



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th December: Whole-School Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December: Mufti – Donations for PTFA Christmas Fair – **KS1: Cakes (in date for 20th); KS2: Chocolate**
Monday 18th December: Reception Christmas Performance – 1pm
Monday 18th December: KS1 Christmas Performances – 10am & 1:45pm
Tuesday 19th December: KS2 Christmas Performances – 9:15am & 1:30pm
Wednesday 20th December: PTFA Christmas Fair 1:30 – 3pm
Wednesday 20th December: TERM ENDS 1:30pm
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
Monday 19th February: SCHOOL STARTS
Thursday 1st March: World Book Day Mufti
Friday 2nd March – Thursday 8th March: Book Fair
Tuesday 6th March: Reception/KS1 Parents' Evening
Thursday 8th March: KS2 Parents' Evening
Friday 9th March: INSET – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday 20th March: Year 3 Trip to Wisley
Thursday 29th March: Term Ends 1:30pm
Monday 16th April: SCHOOL STARTS
Tuesday 17th April: Year 4 Trip to Watts Gallery

Stars of the Week

Cedar: Lexi, Skye
Elder: Archie, Eslem
Elm: Jessica, Uthred
Hazel: Demi-Grace, Lewis
Hornbeam: Alan, Olivia
✿**Whole of Key Stage 1**✿
Lavender: Hollie, Lamiya
Maple: Harry, Larenna
Maytree: Aswin, Cameron
Pear: Jayden, Reuben
Pine: Jaime Lea, Jefry
Walnut: Freddie, Ruby
Willow: Gemini, Oliver

Reception Disco



Reception children had a great time on Wednesday at their Film and Disco. They watched *Room on the Broom*, had hot chocolate, popcorn and crisps and then danced the night away to the latest tunes whilst waving their glow sticks!

From Miss Lim

This week the police issued a report on the risks to children using live streaming apps online. The National Crime Agency (NCA) released some worrying statistics that highlight the scale of the problem: in just one week, authorities identified 345 vulnerable children and arrested 192 people. Social media channels such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat all allow some form of live streaming, while there are also many pure live streaming services like Periscope, Omegle, Liveme and Lively. I was particularly concerned by the fact that an NCA survey of 927 people found that more than 30% of parents had not spoken to their children about online safety in the last month and almost 58% were not sure if they had adequate online security.

I cannot emphasise enough how important it is that you monitor your child's online activity. Remember that most apps – including Facebook – are legally only supposed to be accessed by children over 13 years old. Do you know what apps your children are using? Do you know who your children are communicating with online? Have you set parental controls to the highest levels – do you know how to do this? If you would like any help with digital parenting, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be more than happy to support you with this. There are also lots of useful websites with advice and tips, such as 'parentzone.org.uk'.

Thank you for your support and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lim
Headteacher

Glee Club

On Wednesday, Miss Ruocco took her Glee Club to sing for the patrons of the lunch club at St. John's Church. They were also able to help with the church's Advent tradition: rather than receiving a gift on each day of Advent, they *give* an item; this year, families proposed by the Jarvis Centre will each receive a donation from the church.



We currently have a number of children/families who are unwell with vomiting. The Health Protection Agency's advice to schools is that **children should be kept off school if they have vomiting or diarrhoea** and should be returned to school **48 hours after the last episode** of diarrhoea and/or vomiting.

This advice is to prevent the illness being spread around the school community. We value your cooperation in helping prevent the spread of these nasty viruses, particularly in the run up to Christmas.

Christmas Storytelling

This week all the children in the school have been visited by Kirsten and Ray from St. Peter's Church and Carol from St. John's, and have heard the Christmas Story and had the opportunity to act it out and see, and play with, the crib scene. The children were asked if the story would be the same if any of the people or animals were missing. Apart from, maybe, losing one sheep, they thought they were all important!



Surrey School Admissions

The closing date for Reception and Junior applications for September 2018 entry is 15th January 2018.

Surrey County Council encourages online applications, but parents may request a paper application form or seek help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information can be found on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. This may jeopardise the chance of a parent being offered one of their preferred schools for their child.

ROAR 2017 – Remember Dementia

Huge congratulations to our representatives in the Lions' competition, who reached the final 60 from an initial entry of 4,500 children! Representing the school magnificently at Wakehurst Place in Haywards Heath, they were awarded medals as well as receiving special ROAR T-shirts.



Delight Book Fair

On Monday, we held another highly successful book fair, organised by the charity, Delight. Each child received a voucher for 2 free books, and parents could visit the fair at the end of the day to buy books at only 30p each.



Cubs' Investiture

Last Friday, in front of some very proud parents, as well as Carol Shirliff, the Guildford West District Commissioner and Julia Kielstra, the Assistant Chief Commissioner for Surrey Scouts, our newest Cubs and Leaders were invested into the Scouting family.



They all made their Promise in front of the flag and received their scarves. It was a very exciting afternoon for all of our cubs, as they all now have their Cub sweatshirts, which they have been eagerly anticipating!

This Week I Am Reading...

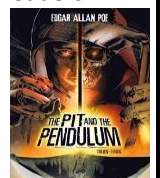
"The Pit and the Pendulum" – Sean Tullen's graphic novel adaptation of the Edgar Allan Poe short story about a prisoner of the Spanish Inquisition.

He tears off some of his robe and tries to measure his cell by pacing it, but he trips and falls. He sees the pit and realises if he hadn't tripped he would have fallen in. I can't wait to find out where the pendulum comes in!

I have also read "The Fall of the House of Usher" and "Tell-Tale Heart" in graphic novel form. I think it's great that we can have the opportunity to read books like these.

All these graphic novels are part of a series which makes classic horror stories available to reluctant readers.

Alfie is in Year 5



Congratulations to Walnut Class, who have this week's highest attendance of **98.55%**. Overall attendance is **94.4%**. Next week will see invitations issued to children who have 96% attendance or more. Will your child be receiving a Headteacher's treat?