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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome to the February Newsletter.

Young Voices at the O2



On Thursday 19 January, most of our junior choir joined many other school choirs across London to sing in a concert at the O2 arena. It was a wonderful occasion and an experience I am sure they will never forget. My thanks to Ms Clancy for all her hard work in encouraging and coaching the choir and to Mr Musson, Mrs Ewing and Mrs Grace for accompanying and supporting the children on the day.

Candlemas - Thursday 2 February

The children from Year 1 to Year 6 attended Candlemas at All Saints. Thank you to the parents who joined us. I am sure you will agree that the children sang beautifully and filled the church with their lovely voices.



Swimming for Year 5 and 6

Swimming for Year 5 and 6, will take place next half term. Their first lesson is on the Monday 20 February straight after half-term. Their last lesson will be on Monday 20 March 2017, which is also the Sponsored Swim for Year 5 and 6. A letter containing all the details will be sent home after half term.



Active Kids

We are collecting Active Kids Vouchers from Sainsbury's once again. The box for the vouchers can be found in the office. We will be collecting the vouchers until the end of June.



Class Assemblies

Date	Class
Wednesday 1 March	Wrens
Wednesday 8 March	Hazel
Wednesday 29 March	Skylarks
Wednesday 26 April	Woodpeckers
Wednesday 17 May	Chaffinches
Wednesday 24 May	Rowan
Wednesday 7 June	Willow
Wednesday 21 June	Year 5

Stars of the Week

Each week in Celebration Assembly, Stars of the Week are recognised and congratulated. Children can be chosen to be stars for a variety of reasons, such as: kindness, helpfulness, achievement, progress and demonstrating one of our values. Our stars for January were:



Sparrows - Aaron, Harrison and Olivia

Puffins - Freya, Arushi, Maya, Aiden and the whole class after their lovely Class Assembly

Woodpeckers - Effie, Charlie-Sophia, Isabelle, Jacob and Neve

Chaffinches - Sadie, Gracie, Henry, Eden, Abigail, Harry, Luke and Hannah

Skylarks - Neve, Luke, Emily, Mani, Isabella, and Patrick

Wrens - Alba, Ava, Sophie, Finn, Lili and Ella

Hazel - Toby, Freddie, Poppy and Tilly Green

Rowan - William B, William V, Meeraya, Daisy and Frieda

Oak - Astrid, Nathan, Millie, Helena, Benjamin, Eniola, Daniel, Tabitha and Lucy

Willow - Imogen, Eta, Alex and Mia

Year 5 - Lacey, Daisy, Hannah and all the choir who performed at the O2

Year 6 - Rafael, Alice and Jessica

PTA

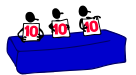
The Infant and Junior Discos were a great success with almost 100 Infants and 133 juniors attending. Thank you to everyone who supported these events. Thank you especially to the PTA committee members and parents who helped on the night.

Future events:

- Quiz Night - Saturday 25 February
- Easter Egg Raffle - Monday 27 March
- Golf Day - Saturday 20 May
- Summer Fair - Saturday 1 July
- Shopping Night - Thursday 9 November

Top of the Form

Members of our Top of the Form team this year include: Noah, Caleb, Florence and Zachary. Alice is our reserve. Having had a bye in the first round, the team were up against Collingwood School at home yesterday. Sadly, after a closely fought contest, Collingwood came out as the winners. Well done to the team for putting up a stiff opposition.



Meet our Governors

‘My name is Marion Williams and I am the most recently appointed governor. I am the current PCC Secretary and early last year retired from working at Carshalton & Kingston Colleges although, like many women of my age, I have had a portfolio of jobs including book-keeping and desktop publishing to fit round raising a family. My most recent educational experience is in EAL/ESOL and the acquisition of language, and my absolute passion is English in all its diverse and creative forms. Hence, I am also one of the governors with a curriculum link with English. I am hoping to help with class reading and learn more about the way the school works, so I would be grateful for any help or advice offered - even if it is only to find my way round the corridors!’



Thinking Day - Wednesday 22 February

On 22 February each year, children belonging to Guiding or Scouting groups around the world celebrate World Thinking Day. As this is a school day, children who belong to these groups will be able to wear their guiding or scouting uniform to school.



Plea from the Early Years

With half-term fast approaching, now is the opportunity to do a spot of spring cleaning and de-cluttering! The Early Years team would be delighted for donations of any of the following: dinosaurs, jungle animals, farm animals, zoo animals, sea creatures, polar animals, plastic insects, small dolls, dolls house figures, character dolls, superhero figures, My Little Pony toys/Sylvanian Family figures, Littlest Pet Shop characters etc.

Thank you in anticipation from Miss Brown and her team.

Parking

I have been receiving complaints again about parents parking inconsiderately and illegally. All parents are in the same predicament when it comes to bringing their children to school, yet it appears that there continues to be a few parents who persistently park/ pull up on the double yellow or zig-zag lines, in front of our emergency gates and across our neighbours' drives in Rotherfield and Talbot Road. What really saddens me is that when asked to move or having it pointed out that they are parking illegally; parents have behaved in an abusive or threatening manner. If you are one of these parents, I would be grateful if could you show a little more consideration towards others. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Uniform

When I visit other schools, it always strikes me how smart our children look in their winter uniform. Thank you for supporting us by ensuring that your child has the correct uniform. Children should also be wearing dark blue hats, gloves and scarves. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named so that it can be returned to its owner promptly.



All long hair (girls and boys) that is long enough to be tied back should be each day for school. This applies throughout the school from Nursery to Year 6. It also helps to keep unwelcome visitors at bay. In a few classes these unwelcome visitors are rather persistent!

We also try to encourage the children to take responsibility for looking after their uniform which includes remembering to take it inside from the playground or to take it home after an after-school activity. Please support us in reminding your children to be responsible, we know that many items of uniform are not cheap, yet we seem to have quite a collection in Lost Property!



Parent Consultations - Tuesday 21 and Thursday 23 March

Information regarding our parent consultations will come out after half-term. All appointments will be booked online again this year as in the autumn term. Before these evenings, a data collection sheet will be given out which we ask you to complete and place in the box in the hall when you attend Parents' Evening. Please ensure all your information is up to date, especially mobile numbers and email addresses as important information is sent out via these means.

Thank you for taking time to read our newsletter. We endeavour to keep you well informed. Do come in to discuss any matter that concerns you or your child rather than place it on Facebook and we will do our very best to help. I wish you all a very happy and restful half-term.

With best wishes to you all,

Mrs Emma Hart Dyke - Headteacher



Spring Term 2017

(Last Day) - Friday 31 March 2017

Half Term - Monday 13 - Friday 17 February 2017

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 April - INSET Day

(First day) - Wednesday 19 April - (Last Day) - Friday 21 July 2017

Half Term - Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June 2017

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2017	
Mon 13 - Fri 17 February	Half - Term
Monday 20 February	First swim for Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 22 February	Year 2 Educational visit to St Paul's and the Monument
Saturday 25 February	PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday 1 March	Wrens Class Assembly - 9.10am
Tuesday 7 March	Year 4 visit to the Easter Experience
Wednesday 8 March	Hazel Class Assembly - 9.10am
Tuesday 14 March	EYFS demonstration using Tapestry for parents- 2.45pm
Monday 20 March	Last swim for Years 5 and 6 - Sponsored swim day
Monday 20 March	Last week for Clubs (unless already informed)
Tuesday 21 March	Parents Evening - 3.40pm - 6.40pm
Thursday 23 March	Parents Evening - 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Friday 24 March	Easter Production - Years 3/5 - Dress rehearsal
Friday 24 March	Mothering Sunday Gift Event - St Helier Hospital
Monday 27 March	PTA - Easter Egg Raffle 2.30pm
Tuesday 28 March	Easter Production - Years 3/5 - 2.00pm
Tuesday 28 March	Year 6 class photo pm
Wednesday 29 March	Skylarks Assembly - 9.10am
Wednesday 29 March	Year 5 Educational visit to Chessington
Thursday 30 March	Year 1 Educational visit to Leeds Castle
Thursday 30 March	Easter Production - Years 3/5 - 7.00pm
Friday 31 March	Last day of term - break up at 1.30pm
Summer Term 2017	
Tuesday 18 April	INSET Day
Wednesday 19 April	First day back for children
Mon 24 - Fri 28 April	Book Week - details to follow
Monday 24 April	First swim for Oak and Willow (Year 4)
Wednesday 26 April	Woodpeckers Class Assembly - 9.10am
Thursday 27 April	Year 1 Educational visit to The Household Calvary
Friday 28 April	Dress up day - Book Day
Wednesday 3 May	Wandle Trust visiting Puffins and Sparrows
Wednesday 3 May	Pam and Sarah Assembly - 9.10am
Mon 8 - Fri 12 May	KS2 SATS Week
Thursday 11 May	Reception Educational visit to River Wandle
Wednesday 17 May	Chaffinch Class Assembly - 9.10am
Wednesday 17 May	Year 6 to Lion King - pm
Saturday 20 May	PTA - Golf Day
Monday 22 May	Year 4 Sponsored Swim
Tuesday 23 May	Year 6 Isle of Wight parents meeting - 7-8pm
Wednesday 24 May	Rowan Class Assembly - 9.10am
Friday 26 May	Doctors and Nurses Day - St Helier Hospital
Mon 29 May - Fri 2 June	Half-Term
Monday 5 June	Year 3 Sponsored Swim
Tuesday 6 June	Year 5 (current year 4) High Ashurst Parent Meeting - 7-8pm
Wednesday 7 June	Willow Class Assembly - 9.10am
Mon 12 - Fri 16 June	Year 1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 14 June	Pam and Sarah Assembly - 9.10am
Friday 16 June	Fathers' Day Gift Event - Water Aid
Mon 19 - Fri 23 June	Year 6 Isle of Wight Residential
Monday 19 June	Class photos (excluding year 6)
Wednesday 21 June	Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.10am
Saturday 1 July	PTA Summer Fair
Thursday 6 July	Reception Educational Visit to the Science Museum
Monday 10 July	Last swim for Year 3
Friday 21 July	Last day of term - children break up at 1.30pm