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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new autumn term. It was lovely to see you and your children yesterday after the summer break. We hope you have all had a lovely summer and that you are feeling refreshed, and a very warm welcome to all our new families in Rabbit, Fox and Badger Classes. We hope you will be very happy in our school and look forward to getting to know you and your children.

This term, we have some exciting new initiatives involving sport, music and Forest School.

Sports Provision

As part of our new initiative to further promote sport in our school during curriculum time, each term we are planning to have a specific focus:

- Autumn term - tennis
- Spring term - football
- Summer term - cricket

Churt Tennis Club

This term, we are delighted to be able to use the tennis court facilities at Churt Tennis Club for our PE lessons for Yrs 1 and 2. A coach, who is recognised through the Lawn Tennis Association, will lead the sessions and will be supported by the teachers and teaching assistants. More details will follow shortly.

Music

From the start of the autumn term, peripatetic music lessons in piano/singing will be offered to Yr 2 children on Friday afternoons during curriculum time. A letter will be going home to Badger Class parents next week providing more information, including how you can apply for and pay for these lessons. Please see more information below about the music teacher, Mrs Holly Cowan:

I have been employed as a music teacher by Surrey Arts for the past 14 years and have taught music at Waverley Abbey and South Farnham for the past ten. I now solely concentrate on teaching piano and singing lessons at these schools and am there four days a week.

I will be at St John's on Friday afternoons from approximately 1-3pm, and will be offering 20 minute individual piano or singing lessons, as well as group (up to 3 children) singing lessons.

Choir

Children will also have the opportunity to join our new school choir led by Mrs Holly Cowan. More details will follow next week.

Forest School

This year Forest School will take place every week in each class. A timetable has been organised so that half of the class will take part in Forest School for one half of the term and then the other group will swap. Children who will take part in Forest School in the second half of the autumn term will be focusing on key skills in literacy and maths with the class teacher. We are very excited that we have had the opportunity to extend the children's outdoor learning and look forward to Mrs Wills, our Forest School Leader, working with us.

After School Clubs

Information about clubs will follow next week, with the majority of clubs starting week commencing Monday, 17 September.

School Vacancies

Midday Supervisor

We are still looking for someone to help and support the children during lunchtimes on a Friday for an hour. This would be a paid role in which you would join our lovely and happy team.

After School Club (Hedgehog Club)

We are looking for someone who can run Hedgehog Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2.45pm until 5.15pm.

If you are interested in either of the above roles, please contact me via the school office and more information can be provided.

Topic Webs

The curriculum coverage for each class will be uploaded on our school website on Monday. From next week, staff will provide weekly information, including photographs about the children's learning in their classes and will provide ideas to support your children.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

These meetings will take place for parents whose children are in Yrs 2 and 1. During these meetings, the class teacher will be able to explain the routines and expectations for the school year, discuss the curriculum and answer any questions that you may have.

- Yr 2 Tuesday, 18 September at 2.40pm
- Yr 1 Wednesday, 19 September at 2.40pm

New Reading Books

We are so pleased to be able to let you know that we have added a further £2,000 worth of new fiction and non-fiction independent and guided reading books to our school library. Over the next few days and months you will see your children bringing home these books to read and we hope that you will be able to enjoy them together. Many of the books provide questions and prompts to ask your children after reading the text. This is a very important part of developing the children's comprehension skills and we hope you will find them helpful.

Macmillan's World's Biggest Coffee Morning - Friday, 28 September from 9.30-11.00am

On Friday, 28 September, Yr 2 and Mrs Bartley are going to host a coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan. The children will be inviting you, friends, relatives and people in our local community to come along to this event in our school hall. Please pass this information to as many people as you can and Yr 2 will look forward to hosting you. Watch this space for more news about the event from the children.

Farnham Festival

As some of you may recall, children from Yrs 1 and 2 were lucky enough to sing with other local schools at a concert held at The Farnham Maltings as part of the Farnham Festival last March. We are very excited to be involved again next year and, as part of the preparations for the event, there is a musical fundraiser - "A Performance in a Day", being held at The Medici Theatre, Weydon School on Saturday, 15 September. There are lots of opportunities to sing or be part of the audience! I am sure the Festival Committee would appreciate your support to raise funds to stage the Festival for 2019, and further details can be found at the end of this newsletter.

In the meantime, I hope your children will have had a great start to the new term and I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes
Gillian Morris

Dates Box:

Thurs, 6 Sept	8.30am	First day of Autumn Term
Tues, 11 Sept	2.30pm	Volunteer Helpers Meeting - school hall - all welcome
Tues, 18 Sept	2.40pm	Meet the Teacher Meeting - Yr 2 - school hall
Wed, 19 Sept	2.40pm	Meet the Teacher Meeting - Yr 1 - school hall
Fri, 28 Sept	9.30 - 11.00am	Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning
Tues, 2 Oct	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Day
Wed, 10 Oct	1.30 - 2.30pm	Open Day
Wed, 17 Oct	9.30 - 11.30am	Open Day
Fri, 19 Oct	End of half-term - school finishes at normal time of 3.00pm	
Mon, 29 Oct	First day of 2nd $\frac{1}{2}$ Autumn Term	
Tues, 30 Oct	1.30 - 2.30pm	Open Day

Farnham Festival - as mentioned above, further details for this fundraising performance can be found on the poster, opposite.

HMS PINAFORE & Trial by Jury



A performance in a day

Come And Sing OR Come And See
 15th September The Medici Theatre @ Weydon School
 Performance Starts At 7pm, TICKETS £10

Performers tickets £15, cast rehearsals start at 1pm.

A charity fundraiser for the Farnham Festival 

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