

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe we are almost half way through the Spring Term. It has been a busy time in school and the children have enjoyed lots of exciting learning opportunities, with many more planned for the second half of Spring Term.

STEPGATES SHINING STARS

This term we have selected our 'Stepgates Shining Stars' for English with a focus on reading. The children are working with Mrs Thompson on an exciting project involving the Reading Shed. Congratulations to the following children who are wearing their stars with pride:

Adam Purkiss	Falcons Class
Ellie Jeffries	Falcons Class
Isla Woodward	Hawks Class
Tristan Naberezhnykh	Hawks Class
Amelia Isaac	Owls Class
Alannah Brough	Owls Class
Daniel Hollis	Kites Class
Aleesha Ahmed	Kites Class

LATENESS

I have seen an increase in the number of children arriving late to school and, whilst it may only be two or three minutes, the constant stream of late children is very disruptive to the learning of others. Therefore, I thought it would be a good opportunity to remind parents/carers of my expectations regarding punctuality.

It is expected that children will arrive at school on time. Did you know that being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school over the year. Lateness is just as serious as non-attendance and could also lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice. The start of the school day is an important time for children to develop their social skills with their peers, as well as preparing them for their learning. We start teaching at 8.50am and 'late' children miss out on vital skills such as phonics and/or basic number work. In cases of persistent late arrival to school, school will liaise with the parents/carers to identify reasons for the persistent lateness and provide appropriate support and guidance. The matter may be referred to the Inclusion Officer for investigation.

As this will be the last issue of Headlines this half term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a restful half term break.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

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

	16th-20th January	23rd-27th January
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.9%	91.5%
Ladybirds	93.4%	87.5%
Butterflies	98.1%	90.3%
Grasshoppers	94.1%	84.4%
Falcons	97.9%	96.7%
Hawks	97.0%	97.3%
Owls	94.6%	91.8%
Kites	89.4%	92.1%

PROUD CORNER



WELL DONE TO:



- ◆ Olivia Larson - Cheerleading Medal
- ◆ Alannah Brough - Ballet Trophy & Certificate
- ◆ Erin Boulton - Musical Theatre Certificate & Trophy
- ◆ Ellie Jeffries - Dance Competition Certificate & Trophy
- ◆ Leksiy Arslan - Dance Competition Certificate & Trophy
- ◆ Onur Arslan - Dance Competition Certificate & Trophy
- ◆ Oscar Woodward - Dance Competition Certificate
- ◆ Edward Howson - Badge and Swimming Certificate
- ◆ Aaron Cavaco - Acro Exam Certificate
- ◆ Adewonuola Osiyemi - Acro & Ballet Exam Certificate

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 Jackson
- * Ollly Boulton
- * Aleesha Ahmed
- * Lukas Sandamavicius
- * Sean-Paul Selway
- * Ruby Devonshire
- * Archie Long

LADYBIRDS CLASS

Ladybirds have been busy creating their own bird food mixture with bird seed, porridge, and fat.

The bird food will be hung in the wildlife areas around the school.



PROUD CORNER



ROBINS CLASS

On Tuesday 10th January we went on a Robins trip to NESCOL College, to take part in a Panathlon Challenge. Mrs Muller, Miss Biggs, Mrs Stoker and all the children in Robins went. We left school at 9am to get on the mini-bus to drive to NESCOL. When we arrived, we were given our area and put into two teams.

Once all the schools had arrived we listened to the coach who told us about how the morning would go. We then went to our first activity. The activities included Skittles, Basketball, Bean Bag Throwing, Curling, and Target Throwing. We all had different favourite activities.

After all the activities were finished we got together in a big group to see how each team did. Our team came 4th out of the six teams and we each got a medal.

Although we felt nervous, we all had a fun time.



Football Match Report

Stepgates V St. Paul's

On Wednesday 25th January, the girls football team played a friendly against St. Paul's. It was their first match and they played really well. They managed to score a goal in the first half. In the second half, Amelia scored a hat-trick and Bells scored a goal making us win 4 - 1. The player of the match was Bells.

By Aleesha

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

FALCONS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 20th January Falcons Class performed their class assembly. This went really well with the children sharing their facts about our class author - Roald Dahl. The children have been learning all about his fascinating life and the many many books he wrote from his shed! As a class we practised 'The Crocodile' poem so we could read it out in the assembly, also we have been reading the BFG in our English lessons and making our own dream jars.

The children have enjoyed the topic so much they have been bringing in all their Roald Dahl books - such as Matilda and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to read at school.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Falcons Team

OWLS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 27th January, Owls Class performed their second class assembly of the school year.

The theme for the assembly was Chinese New Year, which fell on 22nd January. The children in Owls presented lots of information about the customs, traditions and festivities.

They performed a mini-play, The Great Race, a legend which is based around the 12 animal years of the Chinese calendar.

This year is the 'Year of the Rabbit'.

The children did a fantastic job, learning lots of lines and information and the team of adults in Owls Class were super proud of them all!

Owls Team

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH



Johann Pachelbel

(Baptised 1 September 1653 – Buried 9 March 1706)

Johann Pachelbel was a German composer, organist, and teacher who brought the south German organ schools to their peak. He composed a large body of sacred and secular music, and his contributions to the development of the chorale prelude and fugue have earned him a place among the most important composers of the middle Baroque era.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



The Great Wave off Kanagawa
by Katsushika Hokusai

Katshushika Hokusai

(c. 31 October 1760 – 10 May 1849),

Known simply as Hokusai.

Hokusai was a Japanese artist, ukiyo-e painter and printmaker of the Edo period. Born in Edo (now Tokyo), Hokusai is best known as author of the woodblock print series *Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji* which includes the internationally iconic print,

The Great Wave off Kanagawa.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child in September 2023?

We are now commencing the admission process for our Sunbeams Nursery for September 2023.

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021

If your child is under three years of age, we offer EITHER five morning sessions (9:00am to 12:00 noon) OR five afternoon sessions (12:30pm to 3:30pm). You may choose less than five sessions but we would recommend you choose at least two sessions per week.

For eligible parents we offer four 'Free Early Education for Two year olds' (FEET) places, for which a copy letter proving eligibility from Surrey County Council needs to be provided to secure this place.
(For eligibility please see: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/childcare-professionals/providing-free-early-education/providing-free-early-education-for-two-year-olds#>)

If your child was born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020

We offer 15 hour funded places on a two and a half day split; either Monday full day, Tuesday full day and Wednesday morning OR Wednesday afternoon, Thursday full day and Friday full day.

For eligible parents we offer 30 hour free childcare places, for which a code from HMRC needs to be provided to secure this place.
(For eligibility please see <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>)

For further information and/or an Application Form, please contact:

Mrs M Fernandez
Business Manager
Telephone: 01932 563022
Email: admin@stepgates.surrey.sch.uk

WORLD BOOK DAY THURSDAY 2ND MARCH



We will be celebrating World Book Day on
Thursday 2nd March.

This will be a Mufti Day. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring a copy of the book to school to share with the class.

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
2 MARCH 2023

DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - SPRING TERM 2023

Wednesday 8th February	Year 1 (Butterflies) Trip to Milestones Museum
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
Saturday 25th February	FOSS Table Top Sale, St Peter's Church - 9:30-11:30am
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day Year 5 (Owls) Trip to Chertsey Museum
Wed 8th to Fri 10th March	Year 4 (Hawks) Residential Trip to Henley Fort
Monday 13th March	FOSS Mother's Day Stall - <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 14th March	Parent-Teacher Consultation Meetings - <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Wednesday 15th March	FOSS Mother's Day Stall - <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Thursday 30th March	FOSS Easter Disco - <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April	Easter holidays

Summer Term 2023

**DURING MAY ASSESSMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE
NO AUTHORISED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING THIS TIME**

Monday 17th April	Children return to school
Thursday 20th April	Whole School Trip - Years R to 6 to Windsor Castle
Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday to celebrate the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III - School closed
Tues 9th - Fri 12th May	SATs Week
Tuesday 9th May	Book Fair this week
Thursday 25 th May	Class Photos
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
Mon 5th - Fri 9th June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential trip
Monday 12th June	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 27th June	Secondary Induction Day) (Please check with individual school for further details)
Wednesday 28th June	Secondary Induction Day)
Thursday 6th July	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

TABLE TOP



SATURDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2023

ST PETER'S CHURCH, CHERTSEY, KT16 8AT

9:30AM - 11:30AM

SECOND HAND TABLE TOP SALE | REFRESHMENTS | SECOND HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM

**50p
ENTRY**

Don't forget to join FOSS (Friends of Step-gates School) for their Table Top Sale on Saturday, 25th February at St Peter's Church, Chertsey.
Please see above for further details.

