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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1st February 2019

Inspiring All



ATTENDANCE

Week beginning 28th January 2019

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| Robin Class | 94.8% |
| Wagtail Class | 96.8% |
| Lapwing Class | 89.13% |
| Parakeet Class | 91.6% |
| Wren Class | 90% |
| Sparrow Class | 90.56% |
| Goldfinch Class | 94.55% |
| Kestrel Class | 91.36% |

The classes who have won our attendance horses this week are Wagtail and Goldfinch.

CROSS AGE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

It is always a pleasure to watch the children interact and learn from each other. We've had a few events this week where our older and younger children have had the opportunity to learn, work and play together from our fortnightly Buddy Reading; Mix-Up Monday and mixed snow play on the field on Wednesday and Thursday. During Buddy Reading children from older and younger classes enjoy sharing books and discussing texts. It is an opportunity for role-modelling and sharing the enjoyment of reading. Our Mix-Up Monday playtimes happen fortnightly when children who are in the same houses (from Infants and Juniors) come together for playtime. These opportunities are one of the great benefits of being in a one form entry smaller school. We have so much to learn from each other!



FOOTBALL

It is the start of the school football season and we played our first away match this week. It was a victory to Danetree School in goals with the game finishing 5-0 but our team, as ever, were winners in sportsmanship and were superb ambassadors of the school.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

Well done to:

Robin: Jonny, Isla

Wagtail: Lucy, Oliver

Lapwing: Joshua W, Cameron

Parakeet: Tobey, Milo

Wren: Jack, Aaliyah

Sparrow: Annie, Alf

Goldfinch: Dylan, Ben

Kestrel: Jessie, Abbie

RECOGNITION BOARDS

We certainly have all been focussing on having our resources for learning ready this week. Next week's focus is: **To be helpful.**

WEATHER

We have been lucky this week to be able to have enough snow to be able to play safely with friends at school rather than it being too much and too unsafe to open the school.



As communicated on our Facebook page, in the case of adverse conditions.

The school will close in bad weather for one of the following reasons:

- 1) Severe weather makes the school building/site unsafe
- 2) Severe weather affects safety of staff e.g. transport is not running, roads are closed or too dangerous to travel

Before making a decision, we would establish which staff are able to make it in and a risk assessment is made of the school site and road and pavements too. We would endeavour to make a decision as early as possible as it does also affect those who use Red Banana club before school. If a decision was made to close the school, we would post it on our twitter feed which appears on our website; via parentmail; post it on Surrey's school closure website; on Facebook and on Eagle Radio.

Obviously, we do not want to put anybody at risk but if our pupils and staff are able to get here safely, the school will make every effort to stay open.

The forecast appears to look marginally better for next week, but it will still be cold so please do keep wrapping up warm.



SCHOOL DISCO

The PTA are delighted to announce the return of the school disco on Friday 8th February. The Infant Disco is from 3.30 – 4.30 p.m. Children can bring their party clothes into school to get changed into at the end of the day. Infant collection is from the classrooms at 4.30 p.m. The Junior disco is from 4.45 – 5.45 p.m. with drop off and collection from the main school entrance. Tickets are £4, include a snack and drink for each child. Forms and money to be returned to the school office to book your child's place. Please ensure that all forms and money are returned by Wednesday 6th February as this is always a popular event. Red Banana is available for wrap around care for this event.

Y6 SATS INFORMATION MEETING

We are holding a meeting for the parents of Y6 children on Wednesday 13th February at 6pm. There will be important information in this meeting

about preparations for the SATs that will be both happening in school and what can be done at home. We will also be discussing the week and the tests themselves. Please do try and attend as we will be doing some things differently this year.

PARKING

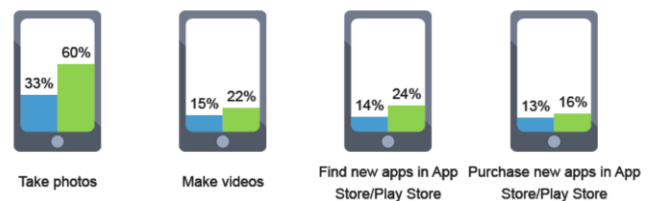
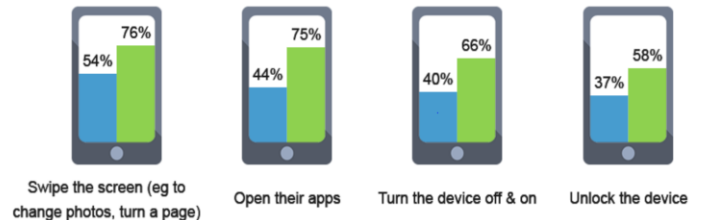
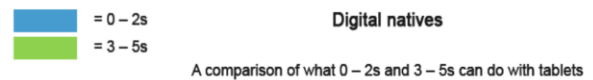
Thank you to those who are making a concerted effort to park safely and not on the single yellow line opposite the school. It is not a legal or safe place to park.

E-SAFETY WORKSHOP – 7th FEBRUARY

We are continuously thinking of ways to support your children in developing the skills they need to keep them safe online. However, the best people to have conversations about their online behaviour are their parents who know what they have access to.

We are holding parent workshops to discuss how you can support in keeping your children safe in this ever-changing technology-using society.

Research has found those children who have grown up with technology (Digital Natives) have learnt so many skills to enable them to use technology, but can they use it safely?



Please do come and attend either our **9am workshop or 2.30pm workshop**. In the meantime, this link offers useful advice to parents and guides you through the creation of a family agreement to keep everybody safe:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/have-a-conversation>



COMMUNITY NEWS

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

HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Lots of research currently shows that the richer a child's language and use of vocabulary; the better they will achieve. One way to help support your child is to extend their vocabulary.

e.g.

Grammar Terms:

Adverbs: _____

Spot the adverbs:

Later, he **decided** to read quietly.

Adverbs describe **how, when or where** something happened

They describe words **other than nouns**.

Spot the adverbs:

Later, he decided to read **quietly**.

Maths Vocabulary:

The product is ...

... what you get when you multiply numbers.

Dates

(New dates highlighted in blue)

| SPRING TERM DATES | | |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| 7.2.19 | E-Safety Day with a parent workshop | 9am 2.30am |
| 8.2.19 | School Disco | After School – arrangements TBC |
| 13.2.19 | Y6 Parents Information Evening | 6pm |
| 18.2.19 – 22.2.19 | Half term | |
| 6.3.19 | Y6 Junior Citizen Day | |
| 6.3.19 | Y2 Pedals Sessions | TBC |
| 8.3.19 | PTA Sponsored Event | School Finish at 3pm and consultations |
| 13.3.19 | Early 3pm closure to prepare for Parent Consultations | 3.30pm – 7.30pm |
| 18.3.19 | Infant Parents Coffee Morning and Open Classrooms | 9-10am |
| 21.3.19 | Junior Parents Coffee Morning and Open Classrooms | 9-10am |
| 27.3.19 | Y3/4 Spring Term Production | 9am and 6pm |
| 30.3.19 | Spring Ball PTA Event | TBC |
| 3.4.19 | Whole School Woodland Walk | 9am |
| 5.4.19 | Term Ends 1.30pm | 1.30pm |
| 8.4.19 – 22.4.19 | EASTER HOLIDAYS | |
| 23.4.19 | Summer Term Starts | |

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