



# NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming dates for your diary

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November: R/KS1 Consultation Evening**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November: KS2 Consultation Evening**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November: Spotty Mufti - £1 for Children in Need**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November: PTFA Nearly New Toy Sale – 10 am**  
**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November: 'Flu Vaccinations**  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Mufti – Donations (tbc) for PTFA Christmas Fair**  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Delight Book Fair**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Mufti – Donations (tbc) for PTFA Christmas Fair**  
**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Whole-School Christmas Lunch**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Mufti – Donations (tbc) for PTFA Christmas Fair**  
**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 pm-3 pm**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December: TERM ENDS 1:30 pm**  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: INSET DAY – No School**



## Stars of the Week

**Cedar: Sam, Alexis**

**Elder: Marley, Isabelle**

**Elm: Uthred, Lilly**

**Hazel: Ruby, Jay**

**Hornbeam: Annabella, Damian**

**Lavender: Robbie, Amy-Jane**

**Maple: Rolan, Stefan**

**Maytree: Maisy, Jonathan**

**Pear: Connor, Millie**

**Pine: Marykate, Jaime-Lea**

**Walnut: Freddie, Kaitlin**

**Willow: Keelie, Imi**



## Reminder

If your child is going home with someone who does not usually collect them, please let the Office know. If you know of this arrangement in the morning when they arrive at school, please notify their class teacher at that time. Thank you

 **POPPIES ON SALE NEXT WEEK – MINIMUM 20p DONATION** 

## From Miss Lim

In Monday's assembly, I introduced pupils to Hope, the Natural History Museum's recently installed blue whale skeleton. As well as marvelling at how impressive these sea creatures are, we discussed the risks they face due to marine pollution and climate change. Pupils were shocked to learn about how our rubbish, particularly all the plastic we use, ends up in the oceans and endangers sea life. One of our personal goals is morality, which means knowing the difference between right and wrong - and then taking the right action! So we talked about the changes we could make in our behaviour and everyday lives, like recycling and not using plastic bottles or plastic bags. It was great to hear how passionate the children were about this issue and I hope you will support them at home with these changes so that, together, we can try to make a positive difference in the world.



I am delighted to announce that we have two new parent governors: Mr Dan Houzego and Ms Fotini Stamou. A huge thank you to all the parents who put themselves forward for this important role and to all of those who voted. Our governors are all volunteers who invest a significant amount of time and effort into the school. I know you will join me in congratulating our new appointees and supporting them in their roles.

Finally, our new PTFA team has been very busy coming up with fantastic fundraising ideas:

### - WIN £200 in time for Christmas!

Next week the Office will be selling 100 tickets for £5 each. There will be a draw on 1st December with two cash prizes – 1st prize £200 and 2nd prize £50! Make sure you get a ticket before they run out...

### - Nearly New Toy Sale, Saturday 25th November

The PTFA is hosting a 'nearly new' toy sale from 10 am-12 pm on Saturday 25th November.

Boxes will be placed on the front and back playgrounds from Monday 12th-Friday 17th so please have a good clear out and bring in as many donations as you can.

Thank you very much for your ongoing support and I hope you have a great weekend,

Miss Lim

Headteacher

### King Arthur at the Spiegeltent

On Wednesday, Year 6, who have been studying Myths and Legends, visited the Spiegeltent at Challengers Field, Stoke Park, to watch the Guildford Shakespeare Company's production of *The Legend of King Arthur*.

The Spiegeltent itself, a large travelling tent, constructed from wood and canvas and decorated with mirrors and stained glass, originating from Belgium in the late 19th Century – one of only a handful remaining today – was a magical venue for the performance, which included lifts, trapdoors and books mystically moving across the stage.

Performed in the round by a cast of only 5 people, the Arthurian legend, including Camelot, Excalibur, the Lady of the Lake and the all-powerful wizard, Merlin, was brought to life with more than a smattering of Horrible Histories added for good measure!



### Butser Farm

For the start of Year 3's IPC topic on the Stone Age, they took a trip to Butser Ancient Farm. The day was spent discovering more about Stone Age life. The children learned how to make a cord out of natural materials by twisting and knotting, how to make a fence using flexible hazel branches and how to carve clay using flint. The highlight for most was the archaeological dig where the children found evidence of Stone Age living in the ground! It was a fantastic start to Year 3's next unit of learning.



**Congratulations to Nithisun Kalaranjan and Aswin Gurung**, who have both been awarded Gold Mathletics Certificates.

### Attendance

**CONGRATULATIONS to WILLOW CLASS**, who have **100%** attendance this week! Our overall attendance, however, is only 94.27%. As you know, our attendance target is 96%. Can we make it next week?

### Weyfield Grand Prix

The Friday before half term saw our Cub Packs adding the finishing touches to their elastic band-propelled cars, as they prepared to test their designs in our very own Grand Prix.

An excited crowd waited in anticipation and cheered on their favourites as the cars were put through their paces. Some were more suited to IndyCar ovals than the wide-open straights of Weyfield's hall, as they veered off into the crowd, but a winner, from Kites Pack, was found as it almost reached the far end of the hall. The Best Design award went to Eagles Pack, whose vehicle might have suffered in aerodynamics but certainly looked good!



### Sainsbury's Active Kids

A huge *Thank You* to everyone who donated Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. The equipment was received just before half term and means we now have new equipment for KS1 to use at break times, as well as equipment for both



key stages to use at lunch time.

Worn out PE equipment has also been replaced and there is a new kit for the football team.

### Surrey Consultation on Admission Arrangements

Surrey County Council is consulting on admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2019. The details of this can be found at [Surrey Says](http://Surrey Says) ([www.surreysays.co.uk](http://www.surreysays.co.uk)). All responses must be received by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

### Toys

Year 2's new IPC topic is *Toys* and they have been looking at old and new toys, specifically a teddy bear, robot, building bricks and a doll. The old doll, they thought, was 'quite creepy' and the old teddy looked hard but the new one was cuddly!

They have also made their own toys out of junk. Here we have a volcano and an octopus drum, the idea for which came from the rubber gloves!



### This Week I Am Reading...

'North and South' by Mrs Gaskell.

Elizabeth Gaskell's Victorian social novel concentrates on the differences between life in the north and south of England through the love story of Margaret Hale (south) and John Thornton (north) and the effects of the Industrial Revolution on both society and individuals.

Margaret, whose clergyman father has resigned due to a crisis of confidence, finds herself in 'reduced circumstances' along with her parents, and has to move from the idyllic south to the industrial north, where she clashes with mill owner, John, albeit that, as 'masters' went, he was actually very forward-thinking.

Despite its 'obvious limitations' of language (beautiful though the narrative is) as a book written in Victorian times, it effortlessly manages to convey all the latent passion between our two protagonists. It was commissioned by Charles Dickens, who hated it, but I can't help wondering if he took more than a little of John Thornton for the character of Sydney Carton (*A Tale of Two Cities*) as a man who loved quietly 'in the background' while, all the time, supporting Margaret's family and friends, for her sake.

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