



New to EYFS

We were DELIGHTED to welcome our new to EYFS children and their families last week. Your children were AMAZING, and despite being a little tired on Friday, were incredibly confident.

We send our thanks to you, our parents and carers, for preparing your children so well for the start of their learning journey. We would also like to thank the children in year 6, who acted as 'Friendly Faces' and our FABULOUS PTA, for the three coffee mornings that you ran, to welcome our new community.

Roald Dahl Day

We had a magical day on Friday, as we came to school dressed as our favourite Roald Dahl character from the 17 children's novels and 20 short stories and poems for children that Dahl wrote.



Ultimate Adventures

After welcoming your opinions about our next school residential

experience, we were pleased to welcome Simon from Ultimate Adventures, who came to talk to our parent/carer community about our next year 5 and 6 residential experience in North Devon. Simon explained that the children will take part in 3 busy and challenging activities each day in Bideford, Devon, including surfing and assault courses!



Reporting Absences

If you need to report your child's absence, please use the voicemail facility rather than call the office, as the office is exceptionally busy in the mornings. It is not necessary to call to see if we have received the message, as we would call you if it wasn't received. Please use option 1 and leave the message for the absence. Thank you for your support.

Uniform expectations

Please see correct uniform below:

WINTER UNIFORM (After October half-term)

Red school jumper or cardigan.

White shirt or blouse with school tie.

(Reception children are asked to wear a white polo shirt with no tie.)

Mid-grey skirt, mid-grey pinafore dress or mid-grey school trousers.

Black school shoes (trainers and boots are not acceptable.)

Grey or white plain socks.

Grey or red tights.

SUMMER UNIFORM (After Easter)

Red school jumper or cardigan.

White shirt or blouse with school tie or white polo shirt.

Mid-grey skirt, mid-grey trousers, mid-grey shorts or red and white summer dress. (No cargo or sport style shorts).

White or black sandals (No open toed sandals, kitten heels or "Vans").

Grey or white plain socks.

PE KIT

Red round neck T-shirt

Navy shorts

Plimsolls/trainers (suitable for outdoor use)

Plain dark track suit (Navy or black), with NO logos.

Children must not wear nail varnish, style hair with gel, have tram lines or dye their hair. Hair that is at shoulder length or longer, must be tied back at all times with a plain band in school colours –

grey, white, red or black. This helps to prevent the spread of head lice and provides additional safety during physical activity. Jewellery such as earrings are actively discouraged. PLEASE save the wearing of jewellery and special hair styles for the holidays. The summer holiday provides a 6 week opportunity for ear piercing, which then allows your child to carefully remove their earrings for PE and physical activity at the start of the academic year. THANK YOU.

School Meal Payments Years 3 – 6

Just a reminder that school lunch money **must be paid in advance** – this is Surrey County Council policy. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Meal Arrangements

Please note that children need to choose either school meals or a packed lunch. Please remember to give 1 week's notice if you wish to change your child's lunch arrangement. Our numbers are fluctuating a lot at the moment – our kitchen staff need steady numbers so that they can order the correct amount of food.

Recent terrorist events

As is normal procedure the Senior Leadership Team is supporting all students and staff in relation to the terrorist

events that have taken place over Friday and the connected searches in Surrey over the weekend.

The School takes its responsibilities to ensure the safety of both students and staff very seriously. We remain committed to our Safeguarding and Prevent Policy to ensure all student's safety and will continue to work with the authorities as and when required.

The police have assured us that there is no increased risk to the safety of students or staff.

For more general information on terrorism, including specific information for parents/guardians and schools that you may find useful about how you can help please look at this advice from Surrey Police <https://surrey.police.uk/advice/protect-yourself-and-others/counter-terrorism/>

National Professional Qualification for Senior Leadership (NPQSL)

We send our congratulations to Mrs Yolanda Ready, who has successfully completed the NPQSL. Mrs Ready was highly praised for her research in developing the use of inference skills in guided reading throughout the school as a school improvement priority.

Therapy animals

We are delighted to welcome Donald, who has quickly become a very popular therapy assistant and a good friend to Blue. The two therapy bunnies live in the school courtyard together.



Attendance

Mrs Humphries and Mrs Tarrant met with the Educational Welfare Officer last week to set our whole school attendance targets for 2017-2018. We would like to advise you that the government has stated that all students are EXPECTED in SCHOOL 100% of the time and that 95% is no longer the goal.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 demonstrated superb behaviour when commencing their swimming lessons at Sunbury Leisure Centre. Centre staff praised the children for considering

their safety and wellbeing at all times.

Homework Club

Every child in years 1 -6 will be receiving online homework for English on a Monday and Maths on a Thursday. This is to consolidate their school learning. We are going to offer a homework club **specifically for any children who cannot access the internet at home.** Homework club will take place every Thursday, starting from 28th September, in the spare year 6 classroom from 3.15 - 4.15pm. Please see your child's class teacher for a consent form.

Try a School Lunch Day

On Thursday 5th October we are holding a 'Try a School Lunch Day' for the KS1 children.

The menu for the **whole school** on this day will be:

Organic beef burger & bbq sauce

or

Southern fried veggie burger

served in a brioche bun with a side of potato salad, sweetcorn salsa and baked beans

followed by

Oatflake shortbread & a glass of organic milk

Your child is entitled to a Free School Meal if they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2.

On 5th October **ALL** children from these year

groups will be able to try a school lunch, freshly prepared in our on-site kitchen. If your child usually brings a packed lunch they may still do so, but will also have the opportunity to sample our delicious school lunches.

Flu Immunisation Forms Reception – Year 4

If you have not already done so, please could the Flu Immunisation Form be returned the school office as soon as possible. The immunisation date is 11th October.

Year 6 Height and Weight Checks Opt Out Form

Please return the Year 6 Height and Weight Check Opt Out form, **if you are opting out** as soon as possible. The checks will take place on 10th October.



September

22nd EYFS Stay & Play, Rabbit class 3.15pm

27th EYFS Parent Workshop at 6.00pm

27th - 29th Bushcraft trip for Years 3 & 4

October

3rd Kidscape Parents Information Event at 2.30pm, in the school hall

3rd PTA Committee Meeting at 6.00pm, all welcome

5th Matilda PTA Theatre trip

6th Harvest Service in school for children

6th Woodpecker Class Assembly at 2.30pm

11th Flu immunisations for Years Rec - 4

12th New to EYFS (Sept 2018) Parent Tours, 9.30am & 6.00pm

18th PTA Film Night 3.30pm & 5.30pm

19th Children finish school at usual time, 3.15pm

20th INSET Day

23rd – 27th Half term

31st Individual school photos

November

3rd Owl Class Assembly at 2.30pm

5th PTA Firework display

7th New to EYFS (Sept 2018) Parent Tours, 9.30am & 6.00pm

8th Hedgehog Class Assembly at 2.30pm

10th Kingfisher Class Assembly at 2.30pm

15th Squirrel Class Assembly at 2.30pm

17th Heron Class Assembly at 2.30pm

21st Image Theatre Production, Hansel & Gretel

22nd Deer Class Assembly at 2.30pm

23rd – PTA AGM at 6.00pm

29th & 30th Parents Evening

December

1st PTA Christmas Fair at 3.30pm