

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of another busy week, full of exciting learning opportunities.

We have a new feature in our newsletter - an update on the weekly learning in each year group. We hope that this will give you an insight into the learning taking place each week.

We had a very special assembly yesterday where we thanked our outgoing FROGS committee; Tracey Bird, Cassandra Rock and Paulette McGahan, for all their hard work over the last two years. We are sure that you will agree they have done a huge amount for the school and our children (please see article and pictures within the newsletter). This was followed in the evening by the FROGS Christmas shopping event, which left us feeling very festive and gave us the chance to do a spot of Christmas shopping without the children!

Year 2 are very excited to be walking in the lantern parade tomorrow, displaying the beautiful lanterns they have made. This is always a very festive event which leaves us feeling like Christmas has really begun and we are sure that our children will, as ever, represent our school fantastically.

Year 6 played amazingly in their netball match against Cleves yesterday. We could really see how much the team have improved and they looked extremely smart in their new kit. We are sure a win is just around the corner for them. Well done girls!

We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend and enjoy any festive preparations. See you on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Chadda and Mrs Coleman

Dates for your Diary

2017 Autumn Term

28 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisations (R to Yr 4)
30 Nov	Seals Class Last Swimming Lesson
12 Dec	YR 3 & 4 Carol Concert—10.30am (St Mary's) YR 3 & 4 Carol Concert— 6.30pm (St Mary's)
13 Dec	YR 5 & 6 Carol Concert—10.30am (St Mary's) YR 5 & 6 Carol Concert— 6.30pm (St Mary's)
14 Dec	Reception Christmas Play—9.30am (parents/siblings) Reception Christmas Play—2.00pm (adults only)
15 Dec	YR 1 & 2 Christmas Play—9.30am (parents/siblings) YR 1 & 2 Christmas Play—2.00pm (adults only)
16 Dec	FROGS Christmas Fair— 12.00pm
20 Dec	Nursery Christmas Concert—11.00am Christmas Lunch
21 Dec	END OF TERM—2.00pm
4 Jan	Back to school

Insets	9th February 2018
	16th April 2018
	23rd July 2018

NB. Please note dates are subject to change.

Early Years = Nursery & Reception /
KS1 = Years 1 & 2 / KS2 = Years 3, 4, 5, 6

SCHOOL OFFICE OPENING HOURS MONDAY—FRIDAY 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

If you wish to report an absence please call 01932 227816 (selecting option 1) and leave a message. Calls must be made by 09:30 at the latest to safeguard our children.

Thank you

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.

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 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. 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.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

Message from the Chair of Governors

As you know from last week's Newsletter, Dominic Raab MP, complete with spotty tie, visited the school last Friday morning. From a governors' perspective the visit was very positive. Dominic had obviously read and thought about the letters that some parents had written to him earlier in the year and was keen to learn what was now happening at the school. Mrs Chadda, Mr Hodges and I were able to bring him up to date on the school's leadership situation; introduce him to some of the children, and ask for his support for a couple of issues on which we want Surrey County Council to take action. He readily agreed to do what he could to help. Dominic was also interested to hear about the various ways in which the school has been improving children's education this term and commented approvingly on the energy, enthusiasm and drive that he saw.

We also explained to him that governors are currently exploring what the best longer term leadership options for the school could be. Dominic was up to speed with all the very different possibilities for school leadership that exist nowadays and was keen to be kept in touch. We plan to share our thinking on future leadership and strategic direction with you in the next few weeks, following further governor research, discussion and decision making. Meanwhile, thank you to the staff and children who provided a warm welcome and gave a very positive impression.

Best wishes
Susan Foster—Chair of Governors

Following this positive meeting with Dominic Raab, Grovelands has made an appearance on his blog. Please see the link to read the article <http://dominicraab.com/2017/11/17/visiting-grovelands-school/>

TOMORROW'S FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Some of our children are representing the school in the Lantern Parade, which sets off from the Heart Plaza at 5.30p.m. The children worked really hard during their lantern workshop this week and we look forward to seeing them show off their fantastic creations.

If you are planning to attend the Festival, please come along and cheer on the school during the parade.

OUR DESIGN WINNERS

Thank you all for your fantastic anti-bullying poster designs. School Council had a very difficult task deciding on the winners. They worked together to judge, and voted when opinions were different, demonstrating many of our Grovelands' Values in their decision making process. After much deliberation we are pleased to announce the winners, who received their prizes in assembly today.

The winners are:

- 1st Place Oliver—Swans (KS1)
Mariam—Cobras (KS2)
- 2nd Place Jacob – Swans (KS1)
Isis – Eagles (KS2)
- 3rd Place Laila – Dolphins (KS1)
Melad – Kestrels (KS2)

Well done to the above winners (pictured) and runners-up and a thank you to everyone for the fantastic entries



Thank you **FROGS!**

We would all like to say a very, very, very big THANK YOU to Tracy Bird, Cassandra Rock and Paulette McGahan for all their hard work and dedication raising funds for our School

Tracy, Cassandra and Paulette came into school on Thursday to officially open our new Nursery playground which FROGS helped to fund. This was followed by a special assembly where the children got to thank them personally for all the amazing things they have organized and funded on the school's behalf.



Reception Inter-House Competition!

Reception took part in their first very exciting Inter-House sporting afternoon. The children enjoyed working together as a team and supporting each other throughout the different activities. These activities included a relay race, a scatter bean bag game and throwing bean bags accurately into a hoop. The joint winning teams were Sycamore and Yew. Well done to all of the children who took part. All of the Reception staff were very proud of how well the children participated during the afternoon.



IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK...

NURSERY

This week has been very exciting in Bear class, aliens came to visit us and left us a present! We wrote thank you letters and have been doing lots of fun alien counting and art work based on the story Aliens Love Underpants.

RECEPTION

This week in phonics reception have learnt v, w, x, and y. We have also introduced two new tricky words 'no' and 'go'. We had fun labelling classroom objects. Some children decided to label the teachers! On Wednesday we went on a shape hunt to help us to recognise and describe 2D shapes.

YEAR 1

Maths – we have been learning to find half
English – We have been writing our own instructions using bossy verbs to make a potion.
Science - We have been looking at animals we can find in the school woodland environment and the wider environment.

YEAR 2

This week Year Two have been coming up with lots of ideas and using their plans to write their own version of the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. In Science we have been talking about personal hygiene, learning how to wash our hands properly and using glitter to demonstrate how easily germs can be spread. In Maths we have been learning about fractions of shapes and adding fractions to make a whole.

YEAR 3

In English we have been learning about the Trojan Horse and writing our own versions focusing on language and structure. In Maths we have been subtracting using the formal column method and applying this to various word problems and reasoning questions. In Science we have been discussing translucent, transparent and opaque and experimenting with different materials and torches.

YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 have been practising their place value skills by using negative numbers and rounding. In English, we have been learning about the features of explanation texts and what kind of language to include. We also carried on our learning from last week's anti-bullying week, by considering what we can do if we witness someone being bullied.

YEAR 5

In Maths this week we have been learning how to calculate the perimeter and area of regular, irregular and compound shapes. In English we have been writing a non-chronological report about life as an Astronaut in space, looking at their living conditions and how they survive. The classes have also been reading Northern Lights by Philip Pulman, learning about structures of paragraphs.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been preparing to write newspaper articles by holding a press conference as characters from our class novel, *Goodnight Mr Tom*. Our focus in maths has been problem solving using fractions, decimals and percentages. Finally, our science learning has centred around evolution, and group activities simulating natural selection.

Attendance last week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.9%	97.8%	94.4%	97.4%	96.6%	95.7%	96.4%

Well done to **Year 1** for the best year group attendance
Well done to **Pythons** for the best class attendance **97.9%**

Year Group Attendance from beginning of September 2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.1%	97.1%	96.6%	97.1%	97%	96%	96.2%

Overall attendance percentage to date: 96.6%
Target: 96%

CERTIFICATES

Class	Achievement	Behaviour	Writer of the Week
Flamingos	Grace	Grace	Charlie
Swans	Gergely	Ella	Ellen
Dolphins	Ruby	Alan	Scarlett
Seals	Jackson	Oliver J	Jayden
Antelopes	Caitlin	Yosef	Kia
Giraffes	Helena	Rhys	Lily
Zebras	Dylan	Curtis	Callum
Leopards	Tilly-Mae	Kitty	Elisse
Panthers	Zane	Anastasiia	Kumial
Eagles	Chloe	Yosef	Ollie
Kestrels	Kara	Ellen	Ethan
Cobras	Hannah	Alex	Angus
Pythons	Natalja	Molly	Bradley



Pen Licences

Danny—Cobras
Owen—Cobras
Holly—Cobras
Alex—Cobras



Grammar Wizards

Luke—Pythons
Siddanth—Pythons

WELL DONE EVERYONE



15 min walk from Walton Station

Free Parking:
Cowey Sale, Walton Wharf, Highfield Road

Paid Parking:
The Heart, Homebase, Drewitts Courts, Manor Road,
Ashley Park

2017 Committee

The Festival of Light Committee 2017 consisted of: Collis Andrews, Tracey Blandford, Andy Brown, Joanna Gordon, Andy Hodge, Gail Hoskins, Mark Middleton, Melvyn Mills & Danny O'Sullivan. A big 'Thank You' to them all for volunteering their time!

Walton's Christmas Festival of Light



Saturday 25th November 2017
9:30-19:30

Lantern parade, Santa's Giving Grotto, kids rides, Christmas lights switch-on, live entertainment, all day market, Radio Wey!

Bring the whole family to enjoy all the fun all day in Walton-on-Thames (map on back)



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HEART PLAZA*

- 11:30 Theatre Works
- 12:00 Westward School Choir
- 12:30 Singing Rock Club
- 13:00 Ashley School Choir
- 13:30 Walton & Weybridge Amateur Operatic Society
- 14:00 Walton WildCats/Carlo Rossi School of Dance
- 14:30 Dramatize
- 15:00 Outside the Box
- 15:30 Bell Farm School Choir
- 16:00 Raise the Curtain
- 16:30 Walton Voices
- 17:30 Lantern Parade
- 18:00 Christmas Light Switch On
- 18:10 Carol Harvey sings Streisand & Friends

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BEST DRESSED CHRISTMAS WINDOW

In 2016 we introduced the Sarah-Jane Shellard Award for the Best Dressed Christmas window, and we're running the free-to-enter competition again this year. All info on WoTTA.co.uk. Please join in and help make this Christmas one to remember.

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HISTORY OF THE FESTIVAL

The Festival was first held in 2005, organised by Sarah-Jane Shellard of the Walton Business Group and The Heart. After Sarah's untimely death in 2014 Walton had a year without the Festival. Last year WoTTA volunteers took over, the Festival fitting perfectly with their aim to make Walton a better place to live and work. It was a great success and so WoTTA are back in charge this year!

HIGH STREET ACTIVITIES*

All day market - 9:30-19:30

- 12:30 Westward School Choir
- 13:00 Elmbridge Youth Theatre
- 13:30 Resolution Dance Company
- 14:00 Dramatize
- 14:30 Happy Dance
- 15:00 Walton WildCats/Carlo Rossi School of Dance
- 15:30 Raise the Curtain
- 16:00 Outside The Box
- 16:30 Jafuso Blue
- 17:30 Lantern Parade
- 18:00 Christmas Light Switch On
- 18:00-19:30 Jafuso Blue

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SANTA'S GIVING GROTTTO

After such a great turnout last year, we're bringing back Santa's Giving Grotto! Give the gift of giving this Christmas! Come to Santa's Grotto in the High Street market and give Santa a new present for an elderly person, wrapped or unwrapped. Then tell him what you're hoping for! Walton Charity will distribute the gifts in time for Christmas.

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Walton's Christmas Festival of Light 2017 also kindly supported by:

