



Pyrford Church of England Primary School

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BREAKFAST CLUB & TREETOPS

Booking forms for next half term must be returned on MONDAY and all accounts settled by FRIDAY.

A reminder that bookings should be paid for in advance.

Good morning. We've hit February and time is flying on, especially as half term is fast approaching. As always a busy week here at school. One of the big highlights for many of the children was participating in the Young Voices choir at the O2 on Tuesday night. The children were an absolute credit to the school and managed to make it into school after a very late evening. My thanks to the staff who gave up their unpaid time to rehearse, as well as to take the children to the O2 (I can assure you it is no easy feat organising a trip of this size and filling in the risk assessment with 20,000 other people there). Thanks also to parents who help make this trip possible and for your unwavering support.

Mrs Gill is really on a mission at the moment to raise the profile of music in the school and has organised a number of exciting opportunities for children to join in with over the next couple of terms. Mrs Gill along with Anita Reynell are busy teaching children new songs across the school in readiness for the upcoming concerts and events.

Next week we are having a big push on safer internet work. Tuesday is the official Safer Internet Day. We teach E-safety to all year groups across the school but of course we don't live in your homes, so



Safer Internet Day 2018 | Tuesday 6 February

please take a minute to talk to your children about safe internet use. There are numerous resources out there to support parents and we will always offer support to you where we can. Here is just one of the links you can follow for more advice <http://www.childnet.com/resources/safer-internet-day> but there are many sites out there - for example, see information about BBC Own It later in the newsletter. The school is also reviewing a PED (personal electronic device) policy as more children, particularly those in Years 5 and 6 who walk to and from school, bring mobile phones. Please keep an eye out for the policy and procedures on this in the coming weeks.

Next week is the last week before half term, the highlight of my week being the tea party on Monday where I get to spend time with children talking to them about home and school. It is a real luxury which I indulge myself in every half term, and such a great way to make sure that I know every child in the school, not just by their educational progress but personally too.

Please see overleaf for more feedback on the questionnaire.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher

Week 3 feedback

Feedback to parents "One more parent meeting per year would be fantastic. I feel it's not enough at present." "Is it possible to get more regular feedback on my child's progress?" "Give parents clearer indications on children's progress against national standards."

We thoroughly appreciate that feedback is really important to parents; after all it is often the only measure you have of how your child is doing. I can assure you that school is very different from when most of us attended. Certainly when I went to school, league tables and assessment didn't exist, in fact neither did a national curriculum!

At Pырford we track children within an inch of their life. Assessment has been hugely overhauled over the last 2/3 years by the DfE and this does cause confusion as how, as parents, you make sense of what attainment and progress data mean and which is more important. We are proposing on writing a help sheet for the year groups so that you can make sense of information you receive at parents' evenings and in reports.

We currently report back to parents on a termly basis i.e. autumn term parents meeting, spring term parents meeting and summer term written report. We also have 3 additional meetings per year for pupils on the SEN register. As a result of you asking, we are intending on updating you more frequently on your child's progress and attainment. From September 2018 we will send out additional short reports on your child which will hopefully help you to understand where your child is at and what they need to work on next. We will start trialling formats etc. during the summer term whilst trying to manage an ever increasing workload for teachers. Please though if you have questions about your child, don't feel you have to wait until parents meetings. Feel free to make an appointment with the teacher or drop them an email (addresses all on the website). Education is a partnership between home and school with both parties striving for the best for a child.

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Mia Ahmad for being a lovely friend.

Hazel - Archie Steen for being an excellent, creative artist.

Beech - Emily Bailey for being a PE superstar!

Chestnut - James Du Toit for always trying his best and for being so polite and thoughtful.

Oak - Charlotte Bushen for excellent reading.

Cedar - William Burnett for always working incredibly hard.

Hawthorn - Adam Hussain for great work in Maths.

Elm - Fallak Zaib for excellent research into crocodiles and producing an informative poster.

Juniper - Eva Price for excellent research into crocodiles and producing an informative poster.

Maple - Louis Hack for researching information on crocodiles with loads of enthusiasm and producing a lovely poster.

Alder - Joe Hodges for writing a fantastic Gangsta Granny adventure in English.

Larch - Jessica Clothier for writing a fantastic Gangsta Granny adventure chapter in English.

Cherry - Sunny Keenan for fantastic work on translation and co-ordinates.

Rowan - Sadiya Rahman for doing some excellent work in Science on separating materials.

Willow - Sam Attrill for a great retelling of a story using story pegs.

Laurel - Daniel Krikorian for writing a descriptive diary entry.

Holly - Katherine Sumner for writing a diary as Odysseus with lots of emotion.



In assembly next week we are thinking about
Candlemas - The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

GOVERNOR VISIT - R.E.

Governors Roy Davey and Chris Newell visited the school last Friday to look at the way religious education is being taught. We started our visit at Assembly, where collective worship included singing, prayers and the regular Open the Book slot. Open the Book seems to be very popular and is an effective way of bringing to life some of the stories from the Bible. We were accompanied during the rest of our visit by Mrs Freeman and Mrs Bourne and we visited classes throughout the school. We were impressed by the enthusiasm with which children of all ages engaged in the various aspects of RE that their lessons were covering. We saw children discussing and analysing parables from the Bible, often illustrating their work with pictures. One class was discussing the relationship between knowledge and wisdom and we were highly impressed by the insightful comments that we overheard. Towards the end of our visit, we spoke with a group of older children and it was great to see how engaged, informed and enthusiastic they were about religious education. Our visit left us with a very strong impression of both the Christian ethos and the wholly inclusive nature of the school.

RUNNING CLUB

Running club will start again today. This is open to children in Years 4-6.

If your child would like to attend next week and isn't signed up already, please email Cathy Giddings for a registration form and return it to her by email

cathygiddings01@hotmail.co.uk





On Tuesday, nearly 40 children with 6 members of staff joined with thousands of other children to sing at the O2 as part of Young Voices.

The aim of Young Voices is to inspire a love of music. The music is specially selected to create a diverse musical repertoire all with the intention to introduce children to the widest possible spectrum of music. By providing a diverse range of musical styles children will learn, enjoy and gain a fuller understanding of music and what it means to sing together. For some of the music, a simple selection of dance moves are learned and performed whilst singing the songs. Children and teachers particularly enjoy the combination of dancing and singing which adds a fun atmosphere to the concert.

Read what some of our singers thought about their experience.

Poppy Davies, Laurel The O2 was a magical experience - I loved every second of being there and performing.

Larissa Johnston, Laurel I had a brilliant time at the O2. My favourite part was watching the Urban Strides dancers because they were so talented!

Hayden Cassidy, Cherry It was really fun being at the O2. I liked the lights and atmosphere when we performed in the evening. I also enjoyed the dance crew as their modern dances were really cool!

Taylor Goodrich, Cherry I really liked where we were sitting as we could see our parents and the stage really well. The Urban Strides dance crew has really inspired me to do more dancing as I'd love to perform on a stage one day! My favourite song was Africa as it reminds me of when I go there on holiday.

Zoya Akram, Rowan I had great fun rehearsing during the day as I liked watching the acts performing. Urban Strides were really cool!

Stephi Curtis, Rowan I had an excellent time at the O2 and my favourite part was the dance crew performing. When they danced with the lightsabers it was so exciting! My favourite dancer was Alicia.

Katherine Sumner, Holly I really enjoyed the show as we got to watch amazing singers perform on stage. I also loved taking part and performing with over 8,000 other children!

Lucy Mullally, Holly The special effects were amazing- everything from the lights, to the dancers, to the celebrities, to the dresses! My favourite song to perform was 'You're in the Band' as it was so upbeat and we could really rock out!



SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017—2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Spring Half term	12 - 16 February	
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Thu 22 February	
Yr 5 to Warner Bros Studio tour	Tue 6 March	
Yr 4 class to Synagogue	Wed 7 March	
Some Yr 2 to KSI Music Festival @ St Andrew's	Wed 7 March	13:30-15:00
Spring Term Parents' Meetings	Wed 7 March	15:30-17:30
Yr 4 class to Synagogue	Thu 8 March	
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Yr 5 to Fullbrook for 'Little Shop of Horrors'	Fri 9 March	
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Wed 14 March	
Friends' Quiz Night	Sat 24 March	
Yr 5 Residential to Fairthorne Manor	Mon 26 - Thu 29 March	
School Easter Service at CoGS	Thu 29 March	09:30
Last Day of Spring Term	Thu 29 March	finish at 13:30
Easter Holidays	2 - 13 April	
First Day of Summer Term	Mon 16 April	
Yr 1 to Nower Wood	Tue 17 April	
Reception to Ladyland Farm	Fri 20 April	
Yr 5 Viking workshop	Mon 23 April	
Yr 4 Residential to Hindleap Warren	Mon 23 - Wed 25 April	
Yr 3 Residential to High Ashurst (all Elm + Maple boys)	Mon 30 April - Tue 1 May	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo	Wed 2 May	
May Bank Holiday	Mon 7 May	
Yr 3 Residential to High Ashurst (all Juniper + Maple girls)	Tue 8 - Wed 9 May	
Nursery - Yr 2 Drama4All Drama Workshops	Wed 9 May	
Circus	Sun 13 May	
SATs Week	14 - 18 May	
Yr 4 Bikeability Course	Wed 23 - Thu 24 May	
Summer Half term	28 May - 1 June	
Yr 6 Bikeability Course	Mon 4 - Fri 8 June	
KS2 Choir to Primary Music Festival - Aldershot	Mon 11 June	16:15-20:30
Yr 2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre	Tue 12 June	
Yr 4 to Wisley	Wed 13 June	
Yr 4-6 Choir to Singing Picnic in Woking Park	Fri 15 June	10:30-13:30
PTA Golf Day	Fri 15 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Gaveston Hall	18 - 22 June	
Yr 1 to Chessington	Thu 21 June	
PTA Masked Ball at Brooklands	Fri 22 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Mon 25 June	
Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral	Mon 25 June	12:30
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Tue 26 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 27 June	
Yr 5 Bikeability Course	Mon 2 - Wed 4 July	
Secondary School Induction Days	Tue 3 and/or Wed 4 July	
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Thu 5 July	
FS & KSI Sports Day	Tue 10 July	am
KS2 Sports Day	Thu 12 July	
Pyrford & Wisley Flower Show	Sat 14 July	

KS2 After School Choir to 'No Sound Ever Dies'	Sat 14 July	
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Fri 20 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Fri 20 July	finish at 13:30
INSET DAY	Mon 23 July	

School Garden Update

We were very blessed at the weekend with a return visit from some **special helpers** at the School Garden over the weekend - the Pырford Scouts!



Led by Gary Povey and Mark and Ann-Marie Peasey - the Scouts worked incredibly hard helping to clear the pond, rake the leaves and jet clean the sun dial in preparation for painting. But, they also importantly got cracking on a wonderful new instalment of a genuine Anderson Shelter!

Gary Povey has managed to secure the School a genuine Anderson Shelter which will be a wonderful aid to the school curriculum over the years and will be a great place for the children to play. The Scouts did a great job preparing the foundations for the shelter which will ultimately look something like this:



Here are some pictures to show you their progress and hard work. Thank you Pырford



Scouts!

If you would like to join us in the garden please drop me an email: lianne.sherlock@bain.com

*****Remember - gardening club is starting in April 2018 - watch this space!*****



TREETOPS
AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

The Treetops team have decided to give parents a weekly update about the children's weekly activities and a few photos of what has been going on during the sessions. This week our theme has been creativity. The children have had lots of fun making their own pizzas, designing their own sports kit and sponge painting. We have also had fun with some junk modelling using some very large boxes and playing with slime. Next weeks theme - Valentines.



EARLY BIRD BREAKFAST CLUB

Coming up next week Valentine's arts and crafts

Next Friday cheesy beans will be taking a break and instead there will be pancakes with surprise toppings!



500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for children in the world. It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story could be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity.

We are not setting it as a homework - it is an optional activity that children might like to complete in half term. It is judged on imaginative ideas rather than grammar/spelling! Children can write a story about anything they like but the limit is 500 words. The first prize is Chris Evans' height in books!

Parents will need to register online and submit the story online. The website is: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>. Good luck!

OWN IT

The BBC have launched an online safety website for 9-12 year olds, Own It, to help them navigate life online. The site contains videos and content to equip children with the skills to make the most out of the online world without the danger of harm. Tony Hall, BBC Director-General, told the Children's Global Media Summit in Manchester: "It's aimed at an age group we know are particularly affected by the day-to-day pressures and dilemmas of life online. And it offers them guidance on what they say they want help with." "It's called 'Own it', because it's there to help them take control and be the boss of their online lives." Own it has been developed in partnership with a range of organisations in the field of child internet safety as well as expert advisors in the field.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit>

CLOSING DATE FOR ORDERS : THURSDAY 1ST MARCH

ORDER THE 2018 REAL EASTER EGG HERE

Original (RRP £3.99)
 The all-new 2018 design includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a bag of Fairtrade Swiss Chunky Buttons (25g) and a UK made Fairtrade milk chocolate egg (125g) with a lovely creamy taste. 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

Special Edition (RRP £9.99)
 Includes a simple guide to Easter, an olive wood holding cross keyring from the Holy Land, a Fairtrade orange milk chocolate bar (80g), and Fairtrade milk chocolate egg (200g) with a lovely creamy taste. 35% cocoa – Palm Oil free.

Dark (RRP £5.50)
 The all-new 2018 design includes a large 24 page Easter story-activity book, a Fairtrade chocolate egg made from dark Belgian chocolate (165g) and three Fairtrade dark chocolate squares (3 x 5g). Delicious, smooth and fruity. 71% cocoa - Palm Oil free.

New Design Easter Story
 A 24 page Easter story-activity book illustrated by Martina Pehuso is included in the Original and Dark eggs.

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Out of the 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year,
The Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade one with the Easter story in the box.
www.realesteregg.co.uk

(original & dark eggs include 24 page Easter story-activity book)	Quantity	Total
Original (125g milk choc egg + 25g chunky buttons) @ £3.99	£
Dark (165g dark choc egg + 3 x 5g dark choc squares) @ £5.50	£
Special Edition (200g milk choc egg, 80g orange milk choc bar, olive wood holding cross keyring, simple guide to Easter) @ £9.99	£
return to office with cash or cheque payable to 'Pyrford Church of England Primary School'	TOTAL	£

NAME	CHILD'S NAME	CLASS

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Dates: 12th – 16th February 2018
Time: 8am – 6pm
Location: Pyrford Primary School, Woking (GU22 8TG)
Details: £30 per day
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clubzone
Nightclub for young people

3rd February

7:30pm – 9:30pm

at St. Mary's church hall, Byfleet

Disco , Chill Zone, PS4 , Tuck Shop

An event for those in school year 6 up to max age 14

£5 tickets from Byfleet and New Haw libraries on the day
between 10:30am – 12:00

**PLEASE NOTE - £7 tickets available at the hall
on the day between 5:30pm and 6:30pm only,
NO tickets will be available on the door**

Club Zone is run by the Zone Events Team – part of St. Mary's church youth ministry
Further details can be obtained at zone_events_team@yahoo.co.uk



1st Pyrford Rainbows needs your help!

Rainbows is our section for girls aged five to seven and is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships and learning new things. Girls get their hands dirty with arts and crafts, trying out cooking and playing games. Rainbows is all about learning by doing and having fun!

In order for girls to have an opportunity to join Rainbows we need volunteers for our Rainbows unit in Pyrford from April 2018. If your child is on the Rainbows waiting list and you volunteer to help run meetings your daughter will automatically be able to join the Pyrford unit.

If you would like to support your community and become involved in Girlguiding by becoming a unit helper please contact Lisa Anderson- lisaanderson023@gmail.com or Jo Povey- Joannedwards@yahoo.co.uk

EXTENDED REPLY DATE!

Cut-price theatre tickets at New Victoria Theatre, Woking

SHREK THE MUSICAL



FPPS (Friends of Pyrford C of E Primary School) has secured seats at great rates for Shrek the Musical, thanks to the New Victoria Theatre's group discounts. Every ticket bought through us will automatically also contribute at least £2 to our school fund. Join the fun! Please fill out the form and return to the FRIENDS box in the School office.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE – June 2018

No of tickets you require	Date	time	Seat location	Your price	Reduced from
	Tuesday 5 th June 2018	7pm	Upper Circle – back rows	£23.00 each	£28.50
			Upper Circle – front rows	£32.00 each	£37.50

Best seats will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

I would like ____ (number of ticktes) @ £_____(price band) and therefore enclose a cheque payable to FPPS for £_____ (total amount).

Name: _____

email: _____

Tel: _____ Child's Name & Class: _____

1. Please note that contact info is essential in order to receipt payment and arrange ticket collection.
2. All ticket requests MUST be received **with payment** by the 9th March 2018 but the earlier the better to secure seats.
3. Please return this slip & payment to the Friends box at the school office window, clearly marking your envelope 'Shrek'. For any queries, please email emilykidd78@gmail.com or call 07970 870014.

THANK YOU for supporting our school and here's to a fun family evening!