



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th April: SCHOOL STARTS
Tuesday 17th April: Year 4 Trip to Watts Gallery
Wednesday 18th April: Year 4 Trip to Watts Gallery
Friday 20th – Thursday 26th April: Book Fair
Monday 23rd April: Shakespeare Day/Year 4 Watts Workshop
Tuesday 24th April: World Book Day Mufti
Wednesday 25th April: Year 4 Watts Workshop
Monday 30th April: Year 4 Watts Workshop
Wednesday 2nd May: Year 4 Watts Workshop
Monday 7th May: BANK HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 9th May: Year 4 Watts Workshop
Monday 14th – Thursday 17th May: KS2 SATs
Wednesday 23rd May: Year 4 Watts Exhibition
Friday 25th May: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 4th June: SCHOOL STARTS
Friday 8th – Saturday 9th June: Cub Camp
Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th June: Year 6 Residential
Saturday 30th June: PTFA Summer Fair – 11:00am – 2:00pm
Wednesday 18th July: R&KS1 Sports Day
Thursday 19th July: KS2 Sports Day
Friday 20th July: TERM ENDS 1.30pm
Monday 23rd July: INSET DAY – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 5th September: SCHOOL STARTS – YEARS 1 – 6

Stars of the Week

Cedar: Alfie, Megan

Elder: Eslem, Ioanna

Elm: Ayoub, Jake

Hazel: Grace, Lenny

Hornbeam: Khaled, Morgan

Lavender: Ariadna, Courtney

Maple: Finnley, Mercedes

Maytree: Diego, Shannon

Pear: Jack, Marcel

Pine: Jefry, Lucas

Walnut: Oscar, Romeo

Willow: Aaron, Emily

Congratulations to Emma Puttock and Diego Neto Fourie, who have achieved Gold Athletics Certificates.

Easter Fun for All the Family

For details of activities for children and young people in Guildford over the Easter holidays, please go to <http://www.guildford.gov.uk/holidayactivities>.

From Miss Lim

It has been another brilliant, busy term and it is important for us all to take time to reflect on our achievements as a school community.

I shared the pupils' Literacy and Maths books with governors at our meeting this week, because I wanted them to see the progress pupils have made in every year group. They were extremely impressed with the quality and quantity of work children are consistently producing. 'Talk for Writing' is having a really clear impact; the children's writing is so much more colourful and entertaining! Governors were also impressed with the level of Maths problems pupils are tackling and members of the School Council told one of our Parent Governors how much they loved the challenge.

We have had external recognition of the quality of our Early Years' provision, which is a well-deserved accolade. The children in Reception class continue to make excellent progress and the teaching team do a fantastic job of fostering their love of learning, independence and curiosity. We also continue to receive requests from the local community to work with our pupils; the children's reputation as polite, well-behaved ambassadors of the school is spreading! This term alone we have had the pleasure of working with the Guildford Shakespeare Company, Metro Bank, Surrey University, the local church community and we are about to host our very first Rocksteady Music Camp!

I hope you all have a restful holiday and get to spend quality time with your loved ones. I can't wait to see everyone on Monday 16th April, ready and raring to go for the summer term...!

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Miss Lim
Headteacher

If it's the end of term, it must be...

The Rocksteady Concert took place on Tuesday in front of a packed hall of pupils, staff and families, who had come to enjoy our traditional end of term celebration to showcase the amazing work our bands have been undertaking with Luke, our fabulous Rocksteady band leader. With much clapping and singing along, and siblings dancing in the aisles, our fantastic bands played with skill, confidence and enthusiasm!

Our guitarists have obviously all perfected their rock star stance and all our bands are showing tremendous commitment and cooperation as well as musical skill.



Easter Encounter

We are extremely grateful to the volunteers from St Richard's and St John's churches, who have been hosting Easter Encounters this week for our Reception and KS1 children.



The children discovered more about Easter through a series of activities: singing and dancing, craft work, and stories. They learnt about different traditions, including Easter food (some of which they had the opportunity to taste), across the world and found out why eggs are such an important Easter symbol, decorating their own egg-shaped biscuits or making stained glass eggs.

Some striking Easter artwork was on display and groups of children also made Easter gardens, showing how new life is an important message of the Easter story.

Attendance

Our 100%-attendance heroes have been having fun playing games with our colleagues from Premier Sport this week, as well as having the chance, with those children who have achieved 96% attendance or more, to wear their own clothes today. Will your child be part of next term's Headteacher's Treat?



Elder Class have had the highest attendance this week of **98.21%** and this week's **whole-school attendance** is **93.5%**.

Macbeth

In front of an appreciative audience of family and friends, as well as Jessica from the Delight charity, who sponsored the work with the Guildford Shakespeare Company, our Year 5 children concluded their work on Macbeth with a rousing performance of the Scottish Play, in which all children were involved in some way. Having made props and provided costumes, the children enthusiastically portrayed Shakespeare's characters and proudly showed off the Art Award books they have been working on in the hope of receiving a certificate from the Arts Council of Great Britain.



Eggstraordinary Cubs' Activities

Our Cubs have been refining their packaging skills in order to protect eggs which they have been throwing across the playground! They came up with some very ingenious ways to enclose the eggs – from sponge to bubble wrap to newspaper. Most of the throwers were successful in keeping their eggs intact.



God Save the King! Weyfield Save the Queen!

When Year 2 visited Hampton Court, not only did they find out about Tudor artefacts and learn a Tudor dance, they also bumped into Henry VIII's Lord Chancellor, Thomas Wriothesley, and became unwittingly embroiled in his efforts to have the Queen, Catherine Parr, executed for treason and heresy, helping uncover the arrest warrant and then hiding the 'treasonable' book, Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, which the Queen had been reading! The children were caught in something of a quandary as to whether to side with the King or the Queen! Queen Catherine and her sister, Lady Anne Herbert, were also very interested – and perplexed – as the children tried to explain the concept of a 'packed lunch'! This was an unforgettable experience, as the children played a part in real, historical events.

