



NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25th April: PTFA Eco Kids Collection
Friday 26th April: Hornbeam Class: Trip to Guildford Library
Friday 26th April: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9am 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 – 9am 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
Friday 21st June: PTFA Meeting – All Welcome – 9am Oak Room
Saturday 29th June: PTFA Summer Fayre
Wednesday 3rd July: Stay & Play Reception 2019 Intake – 1:30-2:45pm
Friday 5th July: Inset day NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 24th July: Whole School Picnic - break up at 1.30pm

Stars of the Week



Birch: David, Ezra, Harry

Cedar: Freddie, Harley

Elm: Ava K, Darcey

Hornbeam: Philip, Summer

Larch: Yuvia, Lucas

Lavender: Luke, Whole Class

Maple: Jasmine, Samuel

Pine: Emma, Shannon

Walnut: Nithisun, Phoebe

Willow: Mercedes, Jason,
Whole Class

Lunchtime Award: Gracie – Maple

Headteacher's Award: Lucy – Cedar

Congratulations to Lavender Class, who had this week's highest attendance of **97.90%**. They have been awarded golden time. The **whole-school attendance** this week was **92.89%**. We have not forgotten about the attendance treats for children who achieved 96% or higher attendance in the spring term. More news will follow shortly.

From Mrs McClintock

Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome back! I trust you all have had an enjoyable break. The children have returned looking refreshed and ready for another term of fun and learning.

A love for reading

This term, we will be particularly looking at ways in which to improve reading skills and developing a love for reading. You may hear about our new themed reading areas popping up around the school. These areas will be designed and managed by the children to create independent, motivational, quiet spaces for reflection and reading activities. If you have any comments regarding how we may improve reading provision for your child, do not hesitate to let me know.

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to Lucy in Year R for receiving a Headteacher's Award at the end of last term. Her determination and love for reading helped her to produce a most wonderful story. She thought very carefully about the characters and plot and wrote a very enjoyable tale.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries, comments or concerns.

Your support is always very much appreciated,

Janette McClintock
Headteacher

In the week before half term, just because the holidays were coming up, that didn't mean we downed tools and stopped work! We still had plenty of amazing activities to carry out...

Elm Class children had a go at product design. They started the week off by designing a new egg box (ready for Easter). They had to design their egg box, write a shopping list of things to buy and then visit the market, run by Mrs Merrin and Mrs Orledge, to buy their items. All children then made their new egg boxes. Once all boxes were made, a little egg was placed inside the boxes...WHOOPS, the box was dropped, but did the egg survive?

Tuesday saw our regular, end of term **Rocksteady Concert**, when our four Rocksteady bands performed for their families and the rest of the school. The confidence the children gain from their rock star experience has to be seen to be believed. It was a bit of a sad occasion, as we said *Goodbye* to Luke, our bandleader for the past two years, as he moves off to pastures new. We look forward to working with Sam after Easter. We'll blow him away! For more information about Rocksteady see: <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com> .

All the work **Year 5** have been putting into their drama activities with the **Guildford Shakespeare Company** and the **Delight** charity paid off on Wednesday, as they performed "A Midsummer Night's Dream" to critical acclaim! Their families and representatives of the charity and theatre company agreed they had done a magnificent job of interpreting Shakespeare's comedy.

Maple Class managed to fill their marble jar and so had an end-of-term treat as a reward. As their topic of The Rainforest drew to a close, they had a **tropical picnic**, with bananas, mango and pineapple, expertly chopped by 'Chef' Mankel, and tropical fruit juice, topped off with sponge fingers. Sadly, we didn't have tropical weather to go with it.

Lavender Class showed the whole school their amazing "Worst Witch" **shadow puppets** in assembly.

Thank you to the PTFA for the wonderful **Easter Egg Tombola!**

