

Up to the minute.....



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been very impressed with the children this week. They have really settled into the Spring Term and have been putting their knowledge and skills from the Autumn Term into their learning. Even though Miss Smith has chosen a snowy clock for the newsletter this week I think that we are safe for the time being!

Please note the term dates at the end of the letter, this term is quite short but always jam packed. Pancake racing, photos, Book Week, Parents' Evenings and Comic Relief. Just to name a few.

New Year 1 & 2 Outside Area

I would like to say thank you to the staff that volunteered their Saturdays to come into school and sort out the Year 1 and 2 outside area. All the old furniture was taken out and replaced with new equipment and storage. All of this has been funded by charitable donations from the Parish Council and parents through the PTA. It has made a HUGE difference. Thank you.



Zoolab

On Tuesday the Infants were treated to a visit from some exciting creepy crawlies and their Zoolab Ranger called Joe! We had a lovely workshop for each class where the children were able to learn facts about these African animals. There was also an opportunity to handle many of the animals. Most of the children handled or stroked several of the animals. Top favourites were Bruce the Giant African Land snail; Tiffany the cockroach; Flaisha the tarantula! The children also held a corn snake and a millipede. The writing and research that has followed has been really wonderful so it was clearly an engaging and worthwhile learning experience.



Wish List

Everybody in the school is thrilled to be receiving and using items from their Wish list. Year 5 would like to say thank you for the compasses and protractors.

Weald Book Awards

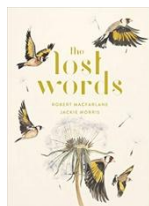
On Wednesday the Year 6 members of Mrs Webber's Weald Book Club went to the Weald School to meet the author of one of their books. Vashti Hardy gave an inspiring presentation about the writing of her book "Brightstorm" and signed copies of it for us. Pupils from all the other schools in our locality attended this enjoyable and informative event.



World Book Week – 4th March

The teachers have planned an exciting week of activities during Book Week In March, based on the book 'The Lost Words' by Robert McFarlane and Jackie Morris.

You may be interested to know that 'Nymans' National Trust property are launching an exhibition based on the book this weekend until 2nd June. Jackie Morris, the illustrator, will be there between 10.00am and 3.00pm on Saturday and Sunday this weekend to talk about her work. It is a stunning book, and this is a great opportunity to see some of her original watercolours. <https://www.thelostwords.org/the-book/>



Safeguarding talk

Thank you to those that attended the safeguarding talk yesterday, the next one will be on Thursday 31st January at 9.00am. If you would like to attend please speak to the school office.

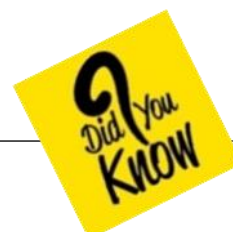
Headlice

We have had a number of reports of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair and treat accordingly.

Kind regards,
Ms Kitson

Did you know.....

We have raised £1,414 to go towards resources the school needs. 43 items have been fully funded, giving the school access to £997 of resources. Amazing!



Congratulations to the children who received a celebration certificate.

Young Explorers:	Emily for Challenge and Rosie-Mai for Enthusiasm
Oak Class:	Penny for Creativity, Sofia for Imagination, Elouise for Dedication and Lyla for Bravery
Willow Class:	Suzie for Investigation
Rowan Class:	Holly for Creativity, Emily for Enthusiasm and Kezia for Positivity
Sycamore Class:	Leah for Confidence and Henry for Responsibility
Mulberry Class:	Angus for Precision and George for Enthusiasm
Chestnut Class:	Brenden for Presentation and Lily for Confidence



The winning house this week is:

Southlands

General dates

Mini Medics Year 6	-12 th February
Mini Medics Year 5	- 14 th February
'Friday' Assembly	- 14 th February <u>2.45pm</u> , Parents welcome
Bikeability	- Week beginning 25 th February -Year 6 * change of date
Pancake Races	- 5 th March 2.30pm Parents welcome
Bedtime Story Day Book Week	come dressed in your PJ's for bedtime stories.
Parent Consultations	- 12 th March 3.30pm
Parent Consultations	-13 th March 5.00pm
Athlete Visit	- 13 th March – Juniors only * change of date
Hampton Court Palace trip	- 19 th March – Years 5 & 6
Class Photos	- 20 th March
Come and See	- 2 nd April 3.30pm Parents welcome
End of Term Assembly	- 5 th April <u>2.30pm</u> Parents welcome

INSET days for this Academic Year

Friday 15th February 2019
Monday 22nd July 2019
Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Half Term / End of Term Holidays 2018/19

Monday 18 th February	- Friday 22 nd February 2019
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.

Wednesday 23 rd January	Year 2
Wednesday 30 th January	Year 3
Wednesday 6 th February	Year 5
Wednesday 13 th February	Year 6

Year 4 date to be confirmed