

Up to the minute.....



Dear Parents and Carers

This week has been jam packed with Science, sun and sports. There is a lot of information crammed into this Up to the Minute. Please take the time to go through it including the important dates towards the end. If you know anyone NOT receiving this newsletter please nudge them to come in and we can sort that out. It can also be found on the school's website and in the notice board shaped like an apple tree outside Year 6. The website has up to date information, the calendar has all activities and events on it and there are lots of lovely photos of the children. Please note that Sports Day has been booked for Wednesday 27th June.

What is my child learning??

On the website (class pages) every two weeks teachers post letters with information about what your child is learning. The homework can also to be found here and topic webs

Science Week

We have had such a fantastic week this week with Science Week. All the children have been involved in investigations and experiments. Year 4 learnt about the digestive system (pewh!). Young Explorers investigated which materials were waterproof so they could keep their teddies dry. Year 1 designed their own plants; they had to ensure they would attract bees, be rooted into the soil and collect sunshine. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed the fact that science can be fun, messy AND full of learning. They made slime, investigated the effect of washing up liquid on coloured milk, made a variety of micro-organisms in petri dishes – and saw how the addition of sugar encouraged the yeast solutions to race to the top of the cylinder. Great fun was had by all – with a lot of cleaning up to be done. On Monday, Year 6 donned their lab coats and set up their Science Fair in the hall. Year 2 and 3 were invited to visit the experiment stations, to learn about everything from exploding volcanoes to homemade slime! The year 6 pupils prepared everything at home and are to be commended on the efforts they made to impart snippets of scientific knowledge.



Weald Alternative Sports Festival

On Thursday 15th March, 10 children from Year 5 and 6 attended The Weald Alternative Sports Event which was aimed at inspiring them through alternative sports. This was an opportunity to try a variety of new sports including: Ultimate Frisbee, Fencing, Kinball, Archery, Wheelchair football and Disc Golf. It was a fantastic morning and fun was had by all. Thank you to our lovely parent volunteers.



Horsham District Tag Rugby Tournament

On Tuesday 12th March, we competed in the Horsham District Tag Rugby Tournament which was organised by Collyers and held at Horsham Rugby Club. For the first part of the afternoon, the 25 teams were split into four groups and all played each other. Our children played amazingly well as a team and we came 3rd in our group, missing out on the quarter finals by 1 point. A huge congratulations to all those who participated and a big thank you to our lovely parents who made this event possible.



Reading Curriculum Evening 20th March 7:00-8:00

Due to a low uptake in numbers we have decided to postpone the Reading Evening until the Autumn term. We hope that this will be more convenient for families. If you have any queries about supporting your child at home in the mean time – of course pop in and see us.

Healthy Schools Week

Because we like to keep learning exciting, we have organised a Healthy Schools Week for the last week of term (and it keeps the teachers on their toes!). There are sporting activities, visitors, coaches, cooking and much much more to experience.

As part of Healthy Schools Week we will be needing volunteers to support activities throughout the week. If you are available on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday, please see Miss Smith.

Come and See

As at the end of every term we would like to invite you to pop in at pick up time to our Come and See. It is a really lovely relaxed opportunity to see your child's work. They can talk through how and what they are learning and you can have a look around the classrooms.

This will be held on 27th March between 3:15-4:00

Easter Service

Our Easter Service will be on Friday 23rd March at 2.00pm. We will need some parents to help us walk the children there safely. If you wish to attend the Church Service please be at the school by 1.30pm. Please let the school office know if you are able to help

KS2 Spring House Matches - Wednesday 21st March

There are a few timing adjustments to the proposed fixtures - however, the morning will run as follows:

9:00-9:30 Year 6 v Year 6 Parents' Netball and Football

9:30-10:30 Tag Rugby

11:00-12:00 Netball

All of KS2 children will participate in either tag rugby or netball and your child will be able to tell you which they have signed up for. Parents welcome to come along and support.

Infant Multi Skills - Wednesday 28th March

All infant children will be involved in various sporting activities in a fun and competitive way. The children will compete as a team ensuring there is no individual pressure with all the stations being relay type activities that aim to improve agility, throwing, jumping etc.

1:30-2:00 Young Explorers

2:00-2:45 Year 1 & 2

Parents welcome to come along and support.

Handball

Next term we are looking to introduce a handball club run by Kickstart coaching. There will be a taster session on Thursday 19th April. To book a place or for more information please email

hello@kickstartcoachinguk.com

Parking

Please may I remind you about parking responsibly around the school. New yellow lines have been painted in some of the roads around the school. Please do NOT park on these, they are there to keep the children safe whilst being dropped off and collected from school. Parking enforcement officers will be enforcing this by means of a fixed penalty.

Tree Tops Easter Club

Tree Tops will be holding an Easter Club from the 9th to the 13th April. If you would like to book your child in, or would like more information please visit www.treetopsclubs.co.uk

Kind regards,
Ms Kitson

Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.

Young Explorers:	Willow for Readiness to learn and Jamie for Safety awareness
Oak Class:	Chloe for Being true to yourself and Dylan for Positivity
Willow Class:	Ana for Dedication and Amelia for Positivity
Rowan Class:	Cayden for respect and George for Confidence
Sycamore Class:	Bella for Determination and Bertie for Happiness
Mulberry Classes:	Angus for Resilience and Felicity for Confidence
Chestnut Class:	Millie for Diligence and Izzy for Confidence



The winning house this week was
Southlands

General dates

20 th March	Reading Curriculum Evening 7:00-8:00pm <u>POSTPONED</u>
27 th March	Come & See 3:15-4:00
27 th June	Sports Day

School Trips

Monday 19 th March	Year 5 to Wakehurst Place
Tuesday 20 th March	Year 3 to Sayers Croft

Forest School Dates

On your child's Forest School day they can come to school in their Forest School clothing for the whole day, please ensure they are wearing long sleeved tops and trousers – even if the weather is warmer. They will also need suitable footwear, e.g. wellies and a rain coat. If you are able to help on Forest School dates , please see the school office.

Wednesday 21 st March	Year 5
Wednesday 28 th March	Year 6

INSET days for this academic year

Monday 16th April 2018
Monday 4th June 2018

Half Term / End of Term Holidays

Friday 30 th March	- Friday 13 th April 2018
Monday 28 th May	- Friday 1 st June 2018
Last day of term	- Tuesday 24 th July 2018