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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2024, WEEK 1

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Parking on all 3 sites

A polite reminder that parents MUST take care when driving and parking on all three of our sites. We had a near miss on the road outside our Middle Site this week where a child was almost hit by a car. We also had another incident where a parent had parked directly over a local resident's driveway that then prohibited an ambulance from gaining access to their house.

Both of these examples are unacceptable and I am appealing to you all to please drive and park safely and sensibly around our school.

Remembrance Service on the Junior Site

On Monday 11th November at 11.00am the Junior Site will hold our annual Remembrance Service. This is a short pause in the day where House Captains present wreaths and we hear the Ode to Remembrance. Parents are invited to come along.

Weekly attendance: w/c 4th November 2024

Well done to Year 1 for reaching 'The Golden Goal' for the highest attendance and also to Year 3 for no lates this week!

Year group	Lates	Attendance
Reception	7	94.85%
Year 1	2	99.22%
Year 2	6	96.26%
Year 3	0	98.72%
Year 4	4	97.15%
Year 5	4	98.89%
Year 6	4	96.21%
Whole School	27	97.37%

OTHER NEWS

Odd socks day

In celebration of Friendship Week, we are inviting the children to come to school wearing odd, colourful socks on Tuesday 12th November to celebrate what makes them unique.

Children in Need

Next Friday 15th November, we will be joining the nation celebrating and participating in BBC Children in Need.

We are inviting the children to wear a spotty or yellow item in addition to their normal school uniform. If possible, we are also asking for a small donation to this charity. Here is Children in Need's mission statement:

BBC Children in Need believes that every child should have the chance to thrive and be the best they can be. For this to happen, we want every child to have someone they can turn to for help or support to overcome challenges they face.

Please find below a QR code for simple and stress-free donations (this will also be printed out at every site on the day).

Thank you all for your continued support.



Soft Start at the Junior Site

From Monday 11th November, children will come straight into their classrooms from the gate without getting into line first. This should hopefully ease some congestion in the corridors and lead to a more settled start for the children with the potential of a little more learning time! There will be no change to the gate opening time or registration which will remain 9am.

Children should just go straight to their classroom in the morning.

Junior Site Library Support

We are looking for an adult to support issuing books to Year 5 children on Wednesdays from 2.00pm -3.30pm. Please let the Junior Site Office know if you are able to help.

Messy Church – Friday 29th November

Messy Church is back! Please find attached to this newsletter a flyer outlining details of an Advent themed Messy Church session that is taking place on Friday 29th November at St Mary's Church in Twickenham.

Children in Reception to Year 3 are welcome (plus older siblings) and refreshments will be provided from 3pm. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.

Christmas Carol Singalong – Friday 29th November

A reminder that our Christmas Carol Singalong takes place on the middle site on Friday 29th November from 5pm until 7pm. Tickets are still available for this festive, family event that will also help raise funds for the school. Adult tickets are £8 (with a glass of mulled wine included) and children are £2 (with a glass of juice included).

Payment for tickets can be made via your Tucasi account. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds for this event. If you purchase tickets and are no longer able to attend, you will need to sell your tickets on.

Please see the ParentMail sent on 17th October for full details or contact the office for further information.

Flu vaccination programme

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness in children. The flu vaccine will help protect your child and others in your family who might be at greater risk.

Most children had their nasal spray flu vaccine at school on Monday 21st October but if you missed this and would still like your child to participate, details of walk-in clinics are below:

Saturday 16 November 09:30 – 12:30
Southborough School Clinic, KT6 5AS

Saturday 14 December, 09:30 – 12:30
Sheen Lane Clinic, SW14 8LP

For more information visit the [NHS website](#) and [CYPCIS website](#).

Update on YouTube Parental Controls

YouTube is expanding its existing set of parental controls with a new feature that allows parents/carers to link their account to their child's. Once linked, parents/carers will be alerted to their child's activity, including the number of uploads, subscriptions and comments. They will also receive email notifications about new uploads and livestreams.

YouTube will begin rolling out this new experience to parents/carers over the new few weeks via the new 'Family Centre Hub' (found in the app).

Weekly School Social Media Posts

Reception had a visit from the very scary Gruffalo this week who travelled from the deep, dark woods to share his story and sing a song that describes himself. They were happy to hear he doesn't eat children! Reports are he's been seen in Willow Wood since...



FINALLY

Prayer

Dear God. Thank you for the education you provide and the school dinners I receive. I am also grateful for such kind teachers and friends so I can have a good life. Please let me not get in trouble and help me get smarter every day. Please let everyone in the world have an even better life if they need help. Amen.

Samaira S, 5KG

Diary dates: reminders

November - Parent Teacher Consultations

- 6KG Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th
November 4 – 7pm
- Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th
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Please note that school will finish one hour earlier on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th November only.

Monday 11th November

Reception cake sale (Infant Site)
11am – Remembrance Service (Junior Site)

Tuesday 12th November

Odd socks day

Friday 15th November

Children in Need (whole school)
Year 4 cake sale (Junior Site)
Quiz and curry night (Middle Site)

Saturday 30th November

Santa Stroll (Junior Site)

Saturday 7th December

FoSM Christmas Fete (Middle Site)

Monday 16th December

2pm and 6:30pm - Junior Carol Service
(years 4 - 6 at St Mary's Church). *Please note that all junior site children are expected to attend.*

Your sincerely



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