

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a sunny bank holiday. The children have certainly come back to school looking refreshed and ready to learn. It was lovely to see some of you at our library opening last Friday. We are sure that you will agree that the new area looks wonderful and we know that the children are excited about their weekly visits with lots of fabulous new books to choose from.

Reception ended last week with a fantastic visit to Bocketts Farm. Both staff and parents have fed back on how wonderfully well behaved our youngest children were and everyone unanimously agreed what an amazing day they had, filled with learning about farm animals and plenty of fun. We also thoroughly enjoyed Squirrels class assembly today. The children spoke so confidently about their trip to the farm and their learning on the Very Hungry Caterpillar. We are extremely proud of them.

Year 2 have also had a fantastic day at Windsor Castle. They listened with great interest to the talk about the castle and even managed to see the chapel where Harry and Meghan's wedding will take place and the hall where the banquet will be held.

Finally, our Year 6's will start their SATs on Monday. We know that all of the children and staff in Year 6 have worked incredibly hard to prepare for these; we also know that our children have wonderful skills and talents in all areas and that the SATs are only an opportunity to demonstrate their academic achievements. The most important thing is to try your hardest. We couldn't be prouder of all of our first Year 6 cohort and how far they have come. Don't forget as a special treat, we are running complimentary breakfasts for the Year 6 children before school next week to ensure they begin each day raring to go. Good luck Year 6, everyone is behind you. May you shine like the stars that you are!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

### **Attendance Matters**

If your child is unable to attend school, you must phone the school office before 09.30am on the day of the absence. If no message is left in the office, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 per parent if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 per parent if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

## Dates for your Diary 2018

<b>14 May</b>	YR6 SATS week YR3 Natural History Museum
<b>16 May</b>	YR4 Residential (return 18 May)
<b>17 May</b>	Otters Class Assembly—9.00am
<b>24 May</b>	Badgers Class Assembly—9.00am
<b>25 May</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM—3.00pm</b>
<b>5 Jun</b>	YR3 First Falconry Visit
<b>11 Jun</b>	YR4 Science Museum Trip
<b>15 Jun</b>	YR5 Chessington Trip
<b>18 Jun</b>	YR6 Residential (return 22 Jun)
<b>3 Jul</b>	YR6 Senior School Induction Day YRs R — 5 Shuffle-up day
<b>4 Jul</b>	YR6 Senior School Induction Day
<b>11 Jul</b>	YR6 Leavers' Performance—1.30pm
<b>12 Jul</b>	Sports Day YR6 Leavers' Performance—7.00pm
<b>16 Jul</b>	Sports Day (back-up)
<b>18 Jul</b>	Parent Report Drop-in/Meet next year's Teacher
<b>19 Jul</b>	YR6 Leavers' Assembly—9.00am
<b>20 Jul</b>	<b>END OF TERM—2.00pm</b>

N.B. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception

KS1 = Years 1 & 2

KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

## SCHOOL DINNERS

**Please** pay dinner money in advance every Monday or, alternatively, you can pay half termly using our online payment facility. Should you require log-in details for online payments, please speak to the main office. The cost of a school meal is £2.25.

Please notify the office of any changes to school meal preferences a week in advance in writing. Thank you.

# IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

## NURSERY

This week in Nursery we have been enjoying the nursery garden in the sunshine. We have been busy hunting for ladybirds and counting their spots. The ladybird biscuits we made were delicious, we used raisins to make their spots.

## RECEPTION

We have been busy preparing for our class assemblies this week in Reception. The Squirrels did a fantastic job of performing their assembly and we still have the Otters and the Badgers assemblies to look forward to. We have enjoyed talking about our trip to Bocketts Farm and have written wonderful recounts all about it. In maths we have been using our maths knowledge and understanding to solve word problems.

## YEAR 1

In maths this week we have been learning about capacity and volume. We have been filling different containers up and reading scales. In English we have been writing our own adventure stories about a famous landmark in London. In R.E we have been learning about the miracles Jesus performed.

## YEAR 2

This week Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Windsor Castle. We found out why that particular location was chosen, identified different parts of a castle and saw where the Royal Wedding will take place next week. Throughout the week we have also completed a treasure hunt to support our spelling, punctuation and grammar. During computing we started to type some of our castle facts that we researched.

## YEAR 3

In Year 3 this week we have been writing diary entries as the character Tranio, from our class book 'Escape from Pompeii.' Please ask your child what the features of a diary entry are! In maths we have been discussing the duration of time, "If Mrs Evans left at 7:00am and her journey was 2 hours and 40 minutes, what time would she arrive?" In Science we have been learning about the life cycle of a flowering plant.

## YEAR 4

Year 4 have written some fantastic Native American myths this week and have shown some wonderful use of grammar. We have looked at symmetry in polygons and how to complete symmetrical figures in lines of symmetry. We have also looked at classification keys in Science and created our own one for vertebrate animal groups. We are very excited for our residential trip next week - fingers crossed for good weather!

## YEAR 5

Year 5 have written a narrative story this week about a secret garden. They have used figurative language including similes and metaphors to make their writing more appealing to the reader. In maths, the children have been rounding, comparing and ordering decimal numbers up to three decimal places and they will solve problems involving this next week.

## YEAR 6

We are ready for our exams next week-well done to everyone in Year 6, you certainly earned your achievement certificates! See you at 8.15 on Monday for breakfast!

## Our Elmbridge Rentstart Assembly



On Tuesday Mr Parnell from Elmbridge Rentstart charity came to talk to us during our assembly.

The charity of Rentstart is all about helping the homeless and helping them to find a home.

At the beginning, he told us that Steve Jobs and Daniel Craig had once been homeless before they were famous. Steve Jobs had been sofa surfing and Daniel Craig slept on a park bench.

He then told us a story about a man called Tim who had a wife and a child but sadly they divorced and he lost his job and then ended up with no money so he then started living on the streets. Rentstart were able to help rehouse him.

Mr Parnell told us this story because Elmbridge Rentstart Charity tries to help all the homeless people in our town of Walton-on-Thames.

So, if you see a homeless person anywhere you should call Elmbridge Rentstart to report where they can be found so the charity workers can help.

You could also help by raising money for the charity. Why not do a sponsored walk or a sponsored run?

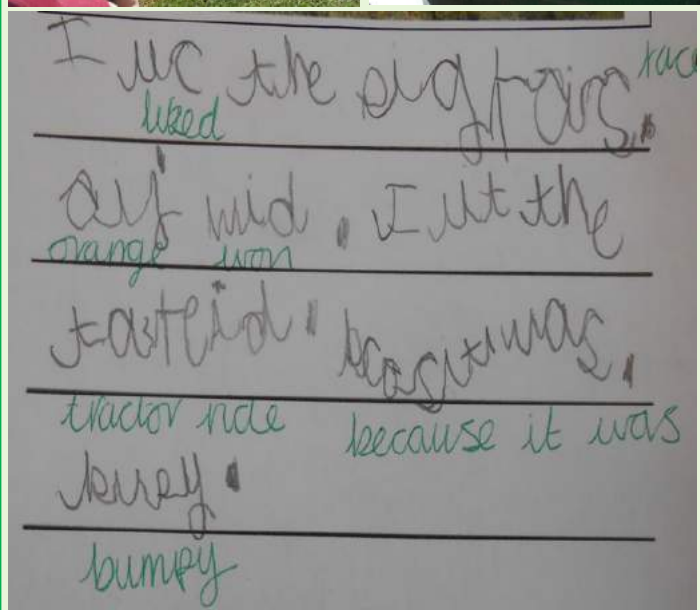
Contact details are: **01372 477167**  
<https://www.elmbridgerentstart.org.uk>

By Lilia and Vera in Giraffes



## Reception visit Bocketts Farm

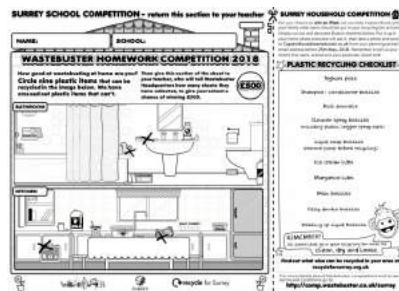
Last Friday Reception visited Bocketts Farm. Everyone had a fantastic day, we had a very bumpy tractor ride, got to feed and stroke all the animals and we all watched the pig race together! The children were all brilliantly behaved! We were lucky to have such a nice sunny day and we all had a lovely time!



# Grovelands are entering the Surrey Schools Wastebuster Homework Competition 2018 Be a Recycling Hero at Home



- Children will be taking the competition sheets home with them today to complete.
- Completed sheets need to be back into school with their names clearly written on the sheet by next Friday, 18 May 2018.
- The more children that enter, the better chance of winning £500 for the school!
- For further information visit: <http://comp.wastebuster.co.uk/surrey/>



## Your Challenge

1. Take your Wastebuster Homework Competition sheet home (you will be given your sheet by your teacher).
2. On your sheet there is a picture of a house. Circle 9 plastic items inside the house that can be recycled.
3. Return that part of your sheet to your teacher.
4. On the other part of your sheet there is a plastic recycling checklist. With your parent/guardian's help, find out what types of plastic can be recycled in your home (from [recycleforsurrey.org.uk](http://recycleforsurrey.org.uk)) and add any items that aren't already on your checklist.
5. **Get creative!** Make your recycling list look fun and funky.
6. With your parents help, stick your list up somewhere everybody will see, to help them recycle right!

# CARDBOARD TUBES



If you have any cardboard tubes at home —kitchen roll, wrapping paper, Pringles etc. (no toilet rolls please), please can you drop these into the school office by Friday 18 May 2018 for our YR2 castle making project.

Please park responsibly when dropping your children off and collecting them. Parking on pavements endangers all pedestrians and particularly children.

There is plenty of parking space down Waterside Drive (towards the Xcel Leisure Centre) and a safe crossing across Terrace Road.



# Year 2 visit Windsor Castle

Friday 11th May 2018

Yesterday year 2 went to Windsor Castle because we are learning about castles.

It was a very long coach journey, I sat with Jackson and Daniel. There was lots of traffic and we went on the motorway. I was feeling very bored and I couldn't wait to get there. We arrived late and had to walk up the hill. They had closed the road because they were moving the guard.

On top of the castle we saw the flag flying at the top of the pole, which meant the Queen was there, but we didn't see her!

I was in Mrs Hall's group, first we put our lunch in the learning room. Then we got our tickets as we slipped through security! Next we went to the Billiards room, a Scottish man called Gordon told us about murder holes and Jacob and Grace got dressed up chains and helmets and held shields. This was fun.

HUNGRY....we went for lunch in the old stables, but there is no horses now!!!! I enjoyed my lunch very much! Scrumdidlyumcous!

After lunch we went through security again and went to the state apartments. I was amazed at all the shields on the ceiling. Mrs Hall got told off for taking photos, I thought it was funny that a teacher got told off!!

Then we went to St Georges Chapel.  
ROYAL WEDDING HERE SOON!!!! We accidentally walked over the tomb of king Henry v111, we didn't realise it was there!

I had a fabulous day, felt very tired on the coach home.

My favourite part was the billiards room because it was just fun!



## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
98.9%	93.8%	93.2%	96.8%	94%	95%	93.1%

Well done to **Year 3** for the best year group attendance  
Well done to **Badgers** for the best class attendance **99.3%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.8%	96.2%	95.7%	96.4%	96.6%	95%	95.9%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.8%

# CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Harry	Tilly	Isla
Squirrels	Mysha	All	Sharbanoo
Badgers	Evie	Rayen	Alfie
Flamingos	Hope	Amelia	Ben
Swans	Poppy	Gergely	Kacey
Dolphins		Whole class	Alan
Seals	Leo	Whole class	Ranell
Antelopes	Bogdan	Lily	Leo
Giraffes	Amelia	Christopher	James
Zebras	Aston	James	Meirah
Leopards	Gabriel	Jessica	Preston
Panthers	Harry	Shivanjali	Harry
Eagles	Grace A	Aidan E	Yosef
Kestrels	Hannah	Max	Olli
Cobras	Dylan	Whole Class	Fraser
Pythons	Ella	Whole Class	Daniel

### PEN LICENCES

Michael — Cobras  
Lilia — Giraffes  
Alfie — Cobras  
Panna — Kestrels



Vera — Giraffes  
Lily — Antelopes  
Dorka — Giraffes  
Amber — Kestrels  
Louisa — Kestrels

# WELL DONE EVERYONE