

Dear Parents and Carers

Today has been a great way to end a fantastic week with our NSPCC Numbers Day. The recent assemblies really prompted the children to think about what they can do if, for any reason, they do not feel safe. The NSPCC workouts completed today were great fun, as were all the mathematical challenges and puzzles!

Well done to the year 5 & 6 children who took part in the football festival at Cleves yesterday. The team played admirably and really enjoyed the event which was aimed towards teamwork and fun.

This week we have been focusing on sensible outdoor play and it's been a pleasure to see the children playing together so well when I've been out and about on playground duty. These outdoor breaks are an extremely important part of the day and further investment will be made towards purposeful play activities, encouraging high quality interactions and learning at playtimes.

Our Gardening Club has been extremely busy getting the school ready for Spring. The bulbs are just beginning to peep through and the Club are now ready to place their hanging baskets all around the school site. They have also done a great job of cutting back the herbs and shrubs in the middle garden, leaving it looking fresh and tidy!

Over the half term we are starting work on the school playing field, adding 100 tonnes of new topsoil before completely reseeding the area. The company undertaking the project will also manage and maintain the grass, keeping it in great condition throughout the year. This essential work will mean that, unfortunately, the field will be out of action for a while but it will be well worth it. The project has been possible due to the continued hard work and fundraising events held by FROGS and the support of all parents and carers who have given their time and money over the years, so a huge thank you to you all.

Finally, we are still looking at urgent solutions regarding the surface of the MUGA and busily collating ideas from our School Council for improving the trim trail space. We should be able to move forward with these projects very soon so watch this space!

Have a great weekend.

Mr Daniel Tuck
Headteacher



Diary Dates

- 11 Feb Nursery Tour for Sept 2020 intake (9.15am)
- 11 Feb YR4 Residential Meetings (3.00pm/6.00pm)
- 14 Feb Break for Half Term (3.00pm)
- 24 Feb Children return to school (8.45am)
- 28 Feb YR5 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 28 Feb YR3 Butser Ancient Farm
- 3 Mar Nursery Tour for Sept 2020 intake (9.15am)
- 6 Mar World Book Day (Dress as a book character)
- 10 Mar Parents Evening 1 (3:20pm - 5:30pm)
- 12 Mar Parents Evening 2 (3:30pm - 7:00pm)
- 16 Mar Scholastic Book Fair Week
- 18 Mar Year 4 Residential (leave at 9am)
- 18 Mar Nursery & YR1 Creature Courage Visit
- 19 Mar Year 4 Residential
- 19 Mar Voice In A Million Concert
- 20 Mar Year 4 Residential (return at 3pm)
- 26 Mar YR6 Body Worlds
- 27 Mar YR1 Class Assembly (9.00am)
- 3 Apr **INSET Day—School Closed**
- 6-17Apr **Easter Holidays**
- 20 Apr Children Return to school (8.45am)
- 21 Apr YR6 Residential Meetings (3.00pm/6.00pm)
- 22 Apr YR1 London's Burning Workshop
- 27 Apr YR2 Windsor Castle
- 27 Apr Surrey Music Festival (School Choir)
- 5 May Reception Bocketts Farm
- 7 May **INSET Day—School Closed**
- 8 May **Bank Holiday—School Closed**
- 11 May YR6 SATS week
- 20 May ISP Drop-in Session (3.15—4.45pm)
- 22 May Break for Half Term (3.00pm)
- 1 Jun Children return to school (8.345am)
- 10 Jun Dorking Halls Music Festival (School Choir)
- 15 Jun YR6 Land and Wave Residential starts
- 15 Jun 2020 Reception Parent Welcome Meeting (6.00pm)
- 16 Jun YR3 Parent Assembly (9.00am)
- 19 Jun YR6 Land and Wave Residential ends
- 22 Jun 2020 Nursery Parent Welcome Meeting (6.00pm)
- 30 Jun Reception Parent Assembly (9.00am)

Please note that dates are subject to change.

All the children looked amazing today in their numbered, patterned or shaped clothing—we even had Harry come to school as a Calculator!! There was a real buzz in the air as the children completed their various maths activities. Thank you all for your donations for this worthy charity — the mufti day totalled £335.00 which is fantastic! We still have the sponsorship monies to add up and will let you know this total in next week's newsletter. Please remember to bring in your monies and forms if you have not yet done so. **THANK YOU.**

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.2%	92.9%	96.5%	94.7%	97.8%	94.1%	92.8%

Well done to **Year 4** for the best year group attendance

Well done to **Panthers** for the best class attendance at **98.0%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2019

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.5%	92.5%	96.4%	95.2%	96.5%	94.4%	95.0%

Overall attendance percentage to date: **95%** - Target: **96%**

CERTIFICATES



<i>Class</i>	<i>Behaviour</i>	<i>Achievement</i>	<i>Writer of the Week</i>
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Otters	Maria	Alfie	Tilly
Squirrels	Vihaan	Sonny	Neveah
Flamingos	Zach	Licia-Mae	Jacob
Penguins	Erin	Dominik	Leon
Dolphins	Rosie	Seren	Rayen
Orcas	Kai	Isla	Sebastian
Seals	Sami	Denis	Archie
Giraffes	Vishayna	Ollie B	Rylee
Zebras	Melody	Niall	Caitlin
Leopards	Jacob R	Lily	Lucy
Panthers	Alan	Scarlett	Luke
Eagles	Thomas	Leeanna	Callum
Falcons	Emily	Kiano	James
Kestrels	James	Emily	Maram
Cobras	Tai-Maree	Harry	James
Pythons	Lee	Taheiya	Halima

WELL DONE EVERYONE

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week our learning in Bears has been based around the story 'The Gingerbread Man'. We've talked about the structure of the story and practised independently sequencing it. In maths we have been counting the buttons on the gingerbread man and matching a variety of patterns. We also introduced the children to the five senses and had a fun smelling activity for them to try. At the end of the week we enjoyed making our own gingerbread men, yum!

In Tigers this week our story was 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have learnt about the features of a fairy tale and used phrases such as 'once upon a time' and 'happily ever after' to tell the story. We have also enjoyed making and tasting porridge! We have investigated porridge oats in the Small World to feed the three bears and explored mixing it with the playdough. In maths, we have learnt about size. We compared and ordered lots of objects in the classroom. On Thursday we also enjoyed having a Teddy Bears picnic! We prepared everything ourselves including writing invitations and making sandwiches.

RECEPTION

This week we have based our learning on the story, 'Night monkey Day monkey' by Julia Donaldson. We have talked all about nocturnal animals and what we might see in the night time. In maths, we have investigated patterns and patterns of numbers.

YEAR 1

In English this week year 1 have been looking at rhyming words, identifying the odd one out and trying to find our own words that rhyme. We have read a variety of poems, choosing the ones we like and doing an amazing job of performing of them to the class.

In maths we have been learning about capacity and volume, describing whether a container is full, nearly full, half full, empty or nearly empty. We have also been measuring and comparing the capacity of different containers using non standard unit of measure and trying not to get too wet when filling them with water!

YEAR 2

In year two this week we have been learning what a half and a quarter is and using our halving and doubling knowledge to apply this to numbers. Did you know that you can find a quarter by halving and halving again? We have also realised that this relates to what we learned about division last term! In English we have really enjoyed watching some episodes of 'Morph' and designing our own dough characters which we will make and use in a story next week. We had great fun in science doing some exercise, noticing how our bodies changed and talking about why exercise is important in keeping us healthy.

YEAR 3

Year 3 this week have been busy writing up their 'Little Red Riding Hood' stories. In maths we have been learning about statistics and how to interpret data on a chart. We have looked at Andy Warhol in art and how to draw like him, and of course we have had so much fun today for number day creating art with shapes and baking cookies!

YEAR 4

In year 4 this week, the children have been finalising and publishing their narrative stories from Roman times. The children have focused on using the correct tense and starting their sentences with interesting fronted adverbials. In maths, the children have developed their knowledge of formal written methods of division and then have solved correspondence questions relating pictures to calculations. In computing, the children have used 'Scratch' to write their own quiz using simple programming language

YEAR 5

This week in year 5, we have been learning how to add fractions with different denominators. In English, we have been reading and retelling the myth of 'Theseus and the Minotaur'. In computing, we have been using Lego WeDo to construct different creations.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have smashed another round of mock exams. We are SO going to rock them in May!



YR5 & 6 Football Festival



By Cameron and Jake

Yesterday we left Grovelands at 2:30 and 3 year 6 footballers merged with 5 year 5's to play football at Cleres. For our first game we played Barkhill A and Jake came through with a great goal to win the game 1:0. Then we had a break to practise for our second game against St James. Cameron scored 3 goals and Lilia, Molly and Leo were solid at the back to win us the game 3:0. We had a rather break before we unfortunately lost to Cleres C 1:0. Next we went straight into another game this time against Cleres B. We went 1:0 down but didn't drop our heads and Jake played a nice ball to the Jake who's slot was saved and Cameron scored the rebound to equalise. Next we heard the announcement for us to take penalties. Cameron stepped up first and slotted it away easily. Then Max went on to score their first kick. Then on their third penalty Cleres scored to equal things up. The pressure was on. On the seventh penalty Max scored and then scored their next one to knock them out. Next we had our toughest game yet vs Cleres A. Lilia played a brilliant ball to Cameron who just missed. Then they scored to finish it off. We had lost 1:0 but it didn't matter as we all had fun.



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