



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 9th October: School Photographs
Tuesday 10th October: Year 4 Trip to Gordon Brown Centre
Friday 20th October: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 30th October: SCHOOL STARTS
Tuesday 31st October: Year 3 Trip to Butser Farm
Monday 6th November: INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 7th November: R/KS1 Consultation Evening
Thursday 9th November: KS2 Consultation Evening
Friday 17th November: Spotty Mufti £1 for Children in Need
Thursday 23rd November: Parent Council Meeting – 9am
Tuesday 28th November: 'Flu Vaccinations
Monday 4th December: Delight Book Fair
Monday 18th December: Christmas Performances
Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Performances
Wednesday 20th December: TERM ENDS 1:30pm
Thursday 21st December: INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL
Thursday 4th January 2018: SCHOOL STARTS
Friday 9th February: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 19th February: SCHOOL STARTS
Thursday 1st March: World Book Day Mufti
Friday 2nd March – Thursday 8th March: Book Fair
Friday 9th March: INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 20th March: Year 3 Trip to Wisley
Thursday 29th March: TERM ENDS 1:30pm
Monday 16th April: SCHOOL STARTS

Stars of the Week

Cedar: Riley, Sully
Elder: Lucy, Jack
Elm: Emile, Kiera
Hazel: Lenny, Alba
Hornbeam: Jack, Carolina
Maple: Mercedes, Max
Maytree: Henry, Evie
Pine: Sophie, Jack
Walnut: Jasmine, Reggie
Willow: Holly, Oliver

English Lessons for Parents

We are able to offer Intermediate and Beginners' English lessons on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3pm-4pm with Mrs Ana Murray, an experienced teacher of adult language classes. This will enable parents to gain confidence in their own English and so be better equipped to support their children. We can provide child care during this time, if required. If you have not received a letter about this but would be interested in attending, please ask in the Office.

From Miss Lim

Every Tuesday, teachers meet for an hour after school for professional development. We believe every teacher at Weyfield is a Lead Learner because we are always trying to improve our practice and share insights with colleagues, so our Tuesday sessions always start with a different Lead Learner presenting to the rest of the group for 5-10 minutes. Lead Learners are free to present what they like, how they like, but the information must be related to teaching and learning. Individuals might share:

- anecdotes about successful lessons and discuss the impact on pupils' learning;
- a news article or a blog post that has made them reflect on education and their practice;
- teaching resources or strategies that they have trialled in the classroom.

For example, this week Mrs Merrin modelled a word game with us to demonstrate how children can be encouraged to learn key words and new vocabulary, whilst also practising their speaking and listening; it was great fun, if a little competitive!

This term we have spent the rest of our meetings focusing on how we teach Maths. In particular, we have been discussing and planning Maths investigations, to ensure children have opportunities throughout the curriculum (including their IPC topics) to think creatively, reason mathematically and make mathematical discoveries of their own. We have also focused on how to model effectively for children, so that they develop their ability to solve Maths problems efficiently. Here are a few that Year 6 have been tackling for you to think about over the weekend, enjoy!

- *Carol's age is a multiple of 7 and 3 less than a multiple of 8. How old is Carol? How many possibilities are there?*
- *Nancy is double her sister's age. Both sisters are older than 20 and younger than 50. Both their ages are multiples of 7. How old are they?*

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Lim
Headteacher

Lightning Strikes Weyfield!



Children arriving through the 'back' gate on Monday morning were astonished to see a boat parked on the school grounds! Former Bellfields student, Mark Brownjohn, who, in December, will be part of a four-man team rowing across the Atlantic as part of the Talisker Whisky™ Atlantic Challenge, brought his boat, Wight Lightning, to show Years 5 and 6.

The morning began with Mark leading an inspirational assembly, where the children discovered how all our personal goals will be required to succeed in this momentous enterprise (as well as discovering how the rowers will go to the toilet in the middle of the Atlantic!) This was followed by an incredible opportunity for the Year 5 and 6 children, who were able to explore the £80,000 boat, which is a mere 8 metres long by 1.8 metres wide.

Thirty-six boats are currently expected to start the race, from single-handed sailors to four-man teams, and they are anticipating waves up to 60 feet high! The optimum distance for the course, from La Gomera in the Canary Isles to Antigua, is 2,756 nautical miles (5,014 km), but Mark believes they will row around 3,200 nautical miles, allowing for course changes for better conditions and being pushed backwards by currents. The team is hoping to cover the distance in 50 days and each man will row for 2 hours followed by 2 hours 'rest' – there is so much more to be done – for the entire journey. If conditions are so bad as to be dangerous, the men have a watertight 'pod', where they can lock themselves away, at each end of the vessel, and they have to communicate using walkie-talkies. Mark and his team are raising money for the charities, Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust and Ability Dogs 4 Young People.

We shall be tracking the boat once the race begins.

Alfie said, "I couldn't believe they let us go on the boat! It was so exciting! We saw the sat nav and all the gear. I bet it gets really lonely out there."

www.wightlightning.com

www.taliskerwhiskyatlanticchallenge.com

LIGHT PARTY
28TH OCTOBER 2017
4.00pm - 6.00pm
Ages: 4 - 10
Fancy Dress: Kings & Queens
(or your favourite superhero)
Games • Facepainting • Party Food
FREE
Sign up: guildford@family.church
Empower Centre Guildford
21-22 Woodbridge Meadows
Guildford GU1 1BA

Year 6 Transition Arrangements

You should apply for a secondary school place by **31st October 2017**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools. For further details, and to apply, go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or phone **0300 200 1004**. No paper copies of forms will be provided this year.

Year 6 Responsibilities

This week, we were delighted that so many children were confident enough to speak before their peers and staff members to put themselves forward as Head Boy and Girl. The children selected were Eldin as Head Boy, with Holly and Emily joint Head girls. Adam and Jasmine are our new Deputies.

Congratulations to Maytree Class, who have 100% attendance this week! Overall attendance is 96.3%.

"Epic!" "Awesome!" "Legendary!"

Yesterday (Thursday) afternoon, twenty-one Rocksteady students were lucky enough to be able to visit the West End and see a performance of the award-winning "School of Rock". The show features a cast of children, singing, dancing and playing musical instruments, so it was particularly relevant to our budding rock stars, who were extremely impressed by the performances.

For some of our children, it was their first trip to the theatre, so was a doubly exhilarating event. Emma said, "It was so exciting! They must have had to put in so much practice! It has really inspired me with my own drumming." (Maybe in a couple of years' time, we shall see Emma taking over as Freddy...)

Everyone had an amazing time; the show concluded as the entire auditorium stood and clapped their way through *Stick It to The Man*.

Huge thanks go to Rocksteady for their help in making this trip possible.



This Week I Am Reading...

'My Name is Leon' by Kit de Waal.

I've just finished reading this book, which is written through the eyes of a mixed race nine-year-old boy whose mum can't look after him and his baby brother, so they go to live with a foster mother, Maureen. The little brother is white and still a baby and so is adopted, leaving Leon alone with Maureen. Maureen is kind and makes a safe home for Leon, but Leon struggles with all the changes and misses his brother terribly and reacts by being naughty. With Maureen's help, Leon sorts himself out and the ending is optimistic.

I find myself still thinking about this wonderful character.

Clare Collins is the Chair of Weyfield's
Local Governing Body.

