



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

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
Wednesday 18th April: Year 4 Trip to Watts Gallery
Monday 23rd April: Shakespeare Day/Year 4 Watts Workshop

Stars of the Week

Cedar: Ava C, Romany
Elder: Caiden, Eva
Elm: Ethan, Lucy
Hazel: Josh, Maisy-Jade
Hornbeam: Anasztazia, Yuvia
Lavender: Lola, Sammy
Maple: Ashdon, Lexie
Maytree: Abbie, Brani
Pear: Gracie-Lou, Nithisun
Pine: Jaime-Lea, Phoebe, Summer
Walnut: Mohammed, Paige O'M
Willow: Adam, Elizabeth

 We are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas performances next week. At the end of each performance we shall be having a collection for the charity, Samaritan's Purse, which provides ongoing aid to people in physical need. We are sure that you will all give generously to this very worthwhile cause!

From Miss Lim

This is the last edition of our weekly newsletter this term and therefore it is time for me to say some "goodbyes" and "thank yous".

Ms Clarke has worked at Weyfield for the last 5 years as a teaching assistant and supported many of our pupils throughout their education. She has now decided to move to a school closer to her home and whilst we will be very sad to see her go, we understand her reasons for moving on. I would like to thank Ms Clarke for her hard work and wish her the very best of luck for the future! I have no doubt that she will make a huge difference to the lives of all her new pupils.

Mrs Browton has been at Weyfield for 18 years, which is unbelievable – imagine how many thousands of children she has supported over the years! Mrs Browton is a pillar of the school and local community and will be hugely missed when she moves up to Gloucestershire. I would like to thank Mrs Browton for her unwavering commitment to the school, staff and pupils, which has been truly inspiring. We look forward to keeping in touch and hope she'll come back to check on us every now and then!

I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and a great start to 2018. We will be back on Thursday 4th January at 8.35am, ready for another exciting term of learning! Thank you for your ongoing support and take care over the holidays,

Miss Lim

Headteacher

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

Tuesday morning saw our now customary end of term 'Cool Yule' Rocksteady Concert, with all of our brilliant bands taking to the stage to showcase the amazing work they have been doing this term with Luke, our Rocksteady band leader.



Proud families clapped and sang along with the KS1 & 2 audience as the bands confidently performed – some of the children even stepping in at the last minute for absent friends!

Some of our magnificent musicians have only been playing for a matter of weeks and amazed us all with their talent, even at this early stage of their musical careers!

Goodbye, Mrs Browton

Next week, we say *Goodbye* to Helen Browton, who has worked at Weyfield for about 18 years, following many more as a volunteer. She has worked in every year group throughout the school and has been an HLTA for many years, spending much of her time covering classes as well as administrating Mathletics and coordinating the collection of the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. In fact, you name it, she has probably done it! She is not afraid to admit that there are now children of parents she worked with when they were pupils at the school. She started in Reception to support a child who is now taller than she is with a child of his own!

Helen says: "I have loved working here because every day is different and never boring. There have been many wonderful experiences, including some fantastic trips; seeing the West End production of the Lion King was memorable and taking the whole school to the beach was a venture never to be forgotten.

"I love watching the 'light come on' when a child succeeds in something they were *sure* they couldn't do. I have met many wonderful children and adults in my time here and have

worked under eight different Heads! I wish the school the best of luck for the future!"



We wish Helen the same, of course, as she moves to Gloucestershire to be nearer her family. We hope she has the rest she deserves and we shall all miss her!

Year 3's Archaeological Dig



On Monday, Godalming Museum visited Year 3 to explain about archaeological digs and to give the children the opportunity to *Be An Archaeologist*. Working in pairs, the children carried out their own mini dig; they carefully excavated and cleaned their finds using brushes. Some items were easily found, while others proved more difficult. Each plot had a grid and our archaeologists had to accurately record the position of their finds and describe the items: what they were made of, their age, what they might be (part of).

Items such as coins, shells, flint, pottery and small figures were uncovered and the children discovered that the items in each plot were from the same period of time. They agreed it was an amazing experience.

Attendance

On Wednesday afternoon, the children who had 100% attendance this term were lucky enough to attend a party with Miss Lim. There were nibbles – and all this after our fantastic Christmas lunch prepared by Hannah and her team – as well as games, including musical bumps and pass the parcel. The children – and Miss Lim (as you can see!) had a great time!



Next term there will be more attendance treats, as well as that special 'treat' for Miss Lim following the 2 weeks' 96%+ attendance. You have to be here to be able to join in!

This week, **Walnut** was the class with the highest attendance of **95.65%**, and the overall attendance was **91.92%**. Let's start 2018 as we mean to go on, with excellent attendance.

This Week I Am Reading...

I am currently reading 'What Happened' by Hillary Clinton, which is her account of the 2016 election in the USA. Spoiler alert: what happened is that she didn't win!

However, the book is really interesting because it sheds light on many parts of Clinton's early career and the moments leading up to her decision to run for President. She has dedicated her life to the service of others and has been a pioneer of women's rights, becoming the first female candidate ever to be nominated for president by a major US political party. In the book, she writes poignantly about the enormous disappointment she experienced when she lost the election and I have nothing but admiration for the way she has managed to get back up, dust herself off and continues to dedicate her energy to helping others. I can think of no better role model for our young pupils in this day and age.