

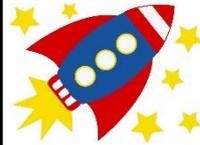


# NEWSLETTER

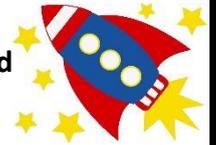
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## Upcoming Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** PTFA Disco  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February:** Break Up for Half Term  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** SCHOOL STARTS  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Book Fair  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' Evening YR-Y3  
**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents' Evening Y4-Y6  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April:** TERM ENDS 1:30pm  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** SCHOOL STARTS  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:** Spring Bank Holiday – NO SCHOOL  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** KS2 SATS  
**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May:** Break Up for Half Term  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June:** SCHOOL STARTS  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** INSET – NO SCHOOL  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day YR-Y3  
**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day Y4-Y6  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** Whole-School Picnic 12:30pm  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July:** SCHOOL ENDS 1:30pm



## Above and Beyond



Joey and Megan from Pine Class for putting in extra effort with their work and challenging themselves to achieve more.

Layton in Lavender Class wrote a very kind letter, ensuring that Mrs McClintock felt welcomed in her new post. Thank you very much Layton, she very much appreciated it.

Gracie-Lou from Willow Class has diligently undertaken the responsibility of delivering the registers.

Riley in Elm Class for being a kind and confident member of the class.

## From Mrs McClintock

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have had such a superb welcome from staff, children and parents at the start of my new role and I would like to thank you all very much indeed. It has been truly delightful to see the children return to school fresh and ready to learn and many have already shared some excellent work.

It is an absolute honour to be appointed as headteacher at Weyfield Primary Academy, and I very much look forward to working with you all and continuing the journey to ensure the school is able to provide the very best education for all pupils. I warmly welcome comments and questions from home, after all, you know your children best. If you have any concerns, queries or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may see me on the playground in the mornings and after school or you can make an appointment with the office in the usual way.

We have an exciting term ahead so please be sure to read all the newsletters carefully and make a note of any dates that appear.

Kindest regards,

Janette McClintock

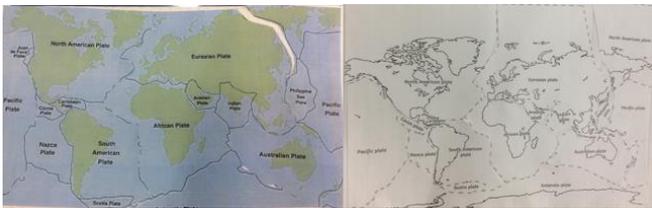
Headteacher

### Active Planet

Year 2 have been discovering how different the Earth was 250 million years ago, as well as finding out about the two theories for how these changes happened: continental drift and plate tectonics. The continental drift theory states that the continents were once parts of a supercontinent called Pangaea and the continents 'drifted apart'. The plate tectonics theory is based on the continental drift theory but explains that the continents drifted apart because of the constant interaction between the earth's tectonic plates and the heat of the earth's core.

This movement is still going on today. The continents move between 1 and 10cm a year; South America is moving towards North America, while North America is moving away from Europe, and Australasia is moving towards Asia. The children were fascinated to watch a video of Iceland, where they could actually see the ground moving!

Some of the children found this work quite challenging, but described it as 'interesting' and 'amazing' and said they had definitely learnt something new. They are looking forward to finding out about – and making – volcanoes!



### New Year, New Class

Mrs Merrin has loved her first week in Elm Class! Elm have been exploring shapes in maths, and even used dice to help them with their addition.

In Literacy, the children have been looking at thank you notes and are preparing to produce a final piece of writing.

The children have also been outside collecting leaves to create a nature picture for their IPC topic. We can't wait to see it!

**Congratulations to Lavender Class**, who have the highest attendance this week of **99.63%**; they will be awarded golden time. This week's **whole-school attendance** is only **93%**. Good attendance is essential to support learning and to ensure children have good relationships in school. While we understand that there are occasions when children are genuinely unwell and unable to attend, we expect attendance to be above 96%.

### Programmers of the Future

We are delighted now to be making full use of our IT Suite.

Here, Year 4 are learning the principles of block coding, using this to devise a game where they burst balloons, which are floating on the screen. They have learnt that, for a program to work, they have to give it clear



instructions and have been introduced to the fact that programs respond to inputs to do different things... If they hadn't instructed it to pop the balloon when they clicked, they would be (and sometimes were) clicking away in vain while their balloons floated away!

The children will go on to develop these skills, using other forms of code, at the same time learning to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly.

We are sure that many of them will go on to be the technology experts of the future!

**Congratulations to Emma from Lavender Class**, who has achieved a Gold Mathematics Certificate



**\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\***

CLANDON PARK and THE ROTARY CLUB OF GUILDFORD DISTRICT PRESENT

YOUNG CARERS "FESTIVAL OF FUN"

The Mayor of Guildford, Councillor Mike Parsons, invites you to join him for a day of fun activities for, and in celebration of, Young Carers.

**\*SUNDAY 7 APRIL 2019\***

**10AM TO 4PM - CLANDON PARK**

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