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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th November 2018

Inspiring All

ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 5th November 2018

Robin Class	94.45%
Wagtail Class	98.4%
Lapwing Class	97.4%
Parakeet Class	98.4%
Wren Class	96.7%
Sparrow Class	97.8%
Goldfinch Class	99.1%
Kestrel Class	96.85%

The classes who have won our attendance horses in the infants this week is Wagtail and in the juniors is Goldfinch.

REMEMBRANCE

The school council and Mrs Tinker joined the Mayor and representatives from other Epsom Schools to remember all those who have died in conflict at the opening of the Remembrance Garden in commemoration of 100 years since the end of WW1.



The rest of the school held a two-minute silence at 11am today as a mark of respect as well as poppies being sold in school by Year 6 all week.

YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The upper juniors made us all very proud in their tournament on Monday winning all but one of their matches and reaching the quarter finals. Well done team!



DANCE WORKSHOP

Year 1 to 4 experienced a wonderful dance session this week led by an external coach. All of the children were thoroughly engaged and actively participated in the sessions - they showed us their best moves!

PARENT & TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

Thank you so much to all parents who were able to come to parents evening this week. Working together to support your children in their learning is so important. These opportunities enable the children to see how much we all value their efforts and value the importance of their individual journeys. It helps to build positive images of learning and school.

If you were unable to attend, please do try to arrange an alternative time to speak to your class teacher.

BEHAVIOUR AMBASSADORS

It was lovely to welcome the behaviour ambassadors from Walton on the Hill Primary



School with Mr Atterton on Thursday to school. Many ideas have been shared and will be fed back to Mr Samuels, the Headteacher. I believe Headteacher's Hot Chocolate may get a mention. It's wonderful to have opportunities to work with and learn from other local schools. We are making arrangements for our behaviour ambassadors to visit them in the New Year.



ANTI BULLYING WEEK – 12th – 15th NOVEMBER



This year's anti-bullying week is 12th to the 16th of November. This year's theme is 'Choose Respect'. The Vale will be taking part in activities from the 9th to the 15th as Children in Need activities will take place on the 16th November.

Activities taking place:

Friday 9th November - Anti-Bullying Week Assembly to kick-start our week on 'Choose Respect'.

Monday 12th November - Don't let bullies give you the blues day! **Children are allowed to wear blue to school on this day** to show support to Anti-Bullying.

Tuesday 13th - Troubleshoot Tuesday - The Anti-bullying ambassadors will run a support shop during the lunch hour. Children will be able to go to the ambassadors with any friendship issues they have to ask for advice. The children will also be

able to give the ambassadors ideas of how to improve their role around school.

Wednesday Watch a movie day (14th November) - Children in Juniors will be able to choose to watch 'The Greatest Showman' at Lunchtimes for the rest of the week. Infants will be able to choose to watch 'Chicken Little' or Cinderella, both of which feature forms of bullying.

In addition to these activities, children will be completing tasks in their own classes, including a treasure hunt, random acts of kindness and creating compliments!



CHILDREN IN NEED

In school we will be selling children in need merchandise in the week of the 12th-16th November to Key Stage 2 from 8.30am by the KS2 Stationery shop and then to the Infants at morning playtime. We will also hold a 'spotty' mufti day for donations on the Friday 16th November.

In addition, this year we will be holding a BRING AND BUY SALE, linking with the Blue Peter Children in Need Relaunch. We are asking if donations towards the sale could be brought into school from next Monday. Suggestions of donations maybe books, toys and games, ornaments etc. – the things that you may clear out when children grow out of them but that still might have life left in, for others to enjoy. **We have had some lovely donations this week and welcome more in order to have some good stalls.**

On the 16th the children may bring in a small amount of money in order to make a purchase from the Bring and Buy Sale that will be held during the school day. We suggest a maximum of £5.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK – 19th – 23rd NOVEMBER

The following week in school is Walk to School Week. We encourage our families to take part as much as possible. Our events are:

Monday: Walk (park and stride), bike, scooter to school today

Tuesday: Wear your house colour top if walking (park and stride).

Thursday: wear Odd Socks Day



Friday: Happy Shoes Day – wear shoes that make you feel happy! (Please remember safety at playtime so do bring in school shoes if for example you chose to wear slippers).

MATHS & E-SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOPS

We are holding our maths workshops for you to find out a little more about our maths mastery approach and expectations of the maths curriculum for each year group. These are to be held on **Wednesday 21st November from 5-6pm** in your children's classes. We normally suggest going to the oldest pupil's session if you have siblings, and we will publish any presentations after the event.

As we are aware that coming to events on more than one occasion can be an issue for many busy families we have scheduled for our very informative e-safety workshop for parents to run **from 6-7pm on the same day**. In today's ever-changing digital world, it is so important to understand how we can support our children to use technology to its best potential - safely.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Harvey, Molly

Wagtail: Amelia B, Michael

Lapwing: Mattias, Eva



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.

6x table notes

An even number table. There is no easy pattern here except that some answers were in the 3 x table just learnt. The units have a pattern 6, 2, 8, 4, 0, but most children do not find this helpful. The tens pattern is irregular. Good luck!

RAFFLE TICKETS

Our PTA Raffle Tickets will shortly be on sale to raise funds for our school. This year to add excitement and increase sales we are adding an additional competitive edge! Working with the school we will continue to award a mufti day to the class who compile the best class hamper contribution for the raffle. Please contact your class rep for more details on how you can help make your class hamper a winner.

This time we are adding a twist.... The class with the highest average raffle ticket sales per student will also earn a mufti day! The more raffle tickets each class sells the better your chance of winning both a mufti day and some fabulous prizes. The raffle prizes will be drawn after our Christmas productions, and the PTA will send updates about the prizes you can win. Raffle tickets will be sent out via Parentmail for you to print your own, paper copies in book bags and as printed books of tickets to sell door to door.

FUNDRAISING HELP

As a small school PTA fundraising is essential for the provision of essentials and valuable experiences for our children, if your company offers fundraising matching please consider us. Especially if you can help at our Christmas Fair on one of our stalls, we would love the takings of as many stalls as possible to be fund matched! Please see your class rep for ways in which you can help with our Christmas Fair. If you, your company or friends would consider donating a raffle prize to support our fundraising efforts we would be delighted and very grateful for this invaluable help in our efforts to raise funds. Letters are available from the school office to take to employers about our school and fundraising efforts.

OPEN MORNINGS

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

- 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

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	
7.1.19	Term Starts	

Have a lovely weekend.

Cathy Browne and Sarah Leyland
Co-Headteachers

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
12.11.18	Anti-Bullying Week – Wearing Blue day.	
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
16.11.18	Children in Need Day Mufti and Bring and Buy Sale	
19.11.18-23.11.18	Walk to School Week – see events above	
22.11.18	PTA Tombola Collection	8.30am – 9am on the gate
23.11.18	Christmas Fair Mufti Day	All Day
23.11.18	YR Play and Learn Session and Coffee morning	9-10.30am
28.11.18	Open Morning for Year R 2019	9.30-10.30am
30.11.18	Woodland Walk	All children
1.12.18	School Christmas Fair	
06.12.18	Secret Santa	Years R – 6 Juniors 9.00 – 12.30pm
07.12.18	Secret Santa	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

