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Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful time in school this week celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day. The Hobgoblin Theatre Company visited on Monday to launch the beginning of our exciting week of events and the children thoroughly enjoyed their fairy tale production. Thank you for the donations that you have sent in to cover the cost of this performance. If you have yet to make a contribution, it is not too late! Donations of £3 will still be gratefully received by bank transfer or cash sent in via your child's class teacher. We were incredibly impressed with the children's fairy tale themed costumes and it was lovely to see Little Red Riding Hood happily playing and learning alongside the Big Bad Wolf! Highlights of the week will be shared with you all within the next couple of weeks.

Your child will be bringing home a World Book Day Token in their book bag today which is valid until 27th March 2022. It can be exchanged for one of the specially selected books that are available in certain book stores or as £1 off any full price book.

Updated Covid-19 guidance

As you will be aware, last week the Government announced its plans for [Living with Covid](#) which included removing the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. "Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days." (DfE update to education settings).

Surrey County Council has provided the following key messages from the Government's announcement:

- Pupils and staff should attend school if they are well.
- Pupils and staff should stay at home if they are unwell – schools should refuse entry to those that are symptomatic or unwell.
- Have a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms and stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you test positive for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance (tests will remain available until the end of March 2022).
- Wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where coming into contact with people you do not usually meet and when rates of transmission are high.
- Wash your hands and follow advice to "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".

If your child has Covid symptoms:

Please book a PCR test <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> and inform the school office. Covid-19 symptoms are: a new continuous cough, a high temperature, a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child's test is positive:

It is recommended that your child should now isolate for at least 5 full days. The day symptoms started (or the day of the positive test if there are no symptoms) is day 0. Take a LFD test on the morning of day 5. If negative on the mornings of days 5 and 6, your child may return to school on day 6. Your child will need to have 2 x negative LFD tests taken 24 hours apart. If the tests continue to be positive, your child may return to school after 10 full days of isolation, regardless of what the test is showing.

If your child's test is negative:

If your child is well enough, they can return to school.

INSET Day Reminder

A reminder that school will be closed for staff training on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022

In addition, school will also be closed for the early May Bank Holiday which is on **Monday 2nd May 2022**.

Comic Relief



This year we will be raising money for Comic Relief on **Friday 18th March**. We would like to invite the children to come into school dressed in their choice of home clothes, including something red wherever possible, in exchange for a suggested donation of £1. We would also like the children to learn a joke to share with their class!

For hygiene reasons, we ask that the children do not wear or bring red noses to school and we kindly ask that you do not send your child into school with coloured hair or wearing face paint. Clothing and footwear should be appropriate for a school day, including for PE where applicable, and must be warm enough for outdoor activities and playtimes.

Parent Interviews – Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th March

As previously advised, the Spring term parent interviews will take place after school on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March (later appointments will be available on Wednesday 23rd). These will be face to face appointments with your child's class teacher and will take place in the classrooms.

You will be able to book your appointment online using the Parents Evening application within your ParentMail Account or through the ParentMail App which is kindly funded by the PTA. Please note, you will need to be registered on ParentMail to be able to book an appointment – if you haven't yet registered, please contact the school office. Bookings will be open from **7.00pm on Monday 14th March** and you should receive an invitation to book parents' evening which will appear as a notification in your feed or menu. You will then be able to select a date and time that is convenient to you. If you need help you can visit the ParentMail help site: www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/ and click on 'Applications' and then 'Parent Evening Manager.'

Please note that bookings will close on Sunday 20th March. If you are unable to book your parents' evening appointment online, please contact the school office.

Each appointment will be for 10 minutes only, so if you feel that you will need longer, please see the class teacher concerned to make alternative arrangements. Due to the limited number of time slots available, there will be one appointment allocated per child; we are unable to offer multiple appointments. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

PTA Smarties Challenge

We were very impressed with the children's creations for the PTA's Smarties challenge which can be seen in the attached photos. You will have received an email from the PTA with details of the winners and parents will be contacted with regard to their children's prizes. Well done to everyone and thank you for supporting our PTA who work hard to provide a variety of fundraising events for the school.



Easter Bonnet Parade

Following the success of last year's Easter bonnet parade, we would like to run the event again this year on Friday 1st April for all the children to enjoy. We would like to invite the children to make an Easter themed hat or head dress at home which they can bring in on 1st April for the parade. Further information will follow shortly.

Year 2 Gardening Club – volunteers needed

We would be very grateful if any parents, or grandparents, would be interested in helping with our Year 2 gardening club which takes place on a Tuesday lunchtime from 12.00 to 1.15pm. This would enable more children to take part each week, especially as this is such a busy time of year in the garden. Mrs Dalford (Bursar), Mrs Andrew (a past parent) and the children have worked incredibly hard to create a lovely garden area outside the Year 2 classrooms and the children take great pride in planting and maintaining their garden.



Please contact the school office for further information. As with all parent helpers, an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check is required for this role.

Crisis in the Ukraine

Our thoughts are with the families caught up in the current conflict in Ukraine. The general advice from professionals is to limit the amount of information that is shared with children under the age of 7. Therefore we will not be explicitly talking about the events, unless a child initiates a discussion. Staff have received information about how best to respond to any questions that children may have. If you would like to contribute financially to the relief efforts, you may wish to use the following links: [Disasters Emergency Committee Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal](#) & [Red Cross Ukraine Crisis Appeal](#).

Poppy Appeal 2021

We have recently received a message from The Royal British Legion to thank us for collecting £195.06 for their 2021 Poppy Appeal. We would like to thank you very much for your generous donations.

Determination of Surrey's admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2023

The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2023 admission have now been determined and we have been asked to share this information with you. Full details of the arrangements are available on the school admissions pages of Surrey County Council's website under 'Admission arrangements and outcomes' - www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

As part of the determination the following changes have been applied:

1. Hurst Park Primary School - Removal of priority for children who have the school as their 'nearest school'
2. Langshott Primary School - Removal of priority for children who have the school as their 'nearest school'

3. Meath Green Infant School - Removal of priority for children who have the school as their 'nearest school'
4. Tillingbourne Junior School - Removal of priority for children who have the school as their 'nearest school'
5. Wallace Fields Junior School - Removal of priority for children who have the school as their 'nearest school'
6. Walton on the Hill Primary School – Introduction of a catchment area to replace priority on the basis of 'nearest school'
7. Reigate Priory School – amendment of the measuring point to be used to assess home to school distance when prioritising applicants on the basis of distance
8. West Ashted Primary School – reduction in published admission number for Year 3 from 30 to 2
9. Leatherhead Trinity Primary School – introduction of a published admission number for Year 3 of 4
10. Felbridge Primary School – introduction of a published admission number for Year 3 of 2
11. All community and voluntary controlled nurseries and nursery schools – introduction of priority for children of staff
12. All community and voluntary controlled schools – introduction of a supplementary information form for children applying on the basis of social/medical need

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these admission arrangements are unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred by 15 May 2022 and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator website.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend. Fingers crossed for some brighter, spring weather!

Kind regards,



Mrs L. Chivers
Headteacher

Diary Dates

Monday	14 th March 2022	Parents' Evening bookings open at 7.00pm on ParentMail
Wednesday & Thursday	23 rd & 24 th March 2022	Parents' Evening – later appointments available on Wednesday 23 rd
Friday	1 st April 2022	Easter bonnet parade in school. End of Spring term at 2.00pm – please note early closure. PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school.
Tuesday	19th April 2022	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Wednesday	20 th April 2022	Start of Summer term
Monday	2nd May 2022	Bank Holiday – school closed
Friday	27th May 2022	INSET Day – school closed for staff training
Monday – Friday	30 th May to 3 rd June 2022	Half term
Friday	8 th July 2022	Sports Morning – 9.30am to approx. 11.00am
Friday	22 nd July 2022	End of summer term at 2.00pm – please note early closure