



# NEWSLETTER

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## Upcoming Dates for your Diary

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January:** First Play and Learn Session 8:45-10am (weekly)

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 4 Trip to the Mary Rose

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January:** Year 5/6 Sportshall Event

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January:** Reading Workshop for Reception Parents – 3:30pm

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February:** Year 2 Sportshall Event

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February:** GSC Romeo and Juliet Performances Years 5&6

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February:** Year 1 Trip to Brooklands

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** Reading Workshop for Reception Parents – 3:30pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Mufti Day - £1 SeeAbility

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Break Up for Half Term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** SCHOOL STARTS

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** GSC Workshops Year 5

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** World Book Day Mufti

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Year 1 Sportshall Event

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** Book Fair

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Reception/KS1 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March:** KS2 Parents' Evening

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March:** INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 5 Visit to Metro Bank

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 4 Visit to Metro Bank

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** Year 3 Trip to Wisley



## Stars of the Week



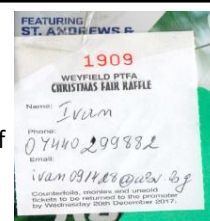
Every day our children spend their time doing some amazing things! The International Primary Curriculum (IPC), which we have adopted, allows them to learn a wide range of subjects and, at the same time, to develop personal skills that they will find essential to make their way successfully through the changing world.

Each week, in each class, children who have stood out, either for producing an especially high-quality piece of work, or for particularly demonstrating one or more of our nine IPC Personal Goals, are chosen as **Stars of the Week** and are recognised in Rewards Assembly and each receive a certificate, which is first displayed in school, before they proudly take it home! Their names will also be printed here - so watch this space!

*Our Personal Goals are: enquiry, resilience, morality, communication, thoughtfulness, cooperation, respect, adaptability and international awareness.*

## Raffle Prize

The PTFA have been trying unsuccessfully to contact this winner of some Xbox games. If this is you, or if you know who this person is, please let the office know. Thank you.



## From Miss Lim

Happy New Year!

It has been wonderful seeing all our pupils and families again this week and I'm pleased to say that 2018 has started with a whirlwind of activity at Weyfield, which you can read about in this newsletter! All the children have come back excited to learn and I thank you in advance for the support I know you will give them as parents as we move through the year.

This week I wanted to share with you one example of how our pupils strive to put Weyfield's personal goals into action. As I walked past Miss Ruocco's classroom earlier this week, I noticed some letters had been pinned to the windows. The letters were addressed to the pupils in Maple class (Y4) and signed from various members of the Sutton police force. Miss Ruocco explained that at the end of last term, Maple class had a discussion about all the people who would be working over Christmas – to look after others, keep us safe and keep the country moving. As a class, they decided to write letters to thank these people for their hard work and wish them a Merry Christmas. Our pupils wrote letters to members of the police, the army and nurses. I was extremely touched to hear this story, which clearly demonstrated so many of our 9 personal goals: thoughtfulness, morality, communication and respect. It was evident from the lovely responses of the Sutton police, how much the children's letters meant to them and how they had definitely brightened up their Christmases!

I do hope you enjoy reading about all the other lovely things our pupils are involved with and look forward to sharing many more similar stories with you this term.

Miss Lim  
Headteacher

### Campus Invasion

On Wednesday, Year 5 were 'invaded' by members of staff and student ambassadors from the University of Surrey, who visited to give our children an insight into life and studies at university.

Marykate and Izabella were very interested to discover that there might be as many as two or three hundred students attending a lecture with only one lecturer and they absolutely would not be allowed to talk! The university has many societies that students can join, including a Harry Potter Society!

They played a game, similar to Monopoly, where the first person to graduate was the winner and, once they had heard all about the university, they had to design their own campus, where they included a café, a lecture hall and a dorm. Izabella and Marykate think they would like to study Physics and Archaeology respectively at university.



On Thursday, Year 3 joined with other schools at the Sportshall event at the Spectrum Centre, where they competed enthusiastically, showed great sportsmanship and represented the school magnificently!



### \*NEW\* PLAY AND LEARN!

We are excited to announce that, starting on Monday 15th January, Guildford Children's Centre will be running a FREE 'play and learn' session in the Oak Room at Weyfield (front playground). The sessions will start at 8.45am and finish at 10.00am every Monday. Any parents with children under school age are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing many of you there! If you have any questions, please speak to a member of the Family Support Team.

### Help Keep Your Children Safe Online

O<sub>2</sub> and the NSPCC have joined forces to help all children and their families in the UK stay safe online. They are offering useful tools, support and guidance to help parents and carers have conversations with their children about their online lives.

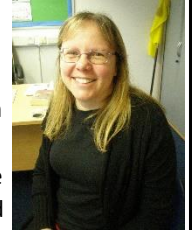
As part of this, they're running free online safety workshops for parents and carers and will be hosting one at Bushy Hill Junior School from 9.30 – 10.30am on Wednesday 7th February. All parents/carers are invited to go along to the workshop, which will help you understand your child's online world and build the confidence needed to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online.

Please let Bushy Hill know by 26th January if you will be attending; contact their school office – 01483 598544 or office@bushyhilljs.net. Until then, for any support or guidance, ask here at Weyfield, call the O<sub>2</sub> and NSPCC Online Safety Helpline on 0808 800 5002, or pop into your local O<sub>2</sub> store for help from a Guru.

This week, the **overall attendance** figure is **95.43%** and the class with the highest attendance is **Maytree** with **99.52%**. Well done to them! As we start a new term, everyone is in with a chance of achieving our target of over 96% attendance and receiving a Head's Special Treat at the end of term. Make sure you're here!

### Welcome Ms Hook!

We are delighted to welcome Ms Mandy Hook, who joins Weyfield as Deputy Head, bringing with her a wealth of experience from her previous 2 schools, where she has taught in every year group from Year 1 to Year 6. She has been teaching for 16 years, having started out as a Midday Meals Supervisor, then becoming a Teaching Assistant before completing her teacher training at the same school, where she taught for 10 years. At her previous school – also part of the TKAT family – she was Assistant Headteacher.



"I had the opportunity to visit Weyfield a couple of times a year ago as part of some locality work; I loved the atmosphere in the school when I looked around. All the children and staff were very welcoming, so I was very excited when the opportunity to apply for the Deputy Head position came up. I am delighted to be working here and I am really looking forward to getting to know all the children and families better over the next few weeks!

"I have quite a few hobbies as I like to keep busy! I enjoy swimming and, when it gets warmer, I swim with a group of people in a lake near my house. In July I am completing a sponsored swim in the sea in Bournemouth so I am practising hard for that! I also try to keep fit by running, taking part in my local Parkrun every Saturday morning, and cycling (when the weather is dry!)..." *[Do ask your children about Ms Hook's cycling experiences!]* "...I am an avid reader and I particularly enjoy thrillers and fantasy novels. *Harry Potter* and *Skulduggery Pleasant* are two of my favourites. Just recently I have taught myself to knit (very slowly!) and I am hoping to finish my first scarf very soon. Since joining Weyfield I have been recruited to the staff band and am hoping to learn the guitar, which I am looking forward to! One of my favourite things to do at the weekend is visit the theatre and I particularly love musicals."

If you see Ms Hook around school, please introduce yourself to her!

### International Weyfield

Did you realise that, at the last count, we have children here at Weyfield who speak a staggering **25 different languages** - plus English! (Not to mention the staff.) For many, their days at school are spent communicating in a different language from the one they use at home; how amazing is that? We shall be meeting some of our polyglots in this space over the coming weeks...

**Ishmael**, who is now in Year 4, joined Weyfield in Year 2 and spoke no English at all when he arrived from Spain. He still speaks Spanish at home and one of the reasons his family came to the UK was that his mother particularly wanted him to learn to speak English fluently. He says he was quite afraid when he was first here as he didn't understand what was going on and he couldn't communicate with anyone, but the other children – and in particular, Jordon – helped him to pick up the language just by talking to him. He feels he still has some way to go to be able to speak fluent English, but is certainly able to communicate with both his friends and the staff, and has even been able to help us by translating for other Spanish-speaking children! He tells us, «Me gusta estar en Weyfield».