

Dear parents and carers,

We have really enjoyed our last week of the half term. As usual, there has been plenty to celebrate with lots happening across the school. Firstly, thank you to the parents who helped run the Usborne book fair. This was very successful and we now have £420 to spend on new books for our school. A thank you also to the parent volunteers that helped with gardening at the front of the school - what a difference you have made.

We have received many kind donations in celebration of harvest festival and help from parents in transporting these goods to the food bank in Walton. Again, another thank you to you all.

We had our parents evenings this week which have been hugely successful. It was my pleasure to speak to lots of parents throughout these evenings and it's fair to say that the children have made a terrific start to the new school year. I know from looking at pupils' work how much progress they are making and how much pride they are taking in their work.

There have been many memorable moments this term, from trips to Hampton Court to a special visit from the Home Front bus, as well as river walks, visits to Sainsbury's and much more. It's not just about these one off trips and visits though, as I know that teachers have worked extremely hard to make learning fun every day. When we have completed our learning walks, we have seen children enjoying a wide range of fun, practical, engaging activities, right from nursery through to year 6.

In many ways, we have been able to really hit the ground running this term because of the hard work that happened last year. Our new Chromebooks are very much in demand and are in use across the curriculum. Staff are being trained in the use of our new iPads so that we can use these even more fully to engage our learners. There are already many clubs up and running, including a wide range led by school staff, so we can prepare our teams for fixtures and events. Our school choir has been very busy preparing for some exciting events that are coming up in the year ahead. Our eco-warriors and school council are already considering their priorities for the year ahead and it's wonderful to see our new nursery equipment is being fully used by our youngest pupils who are enjoying this area so much.

Thank you for helping to make this a fantastic first half term. Have a restful holiday and we'll see you in just over a week's time.

Kind regards,

Mr Daniel Tuck
Head of School

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.

Dates for your Diary

19 Oct	Inset Day
22 Oct	Half Term Week
29 Oct	YR3 Hobgoblin Theatre Visit
29 Oct	Kestrels Parents Evening
30 Oct	Kestrels Parents Evening
31 Oct	YRs 2 & 3 Performance Drama Workshop
1 Nov	YR6 Parent Assembly (9.15)
1 Nov	YRs 1, 2 & 3 Halloween Disco (4.30—5.30)
1 Nov	YRs 4, 5 & 6 Halloween Disco (6.00—7.00)
2 Nov	Nursery & Reception Halloween Party (3.15—4.00)
6 Nov	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
7 Nov	YR2 Parent Assembly (9.15)
21 Nov	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
21 Nov	Giraffes visit Wagamamas
22 Nov	Zebras visit Wagamamas
1 Dec	FROGS Christmas Fair (4.00—6.00)
5 Dec	Parent Tour—Reception 2019 intake (9.15)
11 Dec	YR2 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
12 Dec	YR1 Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
13 Dec	Reception Christmas Performance (9.30 / 2.00)
14 Dec	Nursery Christmas Performance (9.00 / 2.00)
17 Dec	YRs 3 & 4 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
18 Dec	YRs 5 & 6 Christmas Concert—St Marys (10.00 / 6.30)
19 Dec	END OF TERM (2.00)

Inset Days	15 February 2019
	23 April 2019
	3 June 2019

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 £2.30 per day.

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 learning about autumn and have been talking about the changes that take place during autumn. We know that leaves change colour and fall off the trees and that animals such as squirrels start hiding food for the winter. We have been on an autumn walk around the school collecting leaves and we used them to do leaf printing pictures. We have also been singing the song 'Dingle dangle scarecrow'

RECEPTION

Reception have been writing and matching numbers with Numicon this week. We have also been getting creative making cards. In phonics this week we have learnt g,o,c. Have a lovely half term.

YEAR 1

This week in year 1 we have been learning about the importance of Harvest. In maths we have been learning how to subtract using a number line and solve missing number sequences. In English we have been looking at the story 'Whatever Next!' and acting different parts of the story. We also used what we have learnt this half term to rewrite the story in our Superwrite books, focusing on capital letters, finger spaces, cursive handwriting and full stops. We hope the children have a restful half term and continue to read daily.

YEAR 2

Year two have had a really positive first half term and have already progressed a lot. This week we interviewed a real pirate (see pictures) and learnt about some other famous real life pirates from long ago.

We are really getting the hang of using Diennes to add 1 digit numbers and multiples of ten to a 2 digit number, and have begun to draw a pictorial representation of this as sticks and dots in a place value chart. We are all ready for a good rest over half term and will be back raring to go after the break when we will be working on our class assembly.

YEAR 3

In English this week we have been learning about expanded noun phrases and similes and have used these to write a poem about a chocolate cake. We got to smell lots of different ingredients using our senses and then described them using interesting language. Delicious! In maths, we have been developing our knowledge of column addition using three digit numbers.

YEAR 4

We've had a busy week constructing our Norman helmets and musical instruments! English has been interesting. We pretended to be Saxons, writing a job application to Harold Godwinson to become a Saxon soldier. In maths, we've been focusing on explaining our thinking and justifying our answers.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been working hard to interpret line graphs and timetables in maths lessons, finishing their mod-roc Tudor houses in topic lessons and have written some very emotional letters in character as Anne Boleyn persuading Henry VIII to spare their lives! Eagles and Kestrels have worked very hard this first half term and we are looking forward to even more hard work and progress after our relaxing week off. Don't forget to read, read, read, or it'll be 'Off with your heads!'

YEAR 6

This week in year 6 we have been researching and designing our own propaganda posters linked to WW2 - we have really enjoyed being creative but ensuring that they have a clear message! In maths, we have been using our knowledge of the 4 operations to solve multi step problems. For topic this week, we have been focusing on our Y6 assembly and practising our song! We are all looking forward to half term!

Hattie the Heartless visits YR2



On Monday morning year two had a surprise visitor: a pirate named Hattie the Heartless, twin sister of our very own Mrs Ford! Luckily, the children had been planning some questions to find out more about pirates, so we used this opportunity to ask her. We learned things like why she likes being a pirate, why she wears an eye patch, where the Jolly Roger flag came from and about some punishments she might use when she captures her enemies. Despite being a fearsome pirate, she seemed very friendly and even gave out some gold doubloons. I wonder if she will visit us again?



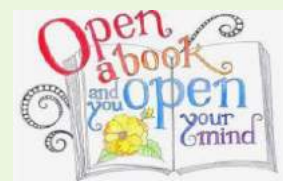
YEAR 6 PARENTS

The deadline for
Secondary School
applications is fast approaching.
Please ensure that you have applied
to Surrey County Council
(surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) by
31 OCTOBER 2018

If you submit your application or make any changes to your preferences without a good reason after the deadline, your application will be treated as late. **Late applications will be dealt with after on-time applications**, and this may affect the chances of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.



A BIG THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PURCHASED BOOKS FROM OUR USBORNE FAIR THIS WEEK. YOU BOUGHT **£700** WORTH OF BOOKS WHICH MEANS WE GET TO SPEND AN AMAZING **£420** ON FANTASTIC BOOKS FOR THE SCHOOL.



AUTUMN/
WINTER
2018/19

YOUR TASTY MENU

Please check with the school as the menu may be changed to meet the needs of the school.

MENU WEEK 1

Week starting: 29 Oct | 29 Nov | 10 Dec
7 Jan | 28 Jan | 25 Feb | 18 Mar

'MEAT FREE' MONDAY

- ✓ Southern style Quorn burger in a high fibre bun with jacket wedges
- ✓ Veggie bean taco served with vegetable couscous

- ✓ Marmalade cake served with custard**



TUESDAY

- ✓ Homemade thin crust ham & cheese pizza
- ✓ Sweet potato Dahl served with rice

- ✓ Fruit yoghurt selection

WEDNESDAY

- ✓ Roast British chicken served with sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy

- ✓ Quorn fillet served with sage & onion stuffing, roast potatoes & gravy
- ✓ Fresh fruit platter served with crème fraîche*

THURSDAY

- ✓ Organic pork meatballs served with BBQ sauce & rice



- ✓ Ricotta & spinach cannelloni served in a tomato sauce with a hunk of bread
- ✓ Banana cake

FRIDAY

- ✓ Vinegar infused tempura pollock fillet served with potato wedges
- ✓ Carrot & cream cheese whisks served with potato wedges
- ✓ Apple flapjack*

MENU WEEK 2

Week starting: 5 Nov | 26 Nov | 17 Dec
14 Jan | 4 Feb | 4 Mar | 25 Mar

'MEAT FREE' MONDAY

- ✓ Quorn lettuce slice served with malds potatoes

- ✓ Tagliatelle Neapolitan
- ✓ Ginger sponge

TUESDAY

- ✓ Great British organic pork sausages served with mashed potato & gravy



- ✓ Vegetable Biryani served with rice
- ✓ Cheese & biscuits with fresh fruit*

WEDNESDAY

- ✓ Roast British pork served with apple sauce, roast potatoes & gravy

- ✓ Roasted vegetable & cream cheese tart served with roast potatoes
- ✓ Fresh fruit platter served with crème fraîche*

THURSDAY

- ✓ Organic beef & pasta bolognese



- ✓ Quorn pasta pesto
- ✓ Oaty apple muffin

FRIDAY

- ✓ Wholesome crumb salmon fillet served with oven chips
- ✓ Vegan style chicken nuggets served with oven chips
- ✓ Chocolate sponge served with chocolate sauce**



MENU WEEK 3

Week starting: 12 Nov | 3 Dec | 27 Dec
21 Jan | 11 Feb | 11 Mar | 1 Apr

'MEAT FREE' MONDAY

- ✓ Homemade deep pan style cheese & tomato pizza (Base fortified with grated carrot & courgette)
- ✓ Jacket potato filled with boston beans

- ✓ Iced sponge

TUESDAY

- ✓ Organic minced beef pie topped with golden puff pastry & served with mashed potato & gravy



- ✓ Quorn & butternut squash curry served with rice
- ✓ Fruit yoghurt selection

WEDNESDAY

- ✓ Roast British gammon served with pineapple slice, roast potatoes & gravy

- ✓ Cauliflower cheese served with roast potatoes
- ✓ Jelly served with fresh fruit & crème fraîche*

THURSDAY

- ✓ Organic beef burger served in a high fibre bun with tomato sauce



- ✓ Veggie burger served in a high fibre bun with tomato sauce
- ✓ Apple & cinnamon cobbler* served with custard**



FRIDAY

- ✓ Pollock fish fingers served with country style potatoes
- ✓ Quorn sausage roll served with country style potatoes
- ✓ Chocolate cookie served with a glass of organic milk



SURREY

ALL DISHES SERVED WITH A SELECTION OF SEASONAL VEGETABLES

*Suitable for Vegetarian. **Desserts highlighted with an asterisk contain a minimum of 50% fruit. **Made with organic milk. Fruit or yoghurt is available daily as an alternative to the advertised pudding.



FROGS NEWS

A **HUGE** thank you to all parents, staff and supporters of **FROGS**. In the last year we have achieved an amazing net profit from all our events, which has helped to fund the newly turfed Middle Garden. Some of the other things we have funded this year include:

- Air-conditioning units for the upstairs classrooms
- Running vests for the sports department
- Christmas Crackers & Easter Eggs for the entire school



FROGS PROFITS



**Sept 2017 -
August 2018
£12,769.65!!!**



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We couldn't do this without all our amazing volunteers.
Want to help out?



Follow us and join in on Facebook: "FROGS Group"



**Don't forget to get your tickets
for the Halloween Discos Years
1-6 (1st Nov) & Halloween Party
for Reception & Nursery (2nd
Nov). Buy tickets online at
www.classlist.com**



Save the Date



**Christmas Fair - 1st
December 4-6pm**

*You are warmly invited to take part
in **Families Matter***



BOOST Sessions



Give your family's well-being a boost by attending **Families Matter BOOST**—a series of 4 sessions that looks at the ways we can nurture ourselves and invest in our family's emotional health.

We look at strategies and techniques that promote mindfulness and self-confidence for ourselves and our children.

Thursdays in November 2018

(8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th Nov)

12.30 - 2.30pm

St John's Church Hall

The Furrows, Walton-on-Thames KT12 3JQ

For more information and to book a place please contact:

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