



Friday 2nd February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been asked by lots of you to send out a picture of my lovely daughter, Aurora, who was born on New Year's Day. I brought her into meet the children and staff on Monday 22nd January and you can see a picture of her in our Monday morning Worship session to the left (below). On the right is a closeup of Daddy and baby which was taken on my birthday when she was about 47 hours old. Mummy and baby are both doing really well and we are all adjusting to new sleeping patterns!



BEHAVIOUR BADGES

I would like to remind you that behaviour badges are issued to children for every 25 days of good behaviour at school. The badges are part of our Behaviour policy and children are expected to wear them as school uniform once they have been awarded. Please support our policy by ensuring your children look after their badges and wear them to school each day.

EYFS

Our topic this week of the Three Little Pigs has been very successful in helping the children to practise the skills of investigation, exploration and asking questions. They have learnt all about stable structures by making houses that can't be blown down, with small bricks, and have worked hard outside to make large houses of bricks, sticks and straw. We have seen great progress in their writing, with many of them now beginning to write simple sentences independently, sounding out words as they write. In maths they have been adding, and attempting to write their own number sentences. We were delighted to welcome Dr Jennings (William's Dad) who told us all about his job as a doctor.

Next week we have decided to ask the children to tell us what their favourite fairy tale is, so that they can get really involved in planning activities. The homework will support this and if you could possibly have it ready to hand in on Monday that would be very helpful.



KS1

Year 1 have continued studying the story *The Day the Crayons Quit* this week. They have learnt to write their own stories and make their own books. Next week, the design technology task will be to further this learning by making pop-up books of the story. In maths they have learnt to count up and back to 40 and beyond, and have been practising adding 1 more and 1 less. The science activity this week and next has been making a cloud in a jar, which the children have loved. Next week we will be investigating length and height in maths. The RE topic is looking at events from Jesus' life and in computing the children will be practising changing font in Word.

Year 2 have really enjoyed using the story of the *Gingerbread Man* as their stimulus this week.

They have made story maps and changed the story to make their own versions. To tie in with the science investigation topic of floating and sinking they have designed and made their own boats, with varying degrees of success! Maths has been making amounts using coins and next week we will be learning to give change. This has been a challenging concept, so we would appreciate your support in helping the children to handle money and pay at shops this weekend if possible. Next week the children will be baking their own gingerbread men to finish off the topic.



LKS2

In LKS2, year 3 have been describing settings and characters in fairy tales in preparation for writing their own fairy tales. This week they have been retelling the story of *Little Red Riding Hood* from the wolf's perspective, showing a different side to the story. In maths, they are learning the grid method of multiplication and are multiplying larger numbers with confidence. They will be starting division next week and understanding it as the inverse of multiplication. Practising this at home would be a great help. Year 4 are starting to write their own fairy tales and next week will begin to make pop-up books to publish them in. In maths, they have been learning measures with a focus on time this week. This is something that you can really help them with at home, either in helping your child become fully secure in reading analogue and digital time or, where your child can read time, in calculating time intervals, talking about how long something lasts or has lasted eg. a television programme. Yesterday, Year 4 took part in a Dodgeball tournament at the Edge. They played in mixed teams which gave them the opportunity to meet children from other schools. In the afternoon, they had great fun in science learning about pitch by playing nursery rhyme tunes on their homemade instruments. There were all sorts of instruments, from carrot recorders to drums made from car tyres. Thank you for all your help with this project.



UKS2

It's been another very busy week in years 5 and 6. The children in both year groups have completed their unit of work on letter writing. Year 5 did so by writing letters of admiration to people that they respect. Year 6 took a slightly different route and wrote persuasive letters to politicians and people in power about an issue that they are interested in. One child has already received a reply from Jeremy Hunt MP about the amount of litter that can be seen on the roads in Surrey. In maths, year 5 have developed their fluency and have applied their reasoning to solve problems involving the four operators: addition, subtraction, division and multiplication. In Year 6 the children have investigated angles in a range of polygons and have learnt to translate, rotate and reflect shapes on a grid. In science, year 5 have continued their space studies by investigating the rotation of the Earth, the orbit of the Moon around the Earth and the Earth's orbit around the Sun. Our science in year 6 has been closer to home with a study of the circulatory system and researching the relationship between the heart, lungs, veins and arteries. We have now, for homework, started a journal to monitor our diet, sleep and exercise. In art, both year groups have also really enjoyed finding out about Claude Monet and have produced their own pictures based on the artistic style of impressionism, focusing on our interpretations of Monet's famous water lilies.

COOKERY

Year 4 cookery club prepared delicious nachos this week to celebrate upcoming sporting events, whilst in Year the children have been discovering that healthy breakfasts can be fun by recently making porridge for Goldilocks with a rainbow of fresh fruit, yummy muffins and colourful smoothies.



PARENTS EVENING...CLUBS CANCELLED

Please note that due to parents evenings next week, all clubs are cancelled on Wednesday and Thursday apart from SCL Dodgeball. Koosa Club will be based in the Library and Multi Purpose Room.

GODALMING COLLEGE CLUBS

Please note that the football and rugby clubs run by Godalming College will not be running on Monday, as the students are out on work experience.

MESSAGES & COLLECTIONS

Please could we remind parents that where ever possible, appointments should be made outside of school hours. Any messages regarding changes to pickup should be advised to the school office by lunchtime, as we cannot guarantee that it can be delivered later in the afternoon.

BACK PACKS

The pre-ordered back packs have been handed out to children today. **PLEASE** ensure that your child's bag is named before they come to school on Monday morning.

HASLEMERE FOOD BANK

Please see below the current requests from Haslemere Food Bank, along with thanks for the donations already received from St Bartholomew's. There is a collection box in the reception area if you wish to donate. They currently require (all non perishables please):-

Tinned spaghetti/pasta
Tinned potatoes
Tinned peas & carrots

Tinned custard
Drinking chocolate
Small packets of sugar

Shampoo

No other items are required at present. Thank you for your continued support.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

School lunches now cost £2.25 per day, or £11.25 per week. If you require a lunch for your child, please advise the school office by 9.30am on the day. School lunches should be paid for using the online system, or by cheque (payable to Surrey County Council) or cash. **Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible.** (Pupils in Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 qualify for a universal free school meal and therefore payment is not required).

First half term - £ 56.25

Second half term - £ 65.25

Total for Spring term - £121.50

Please ensure that you have made your payments for the autumn term if you have not done so already.

The Surrey Commercial Services menu for this term is attached for you to look at with your child. If you wish to order a vegetarian meal or take the option of a jacket potato, please log into your SCOpay account and make your choice. **Please note jacket potatoes are not available on Wednesdays.** If you have not chosen one of the options, your child will receive the main option meal. Should you require a reminder of your SCOpay login, please contact the office. A reminder that if your child is having a "one-off" meal, you should inform the school office by 9.30am in order for the correct numbers to be sent to the kitchen.

Yours faithfully,

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