



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming dates for your diary

Friday 17th November: Spotty Mufti £1 for Children in Need
Saturday 25th November: PTFA Nearly New Toy Sale
Tuesday 28th November: 'Flu Vaccinations
Friday 1st December: Mufti – Donations for PTFA Christmas Fair – **KS1: Jingle Jolly Jars (sweets in a Christmas-decorated jar); KS2: Teddies**
Monday 4th December: Delight Book Fair
Friday 8th December: Mufti – Donations for PTFA Christmas Fair – **Bottles**
Wednesday 13th December: Whole-School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December: Mufti – Donations for PTFA Christmas Fair – **KS1: Cakes (in date for 20th); KS2 Sweets or Chocolate**
Monday 18th December: Reception Christmas Performance – 1 pm
Monday 18th December: KS1 Christmas Performances – 10 am & 1:45 pm
Tuesday 19th December: KS2 Christmas Performances – 9:15 am & 1:30 pm
Wednesday 20th December: PTFA Christmas Fair 1 pm-3 pm
Wednesday 20th December: TERM ENDS 1:30 pm
Thursday 21st December: INSET DAY – No School
Thursday 4th January 2018: SCHOOL STARTS
Thursday 11th January: Year 3 Sportshall Event
Friday 9th February: Break Up for Half Term

Stars of the Week



Cedar: Megan, Jesse
Elder: Alice, Summer
Elm: Ayoub, Maria
Hazel: Demi-Mae, Jakub
Hornbeam: Eliana, Layton
Lavender: Jayden, Nabil
Maple: Ella-Mae, Cameron
Maytree: Roman, Prova
Pear: Elizabeth, Madison
Pine: Summer, Jefry
Walnut: Billy, Paige O'M, Ruby
Willow: Bobby, Elizabeth



Can we remind parents/carers to sign up for MailChimp, which will enable us to send important information via email, ensuring letters do not languish at the bottom of a school bag, and saving resources at the same time. Please ensure your email addresses – and all contact details held by the Office – are up to date. Thank you.

From Miss Lim

On Monday, we had an INSET day when staff were engaged in different training sessions. Support staff stayed at Weyfield and participated in sessions led by Mrs Valentino on Dyslexia, ASD, ADHD, attachment and well-being. Teachers travelled to two other schools in Crawley, which are part of our multi-academy trust, TKAT. The training focused on mastery in Mathematics and we all had a fantastic, inspiring day. It was great to refresh our thinking and gain many new ideas about how to engage children meaningfully in Maths investigations and really deepen their understanding. We also had many opportunities to “do” Maths ourselves! Here’s one of the puzzles that stretched and challenged us:

Using straight lines only, how many different ways are there to divide this square into quarters?



Have a go at home with your child/ren and let me know how you get on! Have a great weekend,

Miss Lim,
Headteacher

Lions International – ROAR 2017

As part of an initiative to promote a more youthful image, the Lions SE Foundation has launched a new competition for KS2 children in conjunction with the IT company, 7 billion IDEAS. Weyfield was especially chosen by Guildford Lions and the purpose of the competition is to improve creativity by developing an idea that could change the world.

Last Friday our budding inventors presented their projects to a panel from Guildford Lions, explaining their ideas from rubbish-guzzling seagoing vessels to protective layers around the Earth.

The panel was very impressed with the children's ideas and the way they presented them. They particularly liked that the Food Flavour Spray, which could change the taste of food, was not just for faddy eaters, but could give people who are allergic to certain foods the means to have the taste they crave; the Freestyle Project, a contraption that straps to the user's thigh, can help you control diabetes by checking blood sugar and giving you insulin, and was devised as one of the children is diabetic. The project that will go forward to the final, however, is Remember Dementia, which, again, impacted on the panel as it personally affects the family of one of its creators – and it fits in with the work the Lions are already doing with dementia. It can be a phone app or on an electronic item of jewellery, which gives reminders about medication, appointments, etc. Of course, the elephant logo is because an elephant never forgets!



We're Going on a Gruffalo Hunt...

On Tuesday, Reception bravely went to the woods in the hope (or not!) of finding a gruffalo, the menacing creature from the book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Like all good detectives, they took tools to help them in their quest – binoculars and magnifying glasses – and they found plenty of evidence that a gruffalo had, indeed, been there: footprints, orange eyes, brown fur and purple prickles. If all that didn't point to a gruffalo then I don't know what does! In addition, they found the broken house of a snake – poor snake – and some white feathers on the ground; oh no! They were shocked! Not the owls...?

Many things that should be found in a wood were detected: leaves, some still green, others orange, yellow or brown; birds' nests high in the trees; fallen branches; mushrooms; but the children were also sad to find things that shouldn't have been there: an old black rubbish bag, a plastic bottle and discarded crisp packets and burger boxes.

The gruffalo himself was not spotted. We think he was hiding in the trees.



Blue Peter Badge



How many people do you know who have won a Blue Peter badge? You can certainly add one to the list, as Max proudly showed us the badge he won for sending in a picture of the Blue Peter presenters with Pepper the robot, which is designed to live with humans and can read emotions.



If it could read our emotions, it would be able to tell how proud we all are!



Remember Remember...

On Friday, the Scouts remembered 1605 when, on 5th November, the infamous Gunpowder Plot, aiming to blow up Parliament and assassinate King James, was foiled. The children built Guys – thank you to everyone who donated items for this – some of which were later burnt on the bonfire, after games and hot chocolate. It was a magical evening filled with fun!



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

Hazeltots Pre-School

Hazeltots Pre-School is celebrating its 25th anniversary on Friday 17th November and is having a small celebratory 'drop in' tea party/reunion between 4 and 6pm on the day. Please drop in, especially if you have any photographs or memories of Hazeltots to share.

Attendance

Congratulations to Hazel Class, who, with 98.14%, have the best attendance this week and will have Golden Time as a reward. The overall attendance is 94.18%. In the weeks ending 6th and 13th October, our whole-school attendance was 96.3% and 96.45% respectively: two consecutive weeks at over 96%... We all know what that means, don't we?

Our Latest Attendance Hero...

...is Thomas in Year 1, who has shown a fantastic attitude towards school and learning. Even with a broken collarbone, which he sustained playing football, he has been working at home on fractions and adjectives to name just a few things! He even came into school to sit his spelling test. Well done!

This Week I Am Reading...

"Surviving the Fatherland" by Annette Oppenlander

The true story of two children who grow up in the Second World War in Germany, it tells of what happened to their families and how they meet at the end of the war. The story celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the strength of children who grow up experiencing war.

Mrs Baldwin is the school's Home-School Link Worker.

