

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been an incredibly action-packed week for our pupils, who continue to thoroughly enjoy their learning across the curriculum. I have seen some terrific learning taking place across the school, and the pupils' enthusiasm has really impressed me. For example, our year 1 pupils have really enjoyed using practical resources to build numbers and develop their understanding of place value.

Children have also been busy writing in many different genres and I have seen (and awarded stickers to) some truly outstanding writing. Our remaining year 6 pupils have been cooking up a storm this week, and I really enjoyed tasting their spaghetti bolognese, white chocolate biscuits and cupcakes. We definitely have some chefs in the making!

There have also been some fantastic wider opportunities for our pupils this week, with an art excellence workshop as well as a dodgeball competition. In fact, our dodgeball team finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their tournament – an excellent achievement. Also, we look forward to welcoming our year 6 pupils back from their residential. We hear that they have had a fantastic time and I'm sure they will return with smiling faces – if a little tired from all of their exertions.

In addition to our sportswear mufti day on 28 June, we are holding another general mufti day on 29 June and asking for a £1 donation to go toward some fantastic prizes for our Summer Fair. Thank you in advance for your support.

I would also like to thank everyone that has filled in the parent survey that I sent via email. If you haven't yet had a chance, please do fill it in as it will help to direct our future work. If you would prefer a paper copy, they can be found in the school office.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Tuck

### 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 2018

<b>26 Jun</b>	New Nursery Parent Welcome Meeting— 6.30pm
<b>28 Jun</b>	Sportswear Mufti Day
<b>29 Jun</b>	Mufti Day—£1 donation for Prizes re Fair
<b>30 Jun</b>	Summer Fair
<b>2 Jul</b>	Year 2 Pedals
<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>10 Jul</b>	Nursery Sports Day—11.00am & 2.00pm
<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>17 Jul</b>	Nursery Concert (am & pm) —11.00am
<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 Bears our learning had been focused on butterflies. We have talked lots about symmetry and have experimented with our own patterns on the computer and with paint. Our caterpillars have now moved to the next stage and we are watching the cocoons daily!

## RECEPTION

This week was all about learning to keep safe by the road and to cross the road safely. The children have really immersed themselves in this theme! They have made wonderful road safety posters, written instructions and used what they have learned in their play too!

## YEAR 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning how to write a letter to someone living in another country. They knew the letter had to start with 'Dear' and even asked some questions. In maths we have been consolidating our learning of place value by using the dienes. In P.E we have been practising for Sports Day.

## YEAR 2

This week we have been looking at how instructions are written to play games and to make paper objects, then we have been writing our own. We have also been looking at different strategies to complete addition and subtraction questions and have found out how to identify healthy and unhealthy plants.

## YEAR 3

In English this week Year 3 have been writing fabulous fables. We have recreated our own versions of The Tortoise and the Hare. We used subordinate clauses, adverbs, expanded noun phrases, speech, similes and fronted adverbials. We are so ready for Year 4!!

In maths we have been weighing and balancing scales. We have tried hard to convert grams to kilograms and vice versa. We would really benefit from practising this skill more at home.

In our foundation lessons we have been learning all about changes. We sorted changes into those we can't control and those we can. We realised we will be responsible for making sensible decisions when we get older. Our teachers are very impressed with how maturely we are learning about this subject.

## YEAR 4

Year 4 have worked hard on their maths, grammar and spelling tests this week and the children should be really proud of all the effort they put in for these. We tried our hand at some problem solving in Maths which the children really enjoyed. In English, we have written wonderful recounts of our Science Museum trip focusing on using fronted adverbials and subordinating conjunctions. Leopards had a really interesting trip to a Synagogue, which Panthers are looking forward to doing next week.

## YEAR 5

In maths, the children have solved various arithmetic and word problems and have conducted investigations to test some of the calculation strategies that they have learnt. They have also learnt about time. The children have written a persuasive letter this week, including exaggeration and superlatives, to try to persuade Mr Tuck to allow us to visit Chessington World of Adventures again. Hopefully the letters are persuasive enough so that he will allow us to go!

## YEAR 6

Year 6 have loved every adventure filled minute at Land and Wave!

# Year 4



14 children from year 4 visited Cleves School where they were taught the basic rules of Dodgeball and then split into teams to play against each other. There was high energy shown from both schools. It was great fun for the boys and girls and there were some closely fought matches too. Well done everyone for a fantastic afternoon.



## Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.9%	96.8%	95.1%	96.6%	98.3%	98.9%	98.2%

Well done to **Year 5** for the best year group attendance  
Well done to **Swans and Eagles** for the best class attendance **100%**

## Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95%	96%	95.9%	96.4%	96.6%	95.2%	96%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 95.9%

# CERTIFICATES



Class	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
Otters	Emma	Harley	Frankie
Squirrels	Sami	Gibson	Riley
Badgers	Darragh	Rosie	Evie
Flamingos	Isaac	Chloe	Grace
Swans	Ellen	Kacey	Laycee
Dolphins	Oscar	Rosie	Alan
Seals	Alessandro	Noor	Oliver J
Antelopes	Yosef	Danielle	Dylan
Giraffes	Lilia	Maram	Filip
Zebras	Megan	Cryony	Kiano
Leopards	Joshua	Lee	Armandas
Panthers	Alfie	James Pa	Mathew
Eagles	Jayden	Faye	Jake
Kestrels	Ethan	Sam	Molly



### PEN LICENCES

Oscar—Dolphins  
Finn—Dolphins  
Christopher—Giraffes

## WELL DONE EVERYONE



GROVELANDS SCHOOL'S FROGS



£2 PER ADULT  
KIDS GO FREE

# SUMMER FAIR

12-3pm

Saturday 30th June

BBQ • FACE PAINTING • RAFFLE  
BOUNCY CASTLES  
BEAT THE GOALIE • BAR • YUCKY DIP • GAMES

Grovelands  
Primary School

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**At St John's Church**

**1 The Furrows, Walton-on-Thames**

**13th—17th August 2018**

**10.00am-12.30pm Mon-Thurs**

**10.00am-1.30pm Friday**

**School Age only: Reception to Year 6**

*(Children starting Reception in September 2018 are not eligible to attend.)*

**For further information and general enquiries please contact  
Mandy at [mandy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:mandy@waltonparish.org.uk)**

**Closing date for bookings:- July 13th.**

Each day, the Guardians recover a lost story-treasure, representing a Bible story, in order to bring the light back to the city! The days will be filled with games, crafts and drama sketches. There will be singing and dancing and a mid morning snack time and on one of the days we will even have an ice-cream van .

The week is free of charge and all costs are met by the Church.



Walton-on-Thames  
**St Mary's and St John's**

You can book at <http://waltonparish.org.uk/holiday-club-2018/>

On line booking will require a signature from a parent/carer on the first day.

Or you can request a printable booking form by emailing [mandy@waltonparish.org.uk](mailto:mandy@waltonparish.org.uk) .

**Places are limited and will be confirmed by telephone.**

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9 - 12 years old



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July 23rd - 27th July

July 30th - 3rd August

August 6th - 10th August

August 13th - 17th August

Where: Oatlands Village, Weybridge, KT13

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