



# NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming dates for your diary

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November:** PTFA Nearly New Toy Sale

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November:** 'Flu Vaccinations

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December:** Mufti – Donations for PTFA Christmas Fair – **KS1: Jingle Jolly Jars (sweets in a Christmas-decorated jar); KS2: Teddies**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Delight Book Fair

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December:** Mufti – Donations for PTFA Christmas Fair – **Bottles**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** Whole-School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December:** Mufti – Donations for PTFA Christmas Fair – **KS1: Cakes (in date for 20<sup>th</sup>); KS2 Sweets or Chocolate**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception Christmas Performance – 1 pm

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Christmas Performances – 10 am & 1:45 pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Christmas Performances – 9:15 am & 1:30 pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** PTFA Christmas Fair – 1:30 pm-3 pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: TERM ENDS 1:30 pm**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: INSET DAY – No School**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018: SCHOOL STARTS**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 3 Sportshall Event

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Break Up for Half Term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: SCHOOL STARTS**

## Stars of the Week

**Cedar: Alfie, Paige**

**Elder: Louis, Lily**

**Elm: Philip, Paige**

**Hazel: Grace, Emma**

**Hornbeam: Charlie, Yuvia**

**Lavender: Fraiser, Marco**

**Maple: Ismael, Jack**

**Maytree: Paige, Diego**

**Pear: Elizabeth, Charity**

**Pine: Wenbiao, Chloe**

**Walnut: Milly, Billy**

**Willow: Oliver, Bobby**



world diabetes day  
14 November

Madison, who is affected by type 1 diabetes, gave her classmates an interesting and informative presentation about diabetes, which affects an estimated 371 million people around the world. This year's campaign was to highlight the fact that women and girls are at higher risk of the disease as, globally, not all women have the same access to education, treatment and care.

## From Miss Lim

Inter Faith  
Week



This week we have been celebrating Inter Faith week: <https://www.interfaithweek.org/>

Celebrated all over the country, this week is about focusing on the work of many people and organisations who build good relationships and partnerships between people of different faiths and beliefs. At school, we wanted to use this week to learn more about different religions and the importance of tolerance, cooperation and mutual respect.

At Weyfield, we are lucky to have a community that represents many different religions and cultures. I'm very grateful to those parents who volunteered to come and speak to our pupils about how they practise their religion: Year 3 welcomed Mr Turner, a Christian from Guildford Community Church, and Year 5 were visited by Mr Al-Kindi, a practising Muslim. We also took a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils to the local Synagogue in York Road where Alexander Goldberg, the Jewish Chaplain, showed us the holy Torah scroll and told us many interesting facts about Judaism.

Listening to everyone talk about their different religions, I was reminded again of how similar these three religions actually are. At their core, all of these religions are about loving each other; asking for and giving forgiveness; trying to lead the best possible life; believing in something bigger than ourselves and the importance of humility. No matter what religion, if any, you choose to follow, these universal values are something we should all strive to put into practice and I hope this week has been an opportunity for our pupils to reflect on this.

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

Miss Lim  
Headteacher



## Inter Faith Week

This week has been Inter Faith Week, which aims to increase awareness of different faiths and understanding between people of different faiths and beliefs. Here at Weyfield, with children of so many nationalities and faiths, we are always keen to celebrate the contribution which members of different faith, and non-faith, communities make to society. We were delighted to be able to welcome visitors to tell us a little about their faith and how it impacts on their life as well as having the opportunity to visit local places of worship.

Mr Turner, from the Guildford Community Church - who hold their services at Weyfield – spoke to Year 3 about why Christians celebrate Christmas. He told the children about Jesus' birth and talked in more detail with the group about prayer. The children were also extremely impressed that, while not exactly turning water into wine, he did turn water red and then clear again as part of an illustration of God's power to cleanse and forgive sins.

Mr Al-Kindi visited Year 5 to explain more about Islam to them and, in response to a question about death, told the children a story to illustrate that God is merciful: a man had killed 100 people and had first been told he would not be able to go to Paradise when he died. He was then told that God would forgive him but that he had to live with good people. He died on the way to the 'good' city and the angels and demons fought over his body, but God moved the Earth so he was nearer to the good men and could therefore enter Paradise. Year 5 also designed their own multi-faith logos.

Some members of Years 5 and 6 visited the Guildford and District Synagogue, where they learnt that Jewish tradition teaches that there are 613 commandments. They found out about the significance of the yarmulke (skull cap) and the Star of David and had the opportunity to see the Torah (the Jewish holy scriptures), kept in a special cabinet called the Ark. Luckily, they did not drop the Torah, for that would have meant a 40 day fast!

Year 4 looked at Buddhism, hearing and acting out the story of the Buddha, and Sikhism, including the significance of the 5 Ks and the Sikh teaching that everyone is equal in God's eyes.

Meanwhile, in KS1, children learnt about Hinduism, and Diwali in particular. They made their own Rangoli patterns, which are made to invite the goddess, Lakshmi, who they believe encourages prosperity, into their homes.



## Family Connection



### Family, Mindfulness, Yoga & More

As a result of attending these fun, playful and creative classes and integrating my **AMBEIC** method into your life, your family will experience -

- ✓ improved inner wellbeing
- ✓ more confidence
- ✓ more connected relationships
- ✓ improved self-esteem
- ✓ calm
- ✓ improved productivity and efficiency
- ✓ improved clarity and focus
- ✓ fewer power struggles

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## Mathletics

**Congratulations** this week go to **Joey Meynell**, who has been awarded a Gold Mathletics Certificate.

Have you ever wondered what the children need to do in order to obtain Mathletics certificates?

- children need to score 1000 points in a week to earn a bronze certificate
- 4 bronze certificates are required for a silver certificate
- 4 silver certificates are rewarded with gold

Children who receive a gold certificate are, therefore, working extremely hard.

Mathletics is a fun way of supporting class work and real progress can be seen as a result of children's efforts. All children from Year 1 upwards have Mathletics log-ins. Do encourage them to use the program at home. As well as improving their maths, they are also developing their IT skills.

**Congratulations to Elm Class**, who have this week's highest attendance of **97.58%**. The overall attendance, however, is only **94.44%**. We have done so many interesting things this week, it is such a shame for children to be missing out on the exciting opportunities their classmates are having. We expect attendance to be at least 96%.

## This Week I Am Reading...

"Penguin Bloom" by Cameron Bloom and Bradley Trevor Grieve.

I picked this book up from Guildford Library on Saturday. It is about a remarkable magpie called Penguin. By Saturday evening I had finished the book and was amazed by the words written, but even more so by the photographs.

It is about a family whose lives are touched by tragedy whilst on holiday with their three young boys. The mother, Sam, falls from a balcony and is paralysed from the chest down. In all the heartache that follows, they find a baby magpie who has also fallen and injured itself. They take the bird home and keep it alive. It changes their lives and becomes an amazing companion to Sam, who is struggling to come to terms with her injuries.

Cameron, Sam's husband, who is a professional photographer, records life with Penguin. He captures fantastic photographs that make you feel like Penguin is almost human. I highly recommend this book.

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and is the school's Literacy Lead.*

