

# Headlines

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FORD, HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome parents into school again over the last two weeks. Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent 'Drop-in' sessions which were a huge success and very well attended. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to look through your child's work and see their classroom/learning environment.

I hope you found the new format for Parent-Teacher Consultation Evening beneficial; this format was introduced to accommodate those parents who find it easier to attend virtually, alongside those who prefer face to face meetings. As these meetings are a valued opportunity to be informed of your child's attainment and the progress they have made during the year so far, I would be grateful if you could, please, contact your child's class teacher if you were unable to attend.

### RED NOSE DAY

To support Comic Relief 'Red Nose Day' the children were invited to wear as many colours as they could for our Multi-Coloured Mufti Day today. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all parents for your contributions towards this very worthy cause.

### A 'DAY FOR UKRAINE'

First News along with the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) are hosting a 'Day for Ukraine'. We would very much like to support this worthy cause next Wednesday, 23rd March. Children can attend school wearing mufti clothes, which could include yellow and blue if they wish. I am aware we are supporting many worthy causes but feel this is important too; any monetary donations (minimum £1) would be very much appreciated.

### HOME SCHOOL LINK WORKER

Many of you will be aware that we have a Home School Link Worker, Mrs O'Mara, within school. The Home School Link Worker is able to offer parents a confidential service regarding personal issues that may be affecting their child's learning and wellbeing. For more information or if you have a concern about your child and would like to speak to the Home School Link Worker, please contact the office or Headteacher first.

Mrs T Ford  
Headteacher

### HEADTEACHER AWARDS

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

- ◆ Jayden Painter
- ◆ Amelia Wallace

### Well done to:

Thank you for bringing in your trophies,  
certificates and badges for everyone to see.

- Millie Nelson - Player of the Match Trophy
- Erin Boulton - Certificate for Acrobatics Level 1
- Adewonuola Osiyemi - Ballet Exam Certificate and trophy and Acro Orange Rosette Level 2

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### ATTENDANCE

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

	28th Feb - 4th March	7th-11th March
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>95.1%</b>	<b>95.6%</b>
Ladybirds	96.8%	98.4%
Butterflies	93.4%	93.1%
Grasshoppers	97.3%	98.2%
Falcons	96.4%	94.9%
Hawks	95.8%	97.3%
Owls	91.9%	88.1%
Kites	94.2%	96.8%

## Football Match Reports

### **Year 5 Boys Football Tournament - Royal Holloway Thursday 10th March 2022**

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March the Year 5 football team played in a tournament at Royal Holloway involving 13 local schools. We were all really excited on the minibus! When we got there, the pressure got to us a bit but we all got together as a team and started our first game. Unfortunately, we lost 2-1 to St Cuthbert's but we didn't let that get to our heads. Then we had a short break where we discussed our tactics for our next game against Manorcroft, but sadly went on to lose 2 - 0. Again, we didn't let this get the better of us and went on to our next game. We played very well and drew 0 - 0 to St Jude's - we were all very happy. Our final game was against St Jude's again, but this time we won 1 - 0! We almost made it to the quarter finals, but narrowly missed out on goal difference. We had a great day.

**Written by Olly B and Ollie P**

### **Stepgates V Manorcroft Year 5 & 6 Girls League Match Tuesday 8th March 2022**

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the girls football team played our final game in our group of the league. We went into this game at the top of the league, but knew we had to win this one and that Manorcroft would be a tough team. It started really well and we were soon 1 - 0 up, but they managed to equalise before half time. We went into the second half with a positive attitude, but they played incredibly well and went on to win 3 - 1. This was our first defeat this year and sadly put us in second place in the league, but we are still proud of all we have achieved. We are looking forward to our next game against Cleves which is for the semi final of the cup!

**Written by Millie and Ava**

# DATES - 2021/2022



## Spring Term 2022



Mon 21st & Wed 23rd March	FOSS Mother's Day Gift Shop
Wednesday 23rd March	A 'Day For Ukraine' Mufti Day
Monday 28th March	'People Who Inspire Us' Themed Mufti
Friday 1st April	Last day of Spring Term - Children finish at 1:00pm
Mon 4th to Mon 18th April	Easter holidays



## Summer Term 2022



**ASSESSMENTS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING MAY; THEREFORE NO AUTHORISED ABSENCES WILL BE GRANTED DURING THIS TIME**

Tuesday 19th April	Children return to school
Monday 2nd May	Bank Holiday - School closed
Thurs 26th May	Class Photos
Friday 27th May	Last day of term - Children finish at normal time
Mon 30th May to Fri 3rd June	Half Term
Monday 6th June	Children return to school
Mon 13th-Fri 17th June	Year 6 Residential Trip
Monday 20th June	INSET Day - School closed
Wednesday 22nd June	Year 6 to Guildford Cathedral
Tuesday 28th June	Secondary School Induction Day (Please check with individual school for further details)
Wednesday 29th June	Secondary School Induction Day (Please check with individual school for further details)
Friday 22nd July	Last day of Summer term - Children finish at 1:00pm

# ADVERTISEMENTS

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## It's not too late to catch-up on immunisations for your child

We all know that the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting restrictions have caused some challenges and delays in accessing healthcare services over the past two years. But if there's anything positive to be taken from these challenging times, it is a reminder of how effective, and absolutely necessary, vaccinations are. We need that reminder, because during the pandemic we have seen a gradual, but marked decline in childhood immunisation rates in Surrey. There's likely to be many reasons for this, not least the disruption of home life, routines and working patterns that we've all experienced. So, now that the Covid-19 vaccination programme has allowed us to return to some semblance of normal life, it is a good time to think about catching up with other immunisations if your child has missed any.



Vaccines are the most effective way to prevent infectious diseases. They protect you, your child and other members of your family from many serious and potentially deadly diseases. Vaccination prevents up to 3 million deaths worldwide every year. They also protect other people in your community by helping to stop diseases spreading to other people who cannot have vaccines due to existing medical conditions or those with a weaker immune system.

Since vaccines were introduced in the UK, diseases like smallpox, polio and tetanus that used to kill or disable millions of people are either gone or seen very rarely. Other diseases like measles and diphtheria have been reduced by up to 99.9% since their vaccines were introduced. Unfortunately, if people stop having vaccines, it's possible for infectious diseases to quickly take hold in the community again.

The good news is that GP practices across Surrey have worked hard to maintain the delivery of childhood immunisations throughout the pandemic, while following strict Covid-19 infection control measures, so there's no need to delay booking your child in. You can check your child's RED BOOK to see whether they are up to date with their routine jabs. To make sure they have the best protection they should ideally be given in line with the UK Vaccination Schedule below:

8 WEEKS	12 WEEKS	16 WEEKS	1 YEAR	2-10 YEARS	3 YEARS & 4 MONTHS
6-in-1 vaccine Rotovirus vaccine MenB	6-in-1 vaccine (2nd dose) Pneumococcal (PCV) vaccine Rotovirus vaccine (2nd dose)	6-in-1 vaccine (3rd dose) MenB (2nd dose)	Hib/MenC MMR Pneumococcal (PCV) vaccine (2nd dose) MenB (3rd dose)	Flu vaccine (every year)	MMR (2nd dose) 4-in-1 pre-school booster

As we move out of the pandemic we will all, thankfully, be mixing more widely. So, it's even more important for children to be up to date with their vaccinations to avoid the spread of entirely preventable diseases, like measles, which can lead to life-threatening complications like meningitis or mumps, which can cause hearing loss.

If you think your child has missed any vaccinations, you need to change a vaccination appointment or you're not sure if your child has had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine, contact your GP by:

- visiting their website
- using the NHS App
- calling them

It's best to have vaccines on time, but you can still catch up on most vaccines if you miss them. **BE WISE** and **IMMUNISE** your child to ensure optimal protection against all vaccine preventable diseases.

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## Surrey Arts Easter Activities programme returns in 2022



The Surrey Arts Easter activities programme returns in April after a couple of years break due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

This year sees a significant change to the programme. For the first time the programme is split over two areas of the county, East Surrey (Redhill) and West Surrey (Woking).

This exciting programme gives young people the chance to experience a variety of different activities including playing in an orchestra for the first time, trying a string instrument, producing their own music and DJing, being part of a rock band, learning dance routines and being creative in an art class.

Programme coordinator Yvette Madden says, "The Coronavirus made it difficult to run the residential programme which has been held for over 40 years. However, we have developed a diverse and exciting programme that will be accessible across more of the county giving young people more opportunities to participate in music, dance and art."

The range of activities for 6 to 16 year olds will run on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 April at St. Bede's School in Redhill and Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 April at Westfield School in Woking.

### Activities include:

- Discover Strings suitable for 6 to 11 year olds (Redhill only) – no experience needed
- Orchestra in a day for grades 1 to 4 and 4 to 8 or equivalent standard
- Music production and DJing suitable for 8 to 16 year olds – no experience needed
- The Band Experience suitable for 8 to 14 year olds – no experience needed
- Creative dance suitable for 8 to 15 year olds – no experience needed
- Art class suitable for 6 – 10 year olds – no experience needed

Learn more and register at [Surrey-Arts](https://www.surrey-arts.org).

Please see below message from The 326 Club

## THE 326 HOLIDAY CLUB

**Subject to sufficient places being booked, The 326 Holiday Club will be open as follows during the Easter holidays:**

**Tuesday 5th April**

**Wednesday 6th April**

**Thursday 7th April**

**Friday 8th April**

**From 8:30am - 6:00pm**

***This is subject to sufficient spaces being pre-booked. If the numbers are low, The 326 Holiday Club will not open.***

**For further information please contact Wendy on:**

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**01932 883533 - Office**

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