

Headlines

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new term, it doesn't seem possible it's the Summer term already. I hope you all had a very enjoyable holiday. We have a very busy term ahead with many exciting activities arranged, including Sports Day on Friday 24th May (weather permitting) and Whole School Art Exhibition on Friday 5th July. (Further details regarding both events will follow in due course). Our wonderful FOSS Team are already in the process of organising their very popular Summer Fair on Friday 21st June.

We are also very excited to watch the progress of our building project; demolition of the old 'Horsa Hut' is complete. We are now looking forward to the installation of the new Centre.

We are almost in May with SATs tests for Year 6 starting the week beginning Monday 13th May. Year 2 will also be sitting their SATs tests during May and assessments will be taking place in all year groups. PLEASE make sure your child is in school every day so they do not miss any preparation work or tests. Years 2 and 6 are ready and raring to go with their SATs tests!! They have worked very hard with all the staff and we wish them 'Good Luck' - we know they will all do their very best and we will be proud of their achievements.

SAFEGUARDING

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents/carers of their responsibility regarding collecting their children on time at the end of the school day. It is upsetting for the children involved to be left waiting at the end of the day, feeling unsure as to the whereabouts of their parent/carer. Whilst I understand there are occasions when this can be unavoidable, it is imperative you contact the school office if you are running late. Unfortunately, as staff have professional commitments after school, if your child is not collected on time they will be taken to our after school club, The Burrow, which will incur a charge.

ATTENDANCE

This year we are aiming for whole school attendance above 95%; unfortunately our whole school attendance for Spring term was 93.8%. I know we can do better this term as the weather improves and we get rid of all those coughs and colds!

Well done to the 81 children who achieved 100% attendance during Spring term; this is a fantastic achievement and they have all received certificates.

All parents will have received a Red, Amber or Green Attendance letter for your child based on their attendance last term. Individual attendance for a child should be at least 95%; anything above this generates a 'Green' letter. Attendance below 90% generates a 'Red' letter as this is well below what is expected, and attendance between 90% and 95% generates an 'Amber' letter. These figures do not relate to whether the absences are authorised or not, they are based on overall attendance for the term. Please try hard to make sure your child is in school every day unless they are really unwell and likely to be infectious.

Mrs T Ford
Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Ladybirds Class, Grasshoppers Class and Owls Class for the best attendance in the last two weeks

	25th-28th March	15th-19th April
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.2%	93.9%
Ladybirds	96.3%	84.1%
Butterflies	96.1%	96.9%
Grasshoppers	95.1%	98.8%
Falcons	85.7%	87.3%
Hawks	94.9%	95.3%
Owls	96.2%	98.8%
Kites	88.5%	96.1%

PROUD CORNER

Well done to:

- Iris M, Year 3 - Stage Coach Report
- Lily-Louise B, Year 5 - Skills Certificate Maths/English (Explore Learning)
- Eva-Marie B, Year R - Compass Certificate
- Edward H, Year 5 - Swimming 10m Certificate
- Isla-Rose S, Year 2 - Level 2 Gym Certificate
- Matilda C, Year 6 - Dance Competition
- Alla S, Year 6 - Dance Competition
- Callum D, Year 4 - Most Improved Football Trophy and Medal

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:

- ♦ Victoria M, Year 5
- ♦ Edward H, Year 5
- ♦ Khalisa R, Year 2
- ♦ Billie-Rose T, Year R

SPRING TERM GOVERNORS' ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

I am delighted to announce that the following children have been presented with Governors' Achievement Awards for their achievements in Spring term:

Infants

- Yassin M (Year 2) - For excellent progress in all areas, with a keen attitude
Archie M (Year 2) - For fabulous attitude towards his learning, and great role-model for others

Juniors

- Busemeh A (Year 6) - For her fantastic work ethic, giving 100% in every subject
Enedabojo A (Year 3) - For inspiring a love of independent writing within his class, creating his own books

Sporting Achievement Awards were presented to:

- Paige A (Year 1) - For showing consistent effort in lessons, always trying her best
Erin B (Year 6) - For her diverse range of sports skills, demonstrating excellence in Dance as well as on the football pitch!

The Arts Awards were presented to:

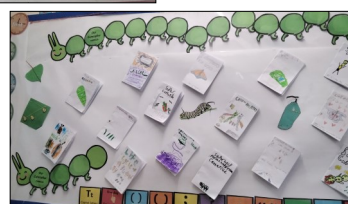
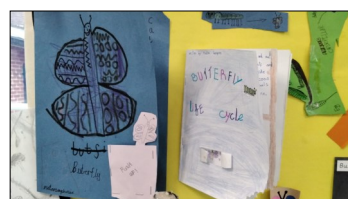
- Sonny S (Year 1) - For attention to detail when completing his artwork and always trying his best
Callum W (Year 5) - For amazing Art skills, using his art as a form of communication and expression

Congratulations to these children for their hard work and enthusiasm.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

This week has seen the arrival of some very hungry creatures in school: every class has received a delivery of caterpillars!

The children are all very excited to watch the tiny caterpillars expand each day, and have created some superb learning from diary writing to measuring, data collecting to artwork. We cannot wait for metamorphosis to happen, and see our beautiful butterflies emerge before we release them in the next few weeks.



Year 4 Residential Trip to Henley Fort



On Tuesday 26th March, we set off on our Year 4 residential trip to Henley Fort where we stayed for two nights and three days.

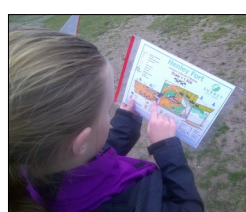
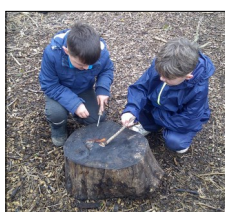
When we got there, we went to see our yurts. In the boys' yurt, they were very nice and warm. The boys enjoyed reading, drawing and colouring and were overall super quiet and calm. The girls' yurts were very, very loud! Some girls were trying to get some sleep, while others were definitely not! After a while, the girls got tired and finally all decided to get some sleep. Although some got more than others!

We took part in lots of activities like bush craft, low ropes, archery, orienteering, fire starting, rock climbing, team tasks and den building. Our favourite activity was archery and Wonu even hit the bullseye!

In the evenings, some of the boys really enjoyed singing and the girls did lots of dancing. We had a movie night and watched 'Inside Out' and even had a disco on our last night! Unfortunately, it was too rainy for our campfire.

After we left, we all felt really proud about what we had achieved on this trip.

By Aine, Max and Wonu



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



INSET DAY

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY 10TH JUNE 2024
FOR AN INSET DAY**

Our Value for this
Half Term is



Courage

ARTIST OF THE MONTH



Milton Glaser

(26 June 1929 - 26 June 2020)

Art style: Graphic Design

Milton Glaser was an American graphic designer. His most notable designs include the I Love New York logo, a 1966 poster for Bob Dylan, and the logos for DC Comics, Stony Brook University and Brooklyn Brewery.

His artwork has been featured in exhibits, and placed in permanent collections in many museums worldwide.

COMPOSER OF THE MONTH



Katie Perry

(Born October 25, 1984)

Musical Genre: Pop

Katheryn Elizabeth Hudson known professionally as Katy Perry, is an American singer, songwriter and television judge. She has released six studio albums and two EPs.

She has a mezzo-soprano vocal range. She has earned nine number-one singles on the *Billboard* Hot 100, five of which are from one album (she became the first female artist to achieve this record). Perry has also been nominated for 11 Grammy Awards.

Tests Week!

Please remember that the week commencing Monday 13th May Year 6 will be sitting their SATs tests. Year 2 will also be sitting their SATs tests during May, with assessments taking place in all year groups.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we cannot authorise any absences during May. Please ensure your child is in school every day.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

DATES - 2023/2024

UPCOMING EVENTS - SUMMER TERM 2024

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

Friday 3rd May	Butterflies Class Assembly 9:05am
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Friday 10th May	Ladybirds Class Assembly 9:05am
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May	SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) Week
Thursday 23rd May	Class Photos
Friday 24th May	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Friday 24th May	Children finish at normal time for half term
Mon 27th May to Fri 31st May	Half Term
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June	Year 6 (Kites) Residential Trip
Friday 7th June	Grasshoppers Class Assembly 9:05am
Monday 10th June	INSET Day - School closed
Wednesday 12th June	District Sports
Friday 14th June	Owls Class Assembly 9:05am
Wednesday 19th June	Year 6 (Kites) to Guildford Cathedral
Friday 21st June	FOSS Summer Fair
Wednesday 26th June	Year 5 (Owls) trip to Science Museum
Thursday 27th June	Year 6 (Kites) to Harry Potter Studios
Friday 28th June	Falcons Class Assembly 9:05am
Tuesday 2nd July and Wednesday 3rd July	Secondary School Induction Days - (Please check with individual school for further details)
Friday 5th July	Whole School Art Exhibition, including family picnic
Saturday 13th July	Black Cherry Fair
Monday 15th July	Year 6 (Kites) Production
Tuesday 16th July	3:30-5pm - Parents Celebration of Work Open Evening
Friday 19th July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm
Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July	INSET Days - School closed

MONDAY 6TH MAY IS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED

TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR - 2024/2025

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE 5 INSET DAYS WHEN THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO CHILDREN. THESE ARE:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Monday 2nd December 2024
- Friday 14th February 2025
- Friday 23rd May 2025
- There will be one further INSET Day to add, which will be advised as soon as possible

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Monday 2nd September 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

Tuesday 3rd September 2024 - Children in Years 1-6 start school

Friday 25th October 2024 - Children finish at normal time for half term

(Half Term - Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024)

Monday 4th November 2024 - Children return to school

Monday 2nd December 2024 - INSET Day - School closed

Friday 20th December 2024 - Last day of Autumn term - Children finish at 1pm

(Christmas holidays - Monday 23rd December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025)

SPRING TERM 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 - Children return to school

Thursday 13th February 2025 - Children finish at normal time for half term

Friday 14th February 2025 - INSET Day - School closed

(Half Term - Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025)

Monday 24th February 2025 - Children return to school

Friday 4th April 2025 - Last day of Spring term - Children finish at 1pm

(Easter holidays - Monday 7th to Monday 21st April 2025)

SUMMER TERM 2025

Tuesday 22nd April 2025 - Children return to school

Monday 5th May 2025 - Bank Holiday - School closed

Thursday 22nd May 2025 - Children finish at normal time for half term

Friday 23rd May 2025 - INSET Day - School closed

(Half Term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025)

Monday 2nd June 2025 - Children return to school

Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1pm

FOSS NEWS AND EVENTS



ICE LOLLY SALE

Friday 3rd May &
Friday 24th May
In the playground

50p and £1 options
CASH ONLY



Stepghates Community School

SUMMER

TERM FUN

SAVE THE
DATES

SUMMER FAIR

Friday 21st June
3:00 – 5:30

Black Cherry Fair

Saturday 13th July
9:30 – 11:30

