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Newsletter—week ending 2nd November 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Hopefully you all had a great half term. The children have returned to school with many stories about what they got up to and seem to already be on the Christmas countdown!

This morning we enjoyed a presentation of learning from Giraffes class in assembly. It is always lovely to see and hear what the children have been learning about in class. It was great to see so many of you at the assembly this morning.

This week, classes started their visits to Byfleet library, which the children were very excited about. We hope this will inspire children and families to visit more often to borrow books. Our aim is to increase the amount of reading children are doing outside of school and create a real love for reading and books.

After half term, we will be sharing with you our school development plan and next week we will be sharing with the children and yourselves our new behaviour policy which we are very excited about .

We currently have an advert out for a teaching assistant post to work across our lower KS2 as Mrs Harber has began her new role as ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). Mrs Harber was appointed as our ELSA in the summer term and is very excited about starting her role this term.

As we are now in the 2nd half of the term, I would really appreciate your time at the Parent Voice Meeting which we plan to hold on Tuesday 20th November at 9am. Please come and join us for a chat and cup of coffee.

Looking forward to seeing you all tonight at the Fireworks. Huge thanks to the Friends who organised tonight's event!

From

Mrs Chambers



Year 2's Great Fire of London Workshop

Tuesday 30th October 2018

On Tuesday 30th October, Year 2 had their Great Fire of London Workshop and what a fantastic day it was! In the morning, there were 10 different activities that we could have a go at but unfortunately there was not enough time for us to do them all! We could make candles, weave, make bread, be a doctor or surgeon, make an imprint for a button, write with a quill, make scent bags, make leather bookmarks with our initials on, sew the first letter of our name and make medicines to cure madness!

We also learnt how the fire started and how it spread so quickly. In 1666 the houses were very close together and were made of wood! In the afternoon, we had to dig and use special tools to find artefacts. We found many different artefacts and had to decide who they belonged to. We really enjoyed the day and learnt so much! Thank you to all the parents who helped us with the workshop.

We hope you had as much fun as we did!

Mrs Severn & Mrs Grimshaw



Essential Gas Mains Replacement Works

We have been informed by SGN (Scottish Gas Networks) that they will be starting work to replace the mains gas in Rectory Lane, Byfleet.

Works are planned to start between 5th November and 10th November and will run for approximately 7 weeks.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Our School Council will be coming around the classrooms next week with poppies for Remembrance Sunday. Children are welcome to bring in any donation for a poppy.

In addition to poppies, there are a number of other items available and the suggested donation prices are as follows:

Eraser	50p (suggested donation)
Reflector	50p (suggested donation)
Pencil Sharpener	50p (suggested donation)
Pencil	50p (suggested donation)
Friendship Bracelet	50p (suggested donation)
Window Sticker	50p (suggested donation)
Ruler	£1.00 (suggested donation)
Rubber Wristband	£1.00 (Suggested donation)



We thank you in advance for any donations made to this worthy cause.

St Mary's Church

There will be a remembrance service held on Sunday 11th November at the Byfleet War Memorial at 10.40am to commemorate the 100 year anniversary of the end of World War 1.

There will also be a D-day veteran visiting.

The Hive

If your child is now not attending a session at The Hive as unwell, been sent home from school or not attending a session booked due to change of plans, please can you ensure you call The Hive direct and leave a message to inform them.

If The Hive have not heard if a child is absent, they can spend valuable time around the school trying to find the children.

We thank you for your co-operation with this.

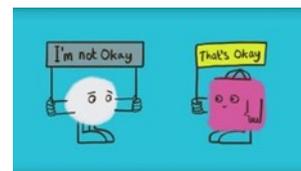
Mrs Bold—Extended Services Manager

The Hive: 07387 336767

Home School Link Worker Notice Board

Supporting the mental health of our children and ourselves

Being healthy helps parents and carers relate to and make good decisions for their children. This promotes positive mental health and wellbeing in children and allows families to enjoy time together. Children's mental health and well-being is promoted when parents and carers look after themselves (www.kidsmatter.edu.au)



kooth This is a free, safe and anonymous online counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people, accessible through mobile, tablet and desktop. You can access it 365 days a year on Monday to Friday from 12pm to 10apm and Saturday and Sunday from 6pm to 10pm. You can also join live discussions forum on Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30-9pm. www.kooth.com

happier Happier is a free downloadable app which helps you focus on building resilience and happiness, by being more present, positive and finding joy in the everyday to developing the strength to cope with more challenging times. The founder of Happier emphasises that genuine emotional wellbeing doesn't come from making everything in our lives perfect, but from accepting ourselves and the world as it is

Other strategies include: listen to music or sing; de-cluttering part of your home; getting a good night's sleep; baking; get some fresh air, go for a walk; meditation apps; square breathing – breather in for two seconds, hold breath for two seconds and breathe out slowly for two seconds and relax.



Public consultation on Children's Centres

Earlier this week, Surrey County Council opened their Family Resilience, Phase One – Children's Centres consultation. The proposal is to keep two centres in Woking which will be in Sheerwater and Sythwood, supporting families with children aged 0 - 11 years. The local Pyrford and Byfleet Children's Centre which will be very familiar to both past and present pupils of our school and their families will be closing.

The Children's Centre provides a variety of support to hundreds of families. Services include: 'Play & Learn' sessions (including child development & parenting support), breastfeeding support, baby groups & post-natal courses, parenting support & courses, baby weighing clinics, outreach support in the home, food bank vouchers and benefits/employment advice.

As it is a public consultation, you have the opportunity to express your opinion about the proposal to close these valuable centres, including the Pyford and Byfleet Children's Centre.

There is an online questionnaire at www.surreycc.gov.uk/consultations where you can get your point of view across to the council. If you require any assistance with filling out the questionnaire or additional information you can contact the Children's Centre on 01932 339055.

The public consultation will close on the 4th of January 2019.

Mrs M Murphy-Diprose, Home School Link Worker
Woking days: Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Children in Need



Children in Need is a UK charity run by the BBC. They raise money throughout the year to help disadvantaged children and young people in the UK. At St. Mary's, we feel it is important to support both local and national charities, therefore, on Friday 16th November we shall be raising money for Children in Need.

On this day, the whole school are invited to come in dressed in mufti for a small donation of £1. Please wear spots and any Children in Need merchandise if possible!

Operation Christmas Child

This year we will also be taking part in Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian international relief organisation. Their mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities. They ship these simple gifts outside the United Kingdom to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease.



We would love to be a part of this charity this year. Outlined below is some guidance on how you could help by packing a shoebox.

How to Pack a Shoebox:

Step 1: Find a Shoebox

Get an empty medium sized shoebox, and wrap the box and lid separately in colourful wrapping paper. Attach an appropriate boy/girl label, which are in the school office, marking if your gift is for a boy or a girl. Select an age category 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14 and attach the label to the top of your shoebox.

Step 2: Fill with Gifts

Fill your shoebox with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump.

Step 3: Drop Off Your Shoebox

Place a rubber band around each closed shoebox and take it to your child's classroom by Friday 16th November.

Thank you, Miss Robertson

Young Shakespeare Company Macbeth Production—Yr 6

We were very fortunate to have the Young Shakespeare Company come in to perform Macbeth. In Literacy, we are studying the play and watching this performance has really helped engage the children, and help them understand the story. It was an incredible performance which encouraged participation from the children. They made some great noises and facial expressions to enhance the atmosphere.

Miss Roberts



Plaque for our St Mary's Bug Hotel

Is there a willing parent who is able to make a plaque suitable for outdoor use for our 'St Mary's Bug Hotel'?
Please contact the school office if you or someone you know is able to help with this.

Thank you

Miss Rogers

ECO Co-ordinator



Star of the Week

Moles: Ralph—for being a great role model at tidy up time

Karina—for building her confidence in expressing herself

Hedgehogs: Brayden—for trying really hard to learn sounds in phonics and writing "B" for Brayden

Rabbits: Phoebe—for great enthusiasm in phonics and reading

Cheetahs: Thomas—for always having a positive attitude and challenging himself in his learning

Panthers: Zac—for being helpful in class and showing lots of enthusiasm in lessons

Tigers: Charlie G—for being a reflective learner by checking his writing independently

Lions: Jeanine—for being so enthusiastic about learning and for taking many risks. Well done

Polar Bears: Oscar - for improved focus and excellent effort in all subjects

Pandas: Maddy—for working really hard in Maths and challenging herself with her work

Elephants: Mia—for showing enthusiasm and challenging herself in every lesson

Hippos: Jude—for being a hard working member of the class and always approaching work with a positive attitude

Giraffes: Esa—for putting 100% effort into his learning

Kangaroos: Sofia—for being such a considerate and thoughtful member of the class

Chimps: Zente—for such creative writing in Literacy and mega Maths focus

Lemurs: Freddie—for always being extremely polite and well mannered—a role model to everyone

Inset Days

2018/2019

Wednesday 19th December 2018

Thursday 3rd January 2019

Friday 24th May 2019

Photograph Orders

Photograph proof cards have been sent home this week. The closing date is Tuesday 6th November. Orders received after this date will need to be made direct with photographers and will incur a £5 charge.

Family Consultation

Meetings

Please remember we have our Family Consultation Meetings for Tuesday 6th & Thursday 8th November (Panthers class Wednesday 7th & Thursday 8th November)

Dates for your Diary

(new dates in bold)

01.11.18	Flu Immunisation Nasal Spray
02.11.18	Giraffes Parents Assembly
02.11.18	Fireworks Night—The Friends
06 & 08.11.18	Family Consultation Meetings
08.11.18	Peter Pan Theatre Production
08.11.18	Peter Pan Themed Lunch
12.11.18	Full Governing Body Meeting
14.11.18	Butser Farm Trip—Yr 4
14.11.18	Friends Meeting @ 7.30pm
15.11.18	Switching on Byfleet Village lights
16.11.18	Children in Need
w/c 19.11.18	Lifebus
20.11.18	Parent Voice Meeting—9am
20.11.18	Guildford Cathedral Trip—Yr 1
22.11.18	The Living Rainforest—Yr 3
26-29.11.18	Book Fair
30.11.18	Chimps Parents Assembly
01.12.18	The Friends Christmas Fair
10.12.18	KS1 Nativity @ 2pm (Adults only)
11.12.18	KS1 Nativity @ 9.30 am
12.12.18	Nursery Nativity @ 11am
12.12.18	Christmas Lunch
12.12.18	Nursery Nativity @ 2.30pm (please note time change)
14.12.18	Yr R Nativity @ St Mary's Church
18.12.18	Christmas Service at St Mary's Church—Yr 5 Parents Invited
18.12.18	End of term—1.05pm finish
31.01.19	Young Voices—O2 Trip
11-13.02.19	Kingswood Residential—Yr 4
13.05.19	SATs Week
03-07.06.19	PGL Liddington Residential—Yr 6