



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th December: Y1-3 Christmas Performances
10am & 1:45pm

Tuesday 18th December: Y4-6 Christmas Performances
9:15am & 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th December: TERM ENDS 1:30pm

Wednesday 19th December: PTFA Christmas Fair
1:30pm

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Monday 7th January: SCHOOL STARTS

Thursday 14th February: PTFA Disco

Friday 15th February: Break Up for Half Term

Monday 25th February: SCHOOL STARTS

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day

Friday 8th March – Thursday 14th March: Book Fair

Tuesday 12th March: Parents' Evening YR-Y3

Thursday 14th March: Parents' Evening Y4-Y6

Friday 5th April: TERM ENDS 1:30pm

Monday 22nd April: SCHOOL STARTS



Celebrating children who have gone above and beyond this week:

Jack (Hornbeam)... for overcoming his nerves and performing in his 1st Rocksteady concert.

Lola and Demi (Willow & Lavender) helping with breakfast club and lunchtimes.

Both Reception classes for putting on an amazing Christmas Performance.

From Miss Lim

In this last newsletter of the term, I want to thank and celebrate the unsung heroes who help make our school the happy, successful place it is:

- Our governors, who volunteer a considerable amount of time to provide strategic oversight and invaluable guidance to senior leaders.
- Our finance and HR team, who ensure that our resources are managed responsibly and have the greatest possible impact on the children's learning.
- Our cooks and lunchtime supervisors, who ensure lunchtime is a lovely, fun part of the day when the children can let off steam.
- Our community volunteers, who enable our pupils to have weekly 1:1 reading sessions and provide extra support with learning English.
- Our cleaners, who transform the school every evening back into a clean and tidy learning environment, ready for when our children burst through the doors each morning

These people are rarely visible to parents and sometimes, in the case of the cleaners, never seen even by the children. But without them, the school would simply not be able to run as efficiently and effectively as it does. Schools rely on the hard work and goodwill of so many and I would like to thank every single person who plays their part in our pupils' education. And finally, thank YOU – our parents. Our school is *your* school and we are stronger and better for your children when we all pull together, in the same direction. So please, keep supporting the school in whatever way you can – buy a PTFA lottery ticket (or two!); come and support the children in their Christmas performances and any future shows; *talk* to the staff regularly and let them help you with your child's learning; and, of course, bring your child to school every day on time, so that they don't miss out! Thank you for everything, have a great weekend,

Miss Lim
Headteacher

ROAR 2018 – Inspiring a Generation of Creative Thinkers

Roar 2018 is a schools idea competition created by Lions Clubs International and the ideas company 7billionideas. Launched in 2017, its aim is to unlock the creative spirit in every child by giving them the time to imagine and develop ideas that could change the world!

After winning our internal competition, run in cub packs, to create a world-changing idea, Jamie, Connor, Charity and McKenzie attended the final last Friday at Wakehurst in West Sussex. Their idea was to create a scanner-watch that would turn bar codes into sound to help blind people. They had to make a prototype, design a poster and present their idea to three judges. They did a brilliant job and, as a result, we came a magnificent second place - beating 18 other schools!



Rocksteady Concert

Tuesday saw our regular end-of-term Rocksteady Concert, when all of our amazing bands played for the rest of the school and specially invited guests (i.e. very proud families). As this was to be Miss Lim's final concert as Head, there were a couple of surprises: a special Miss Lim-inspired version of Bruno Mars' *Just the Way You Are* from the Halos and, at the end of the show, she was presented with a white bass guitar signed by all Weyfield's Rocksteady students. Just think how much she will be able to sell this for on eBay when all of our talented musicians are famous rock stars! We are well on the way to this as The Blanks, who made a return visit, have had their song, *Pressure*, released!

<https://www.facebook.com/rocksteadymusicschool/videos/321803201758654/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ukb4eeo7tVI>

Huge thanks to Luke, our brilliant bandleader, and everyone from Rocksteady.



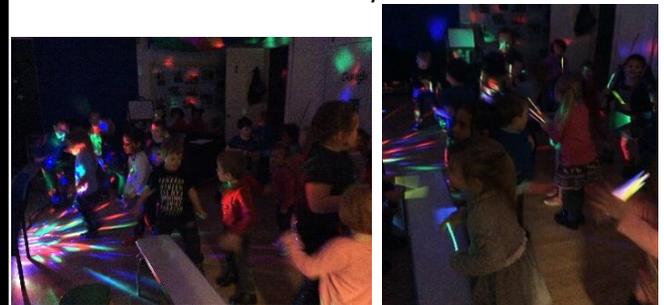
Congratulations to Lavender Class, who have the highest attendance this week of **98.39%**! Unfortunately, this week's **whole-school attendance** is only **92.42%**, which is very disappointing.

Those children who achieved 100% attendance this term had their special Attendance Treat on Thursday: they enjoyed watching 'Arthur Christmas' and munching LOTS of popcorn. Don't forget, this is a *termly* Attendance Treat and something that every pupil should be aiming for!



Reception Disco-Ho-Ho!

On Wednesday afternoon, the Reception Christmas Film and Disco took place. The children watched *Shrek the Halls* and *The Gruffalo*, drank hot chocolate, ate crisps and popcorn and danced the night away – well, the afternoon, anyway – with glow sticks, flashing noses and jingling reindeer antlers! They had a great time and we're sure they must have been exhausted by the end of it!



Christmas Lunch

Santa and his elves were on hand on Wednesday as we held our Christmas lunch. The children had the opportunity to be waited on by the staff and tucked into a traditional Christmas roast, followed by special festive biscuits. Thanks go to our wonderful catering team for putting on such a fantastic meal!

