

Up to the minute.....8.3.19



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had the loveliest week reading and celebrating books; stories, information books, poetry and art. The children have been really inspired by our book of the week *The Lost Words*. The work that they have produced is exceptional. We will have it displayed in classrooms, corridors and in the hall for you to enjoy during Come and See.

Please find attached the designs for our new Learning and Library area. There will also be a display in the front office if you want to pop in and have a look. Fully funded by PALS (the PTA) this will be an invaluable resource. All of us, children included, are so excited about being able to access so many books. Building starts the week of the 25th March.

Athlete Visit

On Wednesday 13th March Ezekiel Ewulo, Long jump and Relay champion, will be visiting the Juniors. The Children will be doing sport circuits with him and have the chance to ask him lots of questions. Your child has come home with a sponsor form. Please ask family and friends to sponsor your child, there is a prize for the most sponsorship raised! The money will be split between Ezekial and the school. **Please could all monies be in school by Monday 11th March.**

House Matches

House matches will be held on Wednesday 20th March for the Juniors, 9.30-10.30am for Tag Rugby, and 11.00-12.00pm for Netball. Parents are welcome to come along and support your children. Infant House matches will be on Wednesday 27th March at 2.30pm, again parents are welcome to come along and watch their children.

Year 6 Parent Matches will also be on Wednesday 20th March 9.00-9.30 am. There will be football and netball matches - Year 6 children versus their parents. Time to dust off your track suits and get the deep heat ready!

Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 5th March, we participated in the HD Primary Schools Introductory Tag Rugby Festival which was hosted by Collyer's Sports Leaders. This was an opportunity for children to participate in a fun, friendly festival where results were not published. We were able to enter two teams enabling 19 children to play. It was a fantastic afternoon and after a lot of encouragement and instruction from the side-lines, the children soon got the hang of it and improved very quickly. Both teams worked well together but particular mentions go to Ben, Lucas, Osman and Jayden who scored the majority of our tries and to Isabella and Billy-Ray who were fantastic at tagging. A huge thank you to our parent helpers who made this event possible.



The Lost Words of the Canal On Tuesday, Years 5 and 6 returned to the canal for a sketching session. As 'The Lost Words' focuses on forgotten native wildlife, the older children have focused on the canal environment. Their sketches have been turned into beautiful watercolour paintings, presented along with their chosen animal/bird.



Weald Book Award

On Wednesday evening the eight members of the Year 6 Weald Book Club joined with others from the locality for the much anticipated awards evening, at The Weald School. Three authors were there in person, along with others via Skype. All eight pupils were winners in each of the children's work categories, and they were runners up in the 'Make a Book Trailer' competition. Vashti Hardy's 'Brightstorm' was the book chosen by all the pupils as the overall winner of the competition. Vashti was there to receive her award. We are very proud of our pupils, who have made a commitment to the reading group since September and were justly rewarded for their efforts.



Pancake Races

Thank you to all the parents that came and supported the children at the pancake races this week, and a special thank you to the parents that joined in! The children had a great time cheering each other on, especially when Mr Kendall nearly lost his pancake over the Humpty!



Bikeability

Last week, Year 6 took part in their Bikeability training. Designed to arm them with the confidence and skills to ride safely on the roads, this is an important part of our PSHE curriculum. The leaders commented on the good behaviour and responsiveness of the pupils during the week - and how lucky were they to take part in the scheme in the unseasonably beautiful sunshine!

For Sale

We have two IKEA units for sale. They are shelving cubes, two cubes by two cubes (as in the picture) and another unit four cubes by two cubes. A donation to the school would be appreciated.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is next Friday 15th March. Red noses will be available to buy from Monday, from the school office for £1.25. On Friday School Council members will be taking donations on the gate or at the front office.



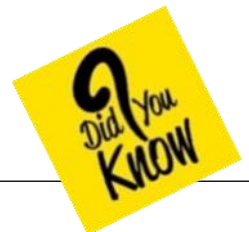
Quiz Night

The PTA are holding a quiz night at school on Friday 22nd March at 7.30. Tickets are £15.00 and includes a bowl of chilli. If you would like to join in, please let the school office know.

Zumba Classes

Zumba Kids is an exciting new club that will be held at school on Saturday mornings. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Kind regards,
Ms Kitson



Did you know.....

The whole school read together in the hall today. Have a look on the website at the pictures of the older children reading with the younger children. Gorgeous.

No certificates today because all the children have done some fantastic work this week during World Book Week. This will be displayed at the Come and See.

Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.

Young Explorers:
Oak Class:
Willow Class:
Rowan Class:
Sycamore Class:
Mulberry Class:
Chestnut Class:



The winning house this week is:

Drungewick

General dates

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| Parent Consultations | - 12 th March 3.30pm |
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| Athlete Visit | - 13 th March – Juniors only |
| Hampton Court Palace trip | - 19 th March – Years 5 & 6 |
| House Matches Juniors | - 20 th March 9.30am – 12.00pm |
| House Matches Infants | - 27 th March * new date |
| Church Service | - 1 st April 1.30 parents welcome |
| Class Photos | - tbc * change of date |
| Come and See | - 2 nd April 3.30pm Parents welcome |
| End of Term Assembly | - 5 th April <u>2.30pm</u> Parents welcome |

Summer Term

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| Year 6 Performance | - 3 rd & 4 th July 6:30pm |
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INSET days for this Academic Year

Monday 22nd July 2019

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2018/19

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| Monday 8 th April | - Monday 22 nd April 2019 |
| Monday 27 th May | - Friday 31 st May 2019 |
| Last day of term | - Friday 19 th July 2019 |



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.

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| Wednesday 6 th March | Year 1 |
| Wednesday 13 th March | Year 2 |
| Wednesday 20 March | Year 3 |
| Wednesday 27 th March | Year 5 |
| Wednesday 3 rd April | Year 6 |

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| Year 4 | TBC |
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