



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 12th February: PTFA Disco
Thursday 13th February: Year 2 Sportshall Event
Friday 14th February: Break Up for Half Term 3:00 pm
Monday 24th February: School Starts 8:35 am
Thursday 5th March: World Book Day
Friday 6th March – Thursday 12th March: Book Fair
Friday 13th March: Drama for All – Years R-2 – am
Friday 13th March: Parent Council Meeting – 9:00 am
– All welcome
Friday 3rd April: Break Up for Easter 1:30 pm
Monday 20th April: School Starts 8:35 am
Friday 27th April: Parent Council Meeting – 2:00 pm –
all welcome
Friday 8th May: May Day/VE Day Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
Friday 22nd May: Break Up for Half Term 3:00 pm
Monday 1st June: School Starts 8:35 am
Thursday 11th June: Parent Council Meeting – 9:00 am
– All welcome

Stars of the Week



Birch: Abbybella, Dexter

Elm: Alexander, Layla

Larch: Luke, Sammy

**Hazel: Elijah, Megan,
Sullivan, Thamim**

Cherry: Archie, Chirine, Jacob, Lily

Olive: Lewis, Morgen, Paige, Ruby

Pine: Bella, Ruby, Whole Class

Willow: Max, Ravi

Maple: Albert, Ryan

**Walnut: Edward, Mercedes,
Stefan, William**

Congratulations to Pine and Birch Classes, who have had the highest attendances of 98.85% and 99.63%. They have been awarded golden time. The whole-school attendance has been 95.32% and 94.41%, slightly below our target of 96%. Studies show regular school attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn new things and develop their skills.

From Mrs McClintock

Dear parents, carers and families,

It has been an absolute pleasure to see the excitement and enthusiasm shown by the children for their learning already this term. From digging trenches to winning fraction battles, the children have worked tirelessly to ensure they increase their knowledge and build on their existing skills. I am very proud of them all.

Curriculum

This term we are continuing to implement our new curriculum; introducing many more exciting opportunities. The subjects covered in each topic are linked and there are plenty of chances for the children to apply their English, maths and IT skills in context. PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) is taught regularly by the class teacher and there are opportunities to develop a range of creative skills. We hope you found the curriculum overviews and letters useful and welcome any comments regarding these. Effective communication with parents is a particular focus for us this year and we appreciate your feedback. As we now have a wide range of activities included in our curriculum, we have decided to no longer run Cubs at school. We will be starting an Adventure Club after school which will offer many of the more adventurous activities and will still have on offer opportunities such as a Summer Camp sleepover and an evening bonfire. If your child still wishes to be part of a cub pack, please let us know and we will try to assist you with this.

As always, thank you all very much for your continued support. It is very much appreciated.

Headteacher

Braving the Shave

We are delighted to report that two of our pupils have been making the local news following their decision to *Brave the Shave* for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Damian and Dominic took the decision to grow their hair just so they could then have it shaved off to raise money for this worthwhile cause. As a bonus, because the boys grew their hair to a length of 17cm, the hair can be used to make wigs for children who have lost their hair through cancer.

While they are now feeling the chill with their newly shorn locks, the boys are rightly very proud of their achievements. If you would like to donate, go to <https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk> and search for Damian or Dominic Cox.



Wellies Wanted

If you have any old, unwanted, good quality wellies, we would be happy to take them off your hands (or feet!) We are very short of wellington boots for outdoor activities. Please bring them into the office, where they be glad to receive them. Thank you.



Sportshall

On Thursday, Pine Class visited the Spectrum Centre, where they competed against eleven other schools at the Sportshall Event, taking part in running, jumping and throwing contests.

Supported by parents and other family members watching from the gallery, the children demonstrated all the values we would expect from Weyfield pupils: trying their hardest, never giving up, great teamwork and wonderful sportsmanship – and having fun at the same time!

Their behaviour was exemplary, and we were incredibly proud of all of them.



Earrings

A reminder that children with pierced ears may wear small, plain stud earrings only. These **cannot** be worn for P.E. and staff are not permitted to remove or insert earrings. Children must, therefore, be able to remove earrings themselves, otherwise earrings should not be worn on days when children have P.E. lessons. We have noticed that a number of children have returned after Christmas with newly-pierced ears and this is proving problematic for P.E. lessons.

Ears should be pierced over the long summer holidays, when there is sufficient time for healing to take place before earrings need to be removed. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations to Aisling, who has been awarded a Gold Athletics Certificate.

Delight in Shakespeare

On Wednesday, KS2 were *delighted* to welcome Sam, Mike, Frankie and Dewi (and Little Will) from the Guildford Shakespeare Company, who performed 'Romeo and Juliet' with the help of some willing volunteers and with a special guest appearance from Mr O'Brien.

The children were engrossed as they were split into two opposing 'teams' and enthusiastically gave loud vocal support to their allocated family: "Oh, Capulet glory!" to the tune of *Seven Nation Army*, and "Montague! Mont Montague!" All the volunteer actors gave committed performances, and the fight scenes and especially the deaths, were particularly popular.

After this opener, we shall be continuing to work with the Guildford Shakespeare Company and Delight throughout the term.



Photos courtesy of Steve Porter

