



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Thursday 21st March: Year 2 Sportshall Event pm
Thursday 28th March: Year R Sportshall Event pm
Friday 29th March: Mufti – Easter Egg Donation
Friday 29th March: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9 am
Oak Room
Friday 5th April: TERM ENDS 1:30pm
Friday 5th April: PTFA Easter Egg Tombola
Tuesday 23rd April: SCHOOL STARTS
Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May: PTFA Smarties
Challenge
Thursday 25th April: PTFA Eco Kids Collection
Friday 26th April: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9 am
Oak Room
Monday 6th May: Spring Bank Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Thursday 9th May: PTFA Books for Bugs
Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May: KS2 SATs
Friday 17th May: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9 am
Oak Room
Monday 20th May – Wednesday 22nd May: Year 6
Residential (Henley Fort)
Friday 24th May: Break Up for Half Term
Monday 3rd June: SCHOOL STARTS

Stars of the Week



Birch: Annabella, Jessica
Cedar: Ciara, Elsie, Maddison
Elm: Casey, David
Hornbeam: Jack, Ryan W
Larch: Arez, Lilly
Lavender: Jack, Jacob
Maple: Gracie, Teagan
Walnut: Frankie, Jayden
Willow: Charity, Ryan C



Congratulations to Willow Class, who had this week's highest attendance of **98.08%**. They have been awarded golden time. The **whole-school attendance** this week was a very disappointing **87.5%**. The chicken pox is taking its toll!

From Mrs McClintock

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's a very exciting and busy time of year for us at Weyfield. Yesterday we took part in our annual safeguarding audit and today we welcome James Munt (our Deputy Regional Director from TKAT) for a three yearly monitoring visit. Next week we are looking forward to our annual financial audit. These visits are very helpful as they ensure the staff and Governors have the correct procedures and processes in place and they help us to plan next steps to ensure the very best practice and provision for the children at Weyfield.

Pupil Voice, Roles and responsibility for pupils

One of the outcomes of our safeguarding visit is to promote pupil involvement within the day-to-day routines of the school and to include pupil views within the strategic planning and actions for curriculum development. This fits in really nicely with our drive to promote a strong sense of identity for our children and to encourage greater involvement within the community.

In the next few weeks, your child may bring home an application form for one of our new roles. Please help them to think about the skills and characteristics they already hold that will be beneficial for the role they have chosen to apply for. We require a simple reference from an adult at home supporting the pupil applicant and this will also ensure that you are aware of their wishes to take on the responsibility of one of our pupil roles.

As always, thank you for continued support,

Janette McClintock
Headteacher

Monday's assembly was very exciting, as William and Jennifer, our Surrey Youth Games sports ambassadors, told us about their visit to the Guildford Council Offices, where they met the Olympic gold medal-winning kayaker, Liam Heath, and heard about the 2019 Specsavers Surrey Youth Games, which is the largest annual youth sports festival in the county, with more than 2,000 competitors taking part in the event every year. The



Games are open to children and young people aged between 6 and 16 years old who live or go to school in Surrey – in our case,

Guildford. This is a great opportunity for children to try a new sport, as free training is provided locally for up to 8 weeks before the games. All the activities are suitable for beginners, who want to try out something new, make friends and have fun!

The children who attend the training sessions then have a chance to represent Guildford against the 10 other boroughs and districts of Surrey on the 15th and 16th June at Surrey Sports Park.

Registration is now open for the free taster sessions. Please go to <https://guildford.gov.uk/syg> for more details.

Delight in Shakespeare

Members of Delight and the Guildford Shakespeare Company came in on Monday this week to help Year 5 prepare for their own performance of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They ran two workshops, helping the children to hone their acting skills, including how to fly like a fairy, bray like a donkey, be a tree in the forest and walk like a fairy king. They also learnt how to stage a fight scene. We can't wait to see the results!

On Friday, Weyfield was awash with red as we celebrated Red Nose Day. Both children and staff paid for the privilege of being allowed to wear something red (or simply something that wasn't school uniform), including noses, deely boppers and comedy glasses!



Thank you to everyone who participated. We'll let you know how much we raised as soon as we know.



Screen Time - Friend or Foe?



The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health has suggested the following questions to help parents think about safe and appropriate screen time. These questions apply to the adults in the house as much as the children!

- Is your family's screen time under control?
- Does screen use interfere with what your family want to do?
- Does screen use interfere with sleep?
- Are you able to control snacking during screen time?



The Chief Medical Officer for the UK has published guidance on screen-based activities. This guidance can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/777026/UK_CMO_commentary_on_screentime_and_social_media_map_of_reviews.pdf

Able Writers



On Tuesday, three of our Year 4 children, Leilani, Max and Sammy, spent the day at the Chandler C of E School in Witley, where they attended an Able Writers' course, with the author, Matt Whyman, who has hosted courses like these - for both children and adults - all over the world.

The children had to imagine they were journalists working in a newsroom. They had two breaking stories to cover: a ball had been kicked through a classroom window and a UFO had landed on the playground... They had to conduct interviews with witnesses and other central characters before writing and then presenting their news item as a live bulletin.

All three children found the day very interesting and stimulating and it has given them much food for thought for their future writing.

Congratulations to Emilia, Gabriella, Tobias, Thomas, Billie-Jo, Joey, Manna and Aneira,



who were the winners of our book character fancy dress and were presented with their prizes in assembly on Friday. Well done to everyone on the amazing costumes for World Book Day!

Thank you to all those of you who supported our book fair this week. We have received £236.14 commission from our book sales and will be able to buy books for the school with this money.