



# David School Messenger

The David School

Education Changes Lives

## Autumn Term at the David School

The David School community is luckily no longer having to contend with Covid 19. There were about 70 recorded deaths in Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, but none "up country". Life goes on as normal at Mile 36 after four months of safeguarding. Thanks to a donation from The Girdlers Company all pupils had and continue to have, access to masks, hand sanitisers and soap.

The school is open and the children are attending classes as before. Currently, there are 411 pupils registered: 266 pupils in Primary and 145 in Secondary.



These are the girls and boys in Class 1 - the newest children to start school. They are pictured with Esatu Humpa, the class teacher, and Mr Conteh, who is her classroom assistant. Esatu is referred to as Auntie Humpa by the children, as Auntie is a form of respect in Sierra Leone.



These are the oldest children in the school, hard at work doing a Maths test



### New Supplies

Despite the Covid issues in England during the summer, David and Janet managed to get a four cubic metre shipment out to the school. This arrived in Freetown on 20 October and the school's trusted lieutenant, Alfred Conteh, moved it to the container on the school site.

It included uniforms, soap, toothpaste, shoes and other clothing.



Half of the shipment was provided by the **Rotary Club of Maidstone Riverside**, and included sports equipment and a whole range of teaching materials collected over the career of **Marion Hanks**, whose husband, **Steve**, is a member of this Rotary club. The club's contribution was transported to the docks and the cost of shipping funded by **Pete and Sonia Wright**, two great supporters of the David School, who have been to Sierra Leone many times.

**A very big thank you to Marion and Steve, Pete and Sonia and the other members of the Rotary club, for their continued support during this difficult time. It is much appreciated!**

The shipment would normally be stored until the Trustees were able to visit and distribute, but as the pandemic made this impossible, it was decided to start to distribute and use valuable things, with Alfred's invaluable help.



*These pictures show the teachers with the boxes of teaching resources from Marion Hanks, and a couple of the footballs that were shipped.*



## Food for Primary Pupils



Some very exciting news is that meals are being provided once again for primary children at lunchtime, as the World Food Programme have delivered 3 months' supply of food.

The pupils' mothers cook and the children collect the firewood.

*Here the cooks are dishing up lunches.*

### Your continued help is very much appreciated

Anything you do to support the school continues to be vital, so please continue to:

- ✓ sponsor and make donations,
- ✓ save your inkjet printer cartridges and send them to Recycle for Charity
- ✓ raise money by doing your online shopping with Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile.
- ✓ collect bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shoes and red & grey school uniform until arrangements can be made to collect these and ship them out

**Many thanks from the Children, Parents, Teachers and Trustees**