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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th October 2018

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

We are so impressed with all those who are trying really hard to earn their 100% attendance badges for this half term – we have ordered some more as we are really pleased that we might need them!

Week beginning 1st October 2018

Robin Class	96.30%
Wagtail Class	96.80%
Lapwing Class	100%
Parakeet Class	98%
Wren Class	93.41%
Sparrow Class	98%
Goldfinch Class	98.10%
Kestrel Class	94.55%

100% ATTENDANCE

The classes who have won our attendance horses in the infants this week is Lapwing and in the juniors is Parakeet and Sparrow.

LEADERSHIP RESTRUCTURE

With our Junior Team Leader leaving at the end of the Summer term, it has given us and the Governors an opportunity to review the leadership structure within our school. We have decided to appoint an Assistant Headteacher to replace the Junior Team Leader and Infant Team Leader, to ensure a greater consistency across the phases. We held interviews for this last week and are delighted to announce that Mrs Vicky Maidment was successful in her application for the post. We are looking forward to working with her in this new role and know that she is looking forward to working with all our families in this position. When pupils were given an opportunity this week to hold a Q & A with her, this was an example of one of the questions asked and her response.

“How will you be working with the juniors more?”

“In many ways, but one of those ways will be that I am taking Junior celebration assembly each week.” After the children finished their questions there was a spontaneous round of applause to congratulate her.

TIMES TABLES

One of the ways that parents can really support their children with their learning is to help them in the learning of their x table (and related division) facts. **The national curriculum expectation is that all children should know all of their x table (and related division) facts up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4.** This knowledge is essential for Year 5 and 6 when they need to be able to recall these facts quickly for such things as long division or working with fractions. Class teachers are providing practise time in the juniors and time is given to teaching the x tables using known and related facts e.g. if you know $2 \times 6 = 12$, then you can work out 4×6 through doubling. A few minutes a day of quiz questions in the car; beat the clock written x table questions; 5 minutes on a x table internet game or app etc. could make all the difference. If this practise happens frequently, it will have more impact. If you have any more questions regarding your child and how you can best support them individually with x tables please do ask their class teachers, ensuring we are all working in partnership. We have attached with the newsletter all the x table facts the children will need to learn.

TIMES TABLES

Children need to know their times tables with rapid recall by the end of year 4, which supports division, fractions and decimals work for example.

To support the learning of the initial tables we recommend (others to follow in next few weeks):



1x table notes

(Special words to know and understand are bold)

This is included in the homework diary and can be useful for explaining that **multiplication** is **repeated addition**.

E.g. $4 \times 1 = 1+1+1+1 = 4$ a quick way is to know instantly that 4 ones are 4.

$7 \times 1 = 1+1+1+1+1+1+1 = 7$. Also 4×0 seen as $0+0+0+0 = 0$ reinforces the rule about multiplying by zero.

2x table notes

The child needs to understand the meaning of **odd** and **even** numbers e.g. in a group of six children everyone can have a partner, in a group of three, five, seven etc there will always be one left over, an odd one without a partner. The two times table answers are all even. In the two times table each number is **doubled**.

As part of her project she has been working with staff, governors, pupils and parents to create an action plan towards an end goal of increasing positive opportunities for social and emotional health development. As part of this we are looking to create a sensory garden in the spring term and are currently seeking grants and funding. Miss Amos held a competition in the summer term to involve pupil voice in the design and the winners were: Yasmine year 5; Evie year 4; Riley year 6; Alfie year 5; Lauren year 6. Each of the pupils won a £10 book token.

If you are interested in supporting us with this project in any way e.g. bid writing, practical gardening and labouring, drawing designs, sourcing materials etc. we would appreciate hearing from you. Miss Amos is grateful for those who have already offered to help so far.

PTA QUIZ NIGHT

Last term's PTA quiz night raised £429 and was a great social event. We are looking to beat that amount this term. Please do book your tickets by Wednesday 10th October.



SENSORY GARDEN PROJECT

It was a pleasure to attend a celebration this morning to recognise all the hard work that Miss Debbie Amos has put into her GLFML, a middle leadership course with recognised accreditation.



HARVEST

Classes are busy thinking about their poems or songs to contribute to this year's harvest celebration. Our assembly this year is on Friday 19th October. We invite Year 3 parents and parents of those new children to the school from Y1-6 to join us for this celebration. This year we are asking for donations to Epsom and Ewell Foodbank to be brought in to school for our collection.

This year the Foodbank have asked for donations of:

- Noodles,
- Long life fruit juice,
- Tinned potatoes,
- Squash,
- Instant Mash,
- Ladies deodorant,
- Milk powder,
- Tinned Vegetables,
- Ketchup,
- Sponge puddings,
- Sugar 500g bags
- Shaving foam

We do hope we will be able to help by giving generously as we say Thank you, this harvest time.

MATHLETICS

Thank you to all those who attended our Y1 parent workshop this week. We hope you're feeling informed and confident in supporting your children

at home. It was wonderful to see that so many of our children from Y2-6 have been accessing Mathletics this week and that 26 children have earned certificates. Well done! Let's see if we can have more earned next week.



Parakeet: Zac, Jools
Sparrow: Ronni, Alf
Wren: Isla, Elise
Goldfinch: Willow, Mariko
Kestrel: Woody, Archie

OPEN MORNINGS

Please do share any upcoming dates with any families that may be known to you:

- Wednesday 17th October
- Wednesday 31st October
- Wednesday 14th November
- Wednesday 28th November

Each morning starts at 9.30am with a tour of the school, followed by a presentation from the Co-Headteachers. We normally finish at 10.30am. Please book a place with the office.

The Surrey information about the application process is accessed online at: www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place.

The current Year 6 also need to apply for their Secondary school places this half term. The school lists, "Information on secondary schools in Surrey 2018/19" are available online at: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/admission-arrangements-and-outcomes>.

Year 6 pupils are permitted to visit potential Secondary Schools in the school day; please advise the office of the dates and times. Year 5 children and parents are encouraged to go to open evenings this year to get a feel for the Secondary schools on offer in the locality.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Please do take a look at the Community News section of the website for events happening in the local area.

KEY STAGE 1 and 2 COFFEE MORNINGS

It was wonderful to welcome so many junior parents to school this morning. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to talk with the junior teachers and observe learning in action in the classrooms. **We are looking forward to welcoming Key Stage 1 (Y1-2) parents on Thursday 11th October from 9am -10am** to meet the teachers and then see learning in action within the classrooms.

PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Consultation meetings are set for **Wednesday 7th November**. The online booking system will be available in due course and we will advise on this. We wanted to give you as much notice as possible however, that we will **be closing school that day at 3pm**, in order for staff to have time to prepare to start at 3.30pm. We found that this was effective in the spring term and it ensured that pupil learning time in class was maximised and that it helped those working parents who struggle to make appointments in the school day as had previously been the system.

Please do let the office know if you will be unable to collect your child that day at the earlier time so that we can make provision. If your child uses school transport, they will be collected as normal at 3.30pm and looked after by school staff.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Wagtail: Frankie, Michael
Lapwing: Sienna,, Ethan H



AUTUMN TERM DATES		
11.10.18	Key Stage Coffee Morning	9.00-10.00am
17.10.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
19.10.18	Harvest Assembly New Year 3 Parents	9.00-10.00am
19.10.18	Infant Harvest Tea	2.30-3.00pm
22.10.18 – 26.10.18	Half Term	.
31.10.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
07.11.18	Parent Consultation	3.30-7.30pm
12.11.18	Juniors to plant trees _ Woodland Trust	9.30-12.00pm
13.11.18	Nasal Flu Vaccinations Years R,1,2,3,4,5	Times TBC
14.11.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
22.11.18	PTA Tombola Collection	8.30am – 9am on the gate
23.11.18	Dance Workshop in school	All day
28.11.18	Christmas Fair Mufti Day	All Day
30.11.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
01.12.18	Woodland Walk	All children
06.12.18	School Christmas Fair	
07.12.18	Secret Santa	Years R – 6 Juniors 9.00 – 12.30pm Infants 9.00-12.30pm
10.12.18	Dress Rehearsal infants	9.30-10.30am
12.12.18	Infant Production	2.00-3.00pm
12.12.18	Junior Carols	6.30-8.00pm
13.12.18	Infant Production	9.30-10.30pm
13.12.18	Junior Carols	2.00-3.30pm
14.12.18	Christmas Lunch	12.15-1.15pm
18.12.18	Infant Christmas Party	2.00-3.00pm
19.12.18	School finishes 1.30pm	
07.01.19	Term Starts	

Have a lovely weekend.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

