

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems impossible that we are almost approaching the start of our Christmas celebrations. We have the much anticipated Infant Christmas Production of 2022 'Whoops-a-daisy' Angel on Tuesday 13th December at 1:30pm. This year the performance will be at St. Peter's Church in Chertsey and we are very grateful to them for inviting us.

Thursday 8th December is a very busy festive day in school - We have two performances of our Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert in the school hall, as well as celebrating Christmas Jumper Day. On Wednesday 14th December we have our Christmas lunch and Pantomime.

On Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th December FOSS will be running their very successful Gift Stall 'Elfridges', during school hours. Santa will also be visiting the children again this year, however due to his very busy schedule a date for this is still to be confirmed. Once again, the children will receive a free gift as a thank you to all parents from FOSS for your help and contributions.

I would like to say a very big thank you to FOSS for organising these events, and in particular, Mrs Jodie Flynn who has worked tirelessly as FOSS Chairman, organising events and fundraising for the children of Stepgates Community School. I am sad to announce that Mrs Flynn will be stepping down as Chairman but will remain on the Committee and, I am sure, will continue to share her invaluable experience.

SWIMMING POOL PROJECT FINAL STAGE

Fabulous news! I am delighted to announce planning permission has been granted for an enclosure to cover our new outdoor pool; this will facilitate year round swimming for all of our children, children from other local schools and local community clubs and associations. Fundraising to build a permanent structure will continue and I will keep you updated with regard to progress.

REMINDER - INSET DAY MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022

Don't forget school will be closed on Monday, 5th December for an INSET Day.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Ladybirds and Hawks Classes for the best attendance in the last two weeks.

	7th-11th November	21st-25th November
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.0%	89.5%
Ladybirds	95.9%	85.6%
Butterflies	95.0%	95.0%
Grasshoppers	95.3%	80.0%
Falcons	91.2%	94.9%
Hawks	85.5%	95.5%
Owls	90.6%	90.3%
Kites	92.7%	87.4%

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- ◆ Ellie Jeffries - Star of the Week Gymnastic Certificates
- ◆ Jayden Painter, Elliemay Scott and mum, Sarah Scott - National Judo Competition
- ◆ Mia Wick - Brownie Badge, Saving the World
- ◆ Lily Scantlin - Gymnast of the Month Trophy
- ◆ Alannah Brough - Took part in a Dance Show in Windsor & Dance Competition Certificate
- ◆ Erin Boulton - Dance Competition Certificate
- ◆ Adewonuola Osiyemi - Took part in a Dance Show in Windsor
- ◆ Isla-Rose Stewart - Star of the Week, Gymnastics

Thank you for sharing your success with the children at our Whole School Assembly.

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Well done to the following children who have been presented with Headteacher Awards:

- * Alfie Selway
- * Jayden Painter x 2
- * Chanel Dias x 2
- * Tyler Clark
- * Thom Jacobs-Adams

FALCONS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 18th November Falcons Class performed their class assembly. This focused on our Stone Age topic.

After a lot of practice we performed in front of our parents and the whole school. We all dressed in Stone Age clothes and masks, and shared what we have learnt about our topic.

As a grand finale, we sang 'We will rock you'.... Very loudly!!

We have all enjoyed learning about the Stone Age.

Thank you to everyone who came to see our assembly

GRASSHOPPERS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 11th November, Grasshoppers Class lead their first assembly of the year, all about Remembrance Day!

We had a wonderful time together in preparation, learning about the four different poppies used at this time to remember those fallen in the war; red, black, white and purple.

Grasshoppers Class learnt a special song called 'A wish for peace' as part of the assembly - we really enjoyed speaking aloud and reading our lines to our audience.

We can't wait for the next one!

CHILDREN IN NEED MUFTI DAY



Thank you to all parents for supporting our Rainbow Themed Mufti on Friday 18th November. We raised a total of £176.70 for this very worthy cause.

Thank you for your generosity.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Kites Evacuee Day

Kites took a trip back in time on Friday 18th November, to 1st September, 1939. We arrived in school dressed as evacuees and took our seats at what looked like quite a different classroom. Mrs Brough was very different too – she was very strict!

After assembly, we prepared our name labels and gas masks and made our way to Waterloo Train Station (the playground). Here, we boarded the train and made a long and exhausting journey to a village in the countryside. Once we had arrived, we were met by the Billeting Officer, who directed us to the village hall (the school hall). All of the adults in Year 6 were in role and came along to select the children they would take into their homes as part of the evacuation. Some of us stayed on a farm, where we were looked after by one of the Land girls, others went to stay at the Manor house and the rest of the children were looked after by the baker's wife. After this, we got to know our 'host families' and did some chores!

Throughout the day we got to experience what it would have been like for the evacuees. We wrote postcards home to our parents, sung Wartime songs and played card games. Later in the day, we got to see what food was rationed and how little this was (with real food!) We were also very lucky to have a visit from Daniel's mum, who very kindly came in to show us her Grandad's war medals from when he was a Desert Rat!

We had a great day!



A Big **THANK YOU**

Stepgates Community School
for your Harvest donation of 70.15kg to
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Is your child starting school in September 2023?

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place between 31st October 2022 and 15th January 2023.

Apply online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

FOOTBALL MATCH REPORTS

Girl's Knockout Cup Game V Cobham Free School Monday 14th November 2022

On Monday, 14th November the girls played a match against Cobham Free School. We had a strong start, with a sneaky goal from Bells in the first ten minutes. Amelia then scored another, with an amazing assist from Olivia. During the second half, Lola did some amazing saves, but sadly, the other team managed to score three goals, making the final score 3 – 2 to them.

The player of the match was Aleesha with her amazing defending. Sophie did some amazing tackles and throws. Kerenza held strong in defence. Rosie was a great support from the sidelines.

We would like to thank everyone who came along to support us.

Mrs Brough and Mr Williams are incredibly proud of the girls. They have made a fantastic start to the season as a new team.

Year 6 Boys Football Tournament at Royal Holloway Thursday 11th November 2022

On Thursday 10th November, Stepgates boy's team (from Years 4 – 6) played a tournament at Royal Holloway. We were all really excited and ready for this. There were fifteen schools and we played four of them in our group. This was just the first round, where we played Groveland's, where we won 1 - 0, Ongar Place, where we won 1 - 0, St Charles Borromeo, which we won again 1 - 0. We lost our last game 2 - 0 to Burhill, but were still the winners of our group.

Going through to the next round, we played Manorcroft, where we were 1 - 0 down until Prince scored. The game went to extra time, followed by penalties, which we won 4 - 3, thanks to some awesome saves by Subhan!

We then played Ongar again in the semi-final and we stayed at 0 - 0 the whole game. It went to extra time and penalties again, which we won 5 - 4.

Making it through to the final, we were up against Ashley School. We all played really well, but sadly lost 2 - 0.

Everyone really enjoyed it and we were thrilled to get through to the final.

Thank you to everyone who came to support us.

Players of the match: Subhan and Owen.

Written by: Subhan, Olly and Harrison.

INSET DAY

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WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2022
FOR AN INSET DAY**



BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all parents/carers who supported the Book Fair.

We raised a fantastic £525.00,
50% of which will go towards books
for the children.

DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - AUTUMN TERM 2022

Mon 28th Nov to Fri 2nd Dec	Christmas toy and book donations for Salvation Army Christmas Gift Appeal
Tuesday 29th November	FOSS Bag2School Collection
Saturday 3rd December	Chertsey Goose Fair
Monday 5th December	INSET Day - School Closed
Tuesday 6th December	FOSS 'Elfridges' Stall
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day FOSS 'Elfridges' Stall Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert (<i>Please see letter dated 23.11.22 for further information / timings</i>)
Tuesday 13th December	Infant Christmas Production (<i>Please see letter dated 15.11.22 for further information / ticket arrangements</i>)
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch followed by Pantomime
Friday 16th December	Last day of Autumn Term - Children finish at 1pm
Mon 19th Dec to Mon 2nd Jan 2023	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2023

Tuesday 3rd January	INSET Day - School closed
Wednesday 4th January	Children return to school
Friday 10th February	Children finish at normal time for half term
Monday 13th to Friday 17th February	Half Term
Monday 20th February	Children return to school
Wed 8th to Fri 10th March	Year 4 Residential trip to Henley Fort
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April	Easter holidays

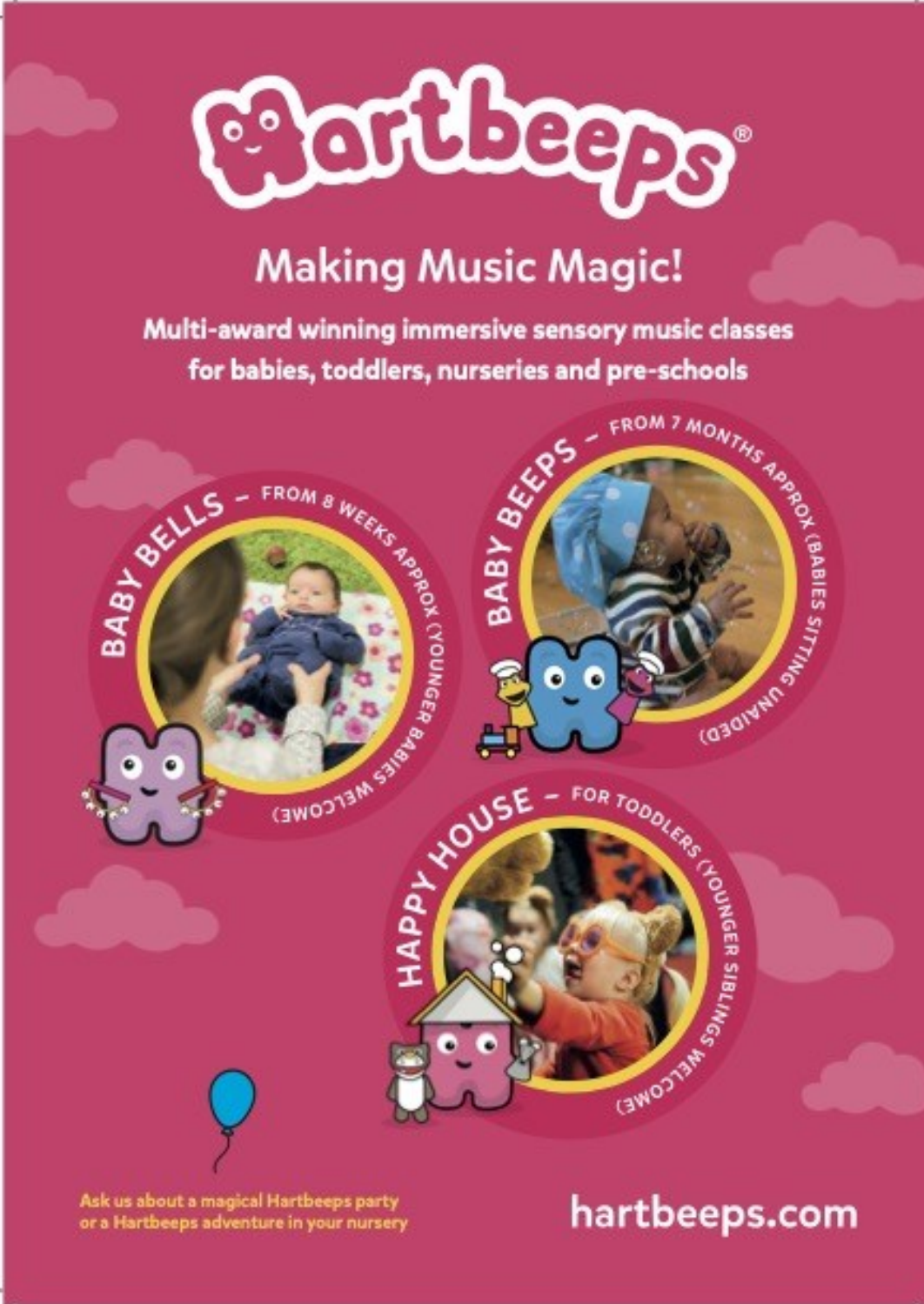
Summer Term 2023

Monday 17th April	Children return to school
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Friday 26th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June	Half Term
Monday 5th June	Children return to school
Monday 12th June	INSET Day - School closed
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

ADVERTISEMENTS

We are regularly asked if we can advertise a variety of external clubs, in the form of flyers/posters etc. The following page(s) contain advertisement requests we have received from external clubs.

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