numbers together. The first person to answer the call is able to speak to either the ambulance or those in distress and be able to collect the



defibrillator, deliver it and assist where needed. By having 10 volunteers a 24/7 365 days a year service is provided. The chances of all 10 volunteers not being available is remote.

The village has had the defibrillator for 7 years and in this time there have been 2 call outs, hopefully it will stay this way.

As we all know there is only 8minutes for action to be taken on a heart attack, after that the survival rate drops by 70% and the chances of an ambulance or a paramedic being able to arrive in Eastling within this time limit is very remote.

Always dial 999 first, then call the volunteers on 01795 342990.

Please enter this number on your mobile phone.

News from Kent County Council Public Protection



HMRC Scams

We are continuing to see an increase in reports on HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) scams as well as changes to how they can trick you.

To identify scams this is an example:

HM Revenue & Dustoms (@HMRCgovuk)

Pending Tax Refund

The would like to notify you that you thill have an autotranding fair return of 465 SM COF from overpaid for from year ending. SMS despite our provious latters respecting your returnly or any yell to receive your claim.

- Reference No. 4757519/T10031903-UHDiges
- We can only process a refund for the tax year we have detailed at
 You have until the GT10010 to make your date.

Start Claim ++

Personal to: Self-Assessment - DOV 5

How the scam works: You receive an email that looks as if it is from HMRC. Fraudsters may "spoof" a genuine email address or change the 'display name' to make it appear genuine. You are told you are due a refund. You are given a deadline to apply. You are directed to click on a link in the email.

What to do: Do not open attachments. Do not click any links in an email or text message, they may be malicious software or direct you to a bogus website. To Help the HMRC investigations, report all HMRC related phishing emails and bogus text messages to phishing@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk and then delete it.

HMRC will never send notifications by email about tax rebates or refunds For help and advice contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06

Stalisfield Parish Council

The next Council meeting will on 10th July 2019, 7.30pm in the village hall, all residents are welcome to attend.

Eastling Parish Council

The Parish Council is able to make grants to organisations within the Parish. For full details please contact the Clerk Mrs Wendy Licence 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted ME14 4HT or email eastlingpc@gmail.com.

The next Council meeting will on 31st July 2019, 6.30pm in the village hall, all residents are welcome to attend.

Eastling

Neighbourhood Watch

Village Warden 07794 010 394 or 01795 890848



Police 101 Emergency 999

In last month's report I mentioned about the law and dogs needing to have a collar and tagged together with a microchip. There was an instance within the last month of a dog being found wandering and lost in the village. The dog did not have a collar, was not recognised and after a tour around the village it was decided to call the Dog Warden who, as it was a Sunday, had to come from Sheppey. The dog was microchipped and the Warden was able to return it to its owner within the village. I am sure the owner was given a severe warning.

An Ostrich/Rea was reported being seen running around the village obviously escaped from somewhere locally an unusual occurrence, never heard any more so I am guessing it went back from whence it came.

A disturbing report came to my notice of an incident in another local village where a lady had a telephone call, purporting to be from the police, suggesting that she was harbouring a wanted criminal and, after a prolonged conversation, was asked if any cash was held in the property. The caller was told no. The lady concerned contacted family and the police were informed. Naturally to say it was a scam so please be wary of telephone calls like this and do not hesitate to report it.

Have a good month and take care Alan

Eastling School News

The first half of the school summer term ended with Arts Week. The whole school completely immersed itself in the arts, including music, dance and creative activities. We celebrated National Outdoor Learning Day with amazing results. We all were outdoors from 9am until the end of the day, including lunchtime, and had tie dying, art around the world, photography, planting, carbon footprint, making bird feeders and bird boxes all taking place during the day.

On Friday 14th June, we said goodbye to our two wonderful student teachers from Canterbury Christ Church University as their teaching placements ended. We have been out about this term consolidating and engaging in new learning experiences. Silver Birch class were learning about Africa and visited Port Lympne, going on a safari and were fortunate to see many of the animals. The camels and the giraffes came particularly close to the children enabling them to see the animals up close.

Oak class visited the Turner contemporary museum in Margate where they painted watercolour postcards in the style of Turner. They enjoyed creating sand art sculptures on the beach before travelling back to Faversham by train. Year 5 took part in a Healthy Eating Workshop at Highsted Grammar School.

The whole school took part in the Countryside Day for Schools at Otterden Estate on Wednesday 12th June. The day consisted of learning about Farm Machinery and Woodland Activities, Farm Animals and Murphy the Labrador (a working dog), Minibeast Habitats, the role of a Gamekeeper and a falconry talk with a bird of prey display.

The head teacher's tea party this term was in recognition of children that had upheld the school value of honesty. The children love this wonderful opportunity where they also receive a book as recognition of their personal contribution to our school. Miss Johnson took the netball team to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar school for an inter schools netball tournament. The junior children enjoyed the weekly visits from Charlton Athletic Football, which concluded in May.

We were delighted to be invited to create some art for the Flower Festival at St Mary's Church, Eastling. Each class focused on a different style, composer or genre of music as a stimulus for their work of art. Once again, the children have produced some truly outstanding work showcasing their artistic talents.

Eastling Primary School Summer Fete is on Sunday 7th July 12-3pm. We look forward to you joining us for this wonderful event, which is organised by the Friends of Eastling School (FOES).

For further information see our school website where photographs and newsletters are displayed and updated regularly. We do have a few spaces available across the school for an immediate start. Any prospective parents looking for a Reception place for September 2019 are welcome to call the office on 01795 890252 to arrange a visit.

Melanie Dale, Head teacher



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Thank you for your contributions. The summer holidays are almost upon us and this can be an especially difficult time for those families who rely on a hot meal for their children at school in term time but have to try to provide something at home in the holidays. Please give generously.

Urgent items for July: Long life milk; tinned fruit; long life fruit juice; conditioner; cooking oil; chocolate; tinned dog food.





