

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a busy start to this half term. Our Year 6 children have had a wonderful time on their residential trip to the Isle of Wight this week and a huge amount of time and energy is going into preparations for our FOSS Summer Fair on Friday 23rd June. The Summer Fair will be open to the public from 3:00-5:30pm; pick up from school will be normal time, after which we hope you can join us on the Stepgates field. All parents, carers and friends are warmly invited to attend these events, to help us in raising funds to support the 'extras' that make a difference for our children in school.

I am delighted to announce that the Mayor of Runnymede for 2023-24, Cllr Saise-Marshall, will also be attending our Summer Fair this year.

MUFTI DAY - FRIDAY 16TH JUNE

Friday, 16th June is a Mufti Day in school. If you are able to send in a bottle donation (Glass or plastic bottle, no cartons please) to support the Tombola Stall at the Summer Fair this would be very gratefully received. I would, once again, like to thank all parents/carers for your continued support and generosity.

STAFFING

I am sad to announce that Miss Whitfield (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us at the end of this month. Miss Whitfield has been part of the Stepgates team since September 2014. Whilst we are very sad to be losing Miss Whitfield, we are delighted that she has secured a new, very exciting, role and would like to congratulate her on this wonderful opportunity.

Miss Whitfield is a highly valued member of staff and will be greatly missed by staff and children. We wish her well for the future.

BIG SPLASH WEEK

We are very excited about our Big Splash Week again this year, which is planned for the week beginning 3rd July. The children will experience a full week of fun activities, including sponsored swimming for Years 1 - 6 and the creation of a 'River of Coins' (please send in your loose change) - all in an effort to raise money towards an enclosure for our swimming pool.

CELEBRATION OF WORK OPEN EVENING

You are warmly invited to our Open Evening on Thursday 13th July between 3:30-5:00pm, when you will have an opportunity to discuss your child's report, see some of the work the children have completed this year, as well as saying 'Goodbye' to this year's teacher and 'Hello' to their new teachers.

REMINDER

School will be closed on Monday 12th June for an INSET Day.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

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

	15th-19th May	22nd-26th May
WHOLE SCHOOL	92.8%	92.8%
Ladybirds	96.8%	96.1%
Butterflies	97.8%	90.9%
Grasshoppers	97.5%	91.9%
Falcons	97.0%	89.7%
Hawks	95.5%	96.1%
Owls	92.4%	89.7%
Kites	92.9%	89.4%

PROUD CORNER

WELL DONE TO:

- ◆ Clay H, Year 1 - Football Trophy
- ◆ Stanley F, Year 4 - Football Trophy
- ◆ Adam D S, Year 4 - Football Trophy
- ◆ Oscar W, Year 3 - Dance Certificate
- ◆ Bella L, Year 4 - Level 1 Ice Skating Certificate
- ◆ Oliver B, Year 4 - Cricket Medal
- ◆ Max P, Year 2 - Football Tournament
- ◆ Ellie J, Year 3 - Star of the Week & Gymnastics Certificate / Anniversary Dance Show
- ◆ Onur A, Year 3 - Anniversary Dance Show
- ◆ Leksiy A, Year 5 - Anniversary Dance Certificate
- ◆ Kyffin C, Year 4 - Player of the Match Medal & Football Tournament Medal
- ◆ Dexter S, Year 1 - Sports Camp Football Certificate
- ◆ Alfie J, Year 3 - Kickboxing Red Belt and Certificate
- ◆ Sebbie H, Year 2 - Sports Camp Medals x 5

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:

- * Tyler C - Year 2
- * Alfie H (2 awards) - Year 1
- * Alannah B - Year 5
- * Khalisa R - Year 1
- * Callum W - Year 4
- * Max K - Year 3
- * Edward H - Year 4

SHINING STARS: PE (WITH AN ATHLETICS FOCUS)

This term we have selected our 'Stepgates Shining Stars' for PE, with an athletics focus. Congratulations to the following children who have been selected based on their performance in PE lessons, focusing on their athletic ability. They have already been training after school on Mondays for District Sports, where they have been working on: ball throw, long jump, sprint, 600m and relay.

We wish them all the best in the District Sports Competition.

	BOYS	GIRLS
Year 3	Alfie J Reggie D-I Ezra N-F Jude C	Ellie J Anabella C Adewonuola O Evie R
Year 4	Wisdom O John E Oliver B Freddie C James F	Daphne C-P Lily-Louise B Bella B Maggie M
Year 5	Owen J Oliver W Prince O Charley M Arthur M-B	Sophie N Malena B Mika I Ava G Erin B
Year 6	Harrison M Subhan K Olly B Charlie C James C	Arabella M Amelia W Aleesha A Lola B Shylah J

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

LADYBIRDS CLASS ASSEMBLY

For our Ladybirds assembly we chose a chick theme as it was the chicks last day with us.

Each child read a chick fact, then we performed the 'Spring chicken' song and danced a routine to 'Green, green grass'.

We even wore our customised chick crowns with our yellow T-shirts.

It was brilliant!



HAWKS CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Friday 19th May, Hawks class had their class assembly, which was all about the Romans. It only took us a few days to learn the order and gather all of the props that we needed. We enjoyed making our own props like shields and swords using paper, cardboard and colouring pencils. It was also cool that we got to act as Roman Soldiers.

Overall, the assembly went very well. The acting was good and people also enjoyed the Roman numeral song at the end.

We are very thankful to all of the adults for their support and for our grown ups for coming to watch us.

By John E (Year 4)

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH

ABBA

(Active from: 1972)



ABBA are a Swedish pop group formed in Stockholm in 1972 by Agnetha Fältskog, Björn Ulvaeus, Benny Andersson, and Anni-Frid Lyngstad. The group's name is an acronym of the first letters of their first names arranged as a palindrome.

One of the most popular and successful musical groups of all time, they became one of the best-selling music acts in the history of popular music, topping the charts worldwide from 1974 to 1983, and in 2021.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

WILLIAM MORRIS

(24 March 1834 – 3 October 1896)



William Morris was a British textile designer, poet, artist, fantasy writer, architectural conservationist, printer, translator and socialist activist associated with the British Arts and Crafts Movement. He was a major contributor to the revival of traditional British textile arts and methods of production.

He was the son of a wealthy business man. Who was originally going to become a priest but decided to devote his life to art instead. His career in designing started when he decorated his own house in London.

He is very famous for his wallpaper designs. He created some beautiful designs, the likes of which had never been used before. In fact, wallpaper before his day was quite plain.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Value we are learning about this half term is.....



Integrity



INSET DAY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023
FOR AN INSET DAY**



**Come to school in your
favourite casual clothes**
In exchange (and if you are able), please
bring a bottle* donation for the Tombola
stall at our Summer Fair

*Glass or plastic bottle, no cartons please



**50p
ENTRY**

School Sports Field, Free Prae Road, Chertsey
All welcome (including non-Stepgates families!)



DATES - 2022/2023

UPCOMING EVENTS - SUMMER TERM 2023

Monday 12th June	INSET Day - School closed
Tuesday 13th June	Year 6 to Guildford Cathedral
Tues 13th & Wed 14th June	Father's Day Gift Stall (<i>During school hours</i>)
Friday 16th June	Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 16th June	Mufti Day - Bottle Donations for Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fair (<i>Glass or plastic bottles please, no cartons</i>)
Thursday 22nd June	Year 3 (Falcons) trip to Haslemere Museum
Friday 23rd June	FOSS Summer Fair
Tuesday 27th June	Secondary Induction Day - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Wednesday 28th June	Secondary Induction Day - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Thursday 29th June	Sports Day (Weather permitting)
Monday 3rd-Friday 7th July	Big Splash Week
Thursday 6th July	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 7th July	Butterflies Class Assembly 9:05am
Saturday 8th July	Black Cherry Fair
Monday 10th July	Year 6 Production
Thursday 13th July	3:30-5pm - Parents Celebration of Work Opening Evening
Friday 14th July	Grasshoppers Class Assembly 9:05am
Friday 21st July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

DATES - 2023/2024

Friday 1st September 2023 - INSET Day - School closed

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 - Children in Years 1-6 start school

Friday 20th October 2023 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Mon 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023)

Monday 30th October 2023 - Children return to school

Monday 4th December 2023 - INSET Day - School closed

Friday 15th December 2023 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm

(Christmas holidays - Mon 18th December 2023 to Mon 1st January 2024)

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 - Children return to school

Friday 9th February 2024 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Mon 12th February to Fri 16th February 2024)

Monday 19th February 2024 - Children return to school

Thursday 28th March 2024 - Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm

(Easter holidays - Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024)

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 - Children return to school

Monday 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday - School closed

Friday 24th May 2024 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May 2024)

Monday 3rd June 2024 - Children return to school

Monday 10th June 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

Friday 19th July 2024 - Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

Monday 22nd July 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 4th December 2023

Monday 10th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024