



Friday 16th June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the last half term of the year. It feels like it has flown by. As always, the school has been a hive of activity with trips out, successful charity events and plenty of practise for the sports days that are coming up. The Local Authority regularly moderate schools to check their teacher assessments are accurate. Both Year 2 and Year 6 were externally moderated this week for writing and Year 2 were also moderated for reading and mathematics. The moderators were very pleased with our judgements which have now been agreed. We are extremely proud of this achievement and congratulate everyone involved. I hope you can all come to enjoy sports day with the children next week.

### EYFS

The children have loved the 'Under the Sea' theme this week – it has been perfect with the hot weather as we have turned the sandpit into a beach, we have been making bubble blowers, making mermaid shows with tickets and posters, fishing for toys, singing sea songs and all sorts of watery activities outside. The homework artwork creations were super and the classrooms look lovely - we couldn't believe how many creative ideas you all came up with. We are going to continue with the 'Under the Sea' topic next week, using the book 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson as inspiration. We will also be exploring doubling and halving in maths. If you have any seashells we could use, we would be very grateful.



### KS1

Year 1 have had a particularly sporty two weeks. We visited the Edge for an athletics morning and the children's skills in throwing, jumping and sprinting were enhanced by the excellent support of the Woolmer Hill students running the event. They all did extremely well in the Race 4 Life and were (quite rightly) very proud of their medals. PE lessons have consisted of preparation for the upcoming Sports Day. Today we helped the children to release any worries or anxieties they may have by letting their feelings float away in a helium balloon. Year 2 are enjoying their new topic of the seaside and this week have been learning all about seaside holidays of the past. Their work on statistics has been explored through making and analysing bar graphs and pictograms. Spelling still continues to be our main focus for improvement at the moment, and we appreciate any work you can do at home to support this. A general reminder to all to please make sure every child has a sun hat at school and is wearing sunscreen.

### LKS2

The great British weather can never be planned for and so it proved on the morning of the LKS2 trip to the Devil's Punch Bowl last week. Kitted out for the rain, we set off up the hill to Hindhead for a walk that was shortened due to the conditions. However, that did not stop the children enjoying themselves, finding out about the legends associated with the Punch Bowl, the tragic

story of an unknown sailor's murder and how the landscape has changed since the tunnel was opened in 2011. If possible, on a sunnier day, it would be great if you could take your children down into the Punch Bowl so that they can experience the whole landscape. Many thanks to all the parents and carers who helped with the trip. Back in class, both year groups have been looking at the wonderful illustrated guides to the Lakeland Fells written by Alfred Wainwright. They are now starting to work on their own guides which will be in the style of Wainwright but about the Punch Bowl and Hindhead Common. In Maths, Year 3 have been revisiting time, multiplication and addition. Year 4 have revisited Roman numerals whilst also problem solving in maths. They were set the Winnie the Pooh bench problem to find out how many different ways Pooh and his friends Tigger, Eeyore and Piglet could sit on a bench. Having now learned about factorials, can anyone meet the challenge of finding how many ways a whole class of thirty children can sit on an extra-long bench?



## UKS2

It's been another productive fortnight, full of learning, in years 5 and 6. Both classes thoroughly enjoyed their visits to Wisley in which they cemented their learning in the classroom about the different biomes that exist and the creatures that live in them. Both classes really enjoyed taking part in Race 4 Life with the children running over 2km. Year 5 have developed writing about explanation texts and pieces of writing about the stunt cyclist Danny Macaskill. On a cycling theme the children have also really enjoyed doing Bikeability this work – learning about how to be safe on the roads when cycling. Year 6 are looking forward to starting their Business Enterprise soon and in maths have become businessmen and women by starting their own theme parks on the moon; from which they needed to calculate various costs, incomes and profits. It culminated in the children doing a Dragon's Den style pitch to the teacher for extra investment!

## COMPUTING, DT AND COOKERY

Year 2 cookery club finished with a yummy chocolate mousse and cookies and Year 1 cookery club began this week with delicious jammy buns. Switzerland class filled an edible seashell with healthy, fishy salad this week in their DT Food & Nutrition lesson. Early Years have been busy learning about algorithms by programming themselves and Beebots with directions.



## RACE 4 LIFE

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June our school completed a Race 4 Life, for Cancer Research. Children had to run different distances around our field to complete the task. Distances varied from year 1 running 1 lap of the field to year 6 running 1.5 miles. Every child in the school completed this with us, raising an amazing **£2,700.00** plus a £500 gift aid. You can still donate at [www.justgiving.com/stbartsrace4life](http://www.justgiving.com/stbartsrace4life)  
Well done to everyone who took part and thank you all for your generous support.



## SCHOOL TIES AND DEODORANT

School ties are optional for the second half of the summer term, however they should be worn at occasions where the school is being represented or formal. Children in years 3-6 can wear deodorant, but they must be roll-ons and should be kept in their PE bags.

## TRIP AND LUNCH PAYMENTS – SCHOOL BANKING

To help improve the administration of trips and school lunches, we would be grateful if payments could be made using the on school online payment, SCO Pay. The online system ensures that you are able to keep track of payments you have made, and it lessens the possibility of cheques and cash going astray. A reminder of your log on details can be provided if required.

The forthcoming closure of local banking services will also mean that we are not able to bank cash and cheques as easily, and therefore we would request that payments are made online if at all possible. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

## LUNCH MONEY

**This terms payments are now due, please ensure payments are made as soon as possible. School lunches now cost £2.20 per day, or £11.00 per week.** If you require a lunch for your child, please advise the school office by 9.30am on the day. If your child brings a packed lunch when they normally have a school lunch, please also let the office know: the kitchen cooks the number of meals advised to them each morning, and therefore you will be charged if we do not know that a lunch was not required. School lunches should be paid for using the online system, or by cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or cash.

First half term - £ 59.40

Second half term - £ 77.00

Total for Summer term - £136.40

(Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a universal free school meal, pupil lunches from year 3 onwards should be paid for unless you qualify for free school meals).

Yours faithfully,

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