



Good morning. I hope you all enjoyed the half term break. The weather certainly helped and it was lovely to see the sunshine earlier this week. The children have loved being outside in the environmental areas and playground enjoying the warm weather.

Many thanks to everyone who has managed to navigate the new online payment and booking system. We went live with new payments from 25th February. If you haven't yet registered, please can I urge you to do so as this will be used for all events, including parents evenings and email/text messages. When something new appears you will receive email notification with a link which should help and we will include in each newsletter what has been added that week.

This week Year 6 enjoyed 'Play in a day' which was linked to the work they have been doing about the Ancient Greeks. The staff and children looked fabulous in their costumes. I'm sure you'll enjoy looking at some of the photos overleaf.

Next week we shall be celebrating Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Canon Nick Aiken will be coming in to school on Wednesday to run a short service with KS2 and will ash some of the staff so that children can observe the ritual and gain an understanding of why Christians mark the period of Lent with Ash Wednesday.

Next week will be Mrs Shardlow's last week before she starts her maternity leave. Mrs Steen has been in school working alongside Mrs Shardlow and the Year 2 team for quite some time, so that transition should be seamless. We wish Mrs Shardlow the very best of luck and I shall let you know when we hear of baby's arrival. Never to be short of baby news at Pyrford, I am pleased to let you know that baby Pollard number 2 is also on the way! Mrs Pollard will be taking her maternity leave at the end of the summer term in July.

Mrs Cuss (formerly known as Miss Burningham) is also sadly leaving us at the end of next week. Since the birth of her daughter just over a year ago, Mrs Cuss has returned to work part time doing PPA cover in various classes. Mrs Cuss has reluctantly decided to leave so that she can spend time with her children at home before hopefully resuming her studies to become a teacher when her children are both in school and child care isn't such a huge cost.

We shall be continuing our theme of hot topics over the coming weeks and different members of staff will be writing those with expertise from their subject areas of the school. In the meantime I'd like to draw your attention to the Momo information/guidance for parents overleaf which has been widely reported in the press this week. Whilst I am not aware of any Pyrford pupils experiencing any of this, I think it is better as a school community to be aware of what is around on the internet which may be harmful. It is all of our duties to keep our children safe.

Secondary school places are due to be released this evening for Year 6 pupils. Should parents need any help or support following this, please get in contact with us on Monday. Whilst we cannot change or influence where pupils are offered places, we may be able to advise on next steps should your child not get their first preference.

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School remained busy over half term with the installation of the new music facility. This has continued with various works this week too. For those of you who haven't seen the building yet, it can be found at the rear of the school nestled between the school field and the cricket field. We are looking for a few volunteers to come and help us decorate in the coming weekends. Please see our plea for help and times we need you overleaf.

We have also had some new play equipment installed this week which the Nursery children have had the benefit of enjoying.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher





Could you spare a couple of hours to help paint our wonderful new music house?

The wood needs to be treated on both the inside and the outside.



Proposed dates: Sunday 10 March 9.30 – 4.30
Saturday 16 March 9.30 – 4.30
Sunday 17 March 9.30 – 4.30

You do not have to commit to all day: a few hours would be most welcome.

Refreshments will be served throughout the day!

If you feel you can help, please email info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk (or contact the office) with your name and the dates and times you are available.



ONLINE BOOKINGS & PAYMENTS

- Please can all parents register on the system. We will be adding Parents' Evening bookings next week and we will be using it to send emails and texts. Parents of children in Squirrels will be contacted shortly with registration details.
- If you need to change any booked Breakfast Club & Treetops sessions, this must be done via the office.
- The menu for Treetops is on the school website under 'Book & Pay' or via this link [Treetops Menu 25 February - 5 April](#) If you don't make any selections, your child will receive the main course and dessert.
- Even if your child receives Infant Free School Meals or Free School Meals, you still need to make menu choices on the system.
- If you booked lunches for the first week only, please remember to book for next week. We will not be issuing reminders each time.
- Residential visit balances have now been added to the system and you are able to make payments as necessary.
- The following trips have also been added to the system: Year 6 Junior Citizen & Year 2 Brooklands Museum. In future we shall note on the newsletter which trips have been added each week.
- If you have any queries, please email one of us in the office c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk s.alexander@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk or t.williams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk. Or call in at the office.



SQUIRRELS NURSERY

Applications now open for September 2019 - **closing date 11 March**

Tours of the nursery are taking place on Thursday mornings until the closing date. If you are interested please email Mrs Murray on s.murray@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk



Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Aminah-Zara Naeem for sharing and helping her friends.

Hazel - Anum Imran for trying hard in phonics.

Beech - Thea Pitts for trying really hard at the writing table.

Chestnut - Fleur Cobbett for working really hard with her phonics.

Oak - Sam Willgoss for super progress with his learning.

Cedar - Ellen Grimshaw for working really hard on her reading.

Hawthorn - Joseph Platts for great progress in reading.

Elm - Louie Lorch for fantastic work with all four operations in Maths.

Maple - Joel Godwin for showing kindness and compassion towards other members of Maple Class.

Birch - Lauren Modlock for an exciting chapter of an adventure story.

Alder - Joshua Osborne-Frimpong for effort and progress in PE.

Larch - Tegan Reed for excellent participation in Spanish lessons.

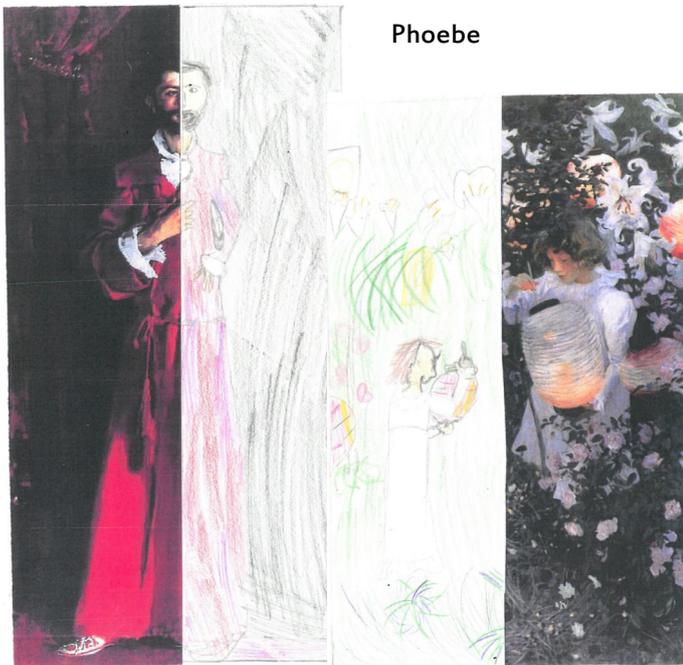
Cherry - Oscar Clare-Campbell for excellent language choices in extended story writing.

Willow - Salsabeel Ahmed for her enthusiasm and excellent work in Spanish.

Sycamore - Phoebe Quintal for a fantastic half-portrait in Art.

Laurel - Safiya Karim for a fantastic half-portrait in Art.

Holly - Alex Lyon for a marvellous half-portrait in Art.



Phoebe



Safiya

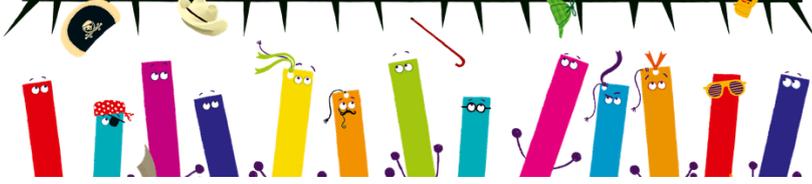


Alex

A reminder to Reception parents:

Please return the Reception Health Questionnaires to the school office by 13th March.

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 7th March**. Children are invited to wear pyjamas and bring in a favourite bedtime story book to share in class. Every child will receive a **£1 World Book Day Token** that can either be exchanged for one of twelve special £1 World Book Day books, or used to get £1 of any book costing £2.99

or more. You can find out more about the books at: <http://www.worldbookday.com/books/> The token can be redeemed at most UK bookshops.

Children have the option of taking part in the National competition, where they will be designing their own book token to try to win prizes for the school and themselves. The entry form is attached to the newsletter email. Please return entries by **Friday 22nd March 2019** (The child's full name and age must be printed on the back of the sheet.)

Children are never too young to start their journey with books, and the benefits of reading are enormous - so we hope, like us, you will use World Book Day to celebrate it with your child.



Woking Food Bank are running short of these things:

- UHT Milk
- Long life sponge puddings
 - Jam
- Canned Rice Pudding
 - Long life Custard
- Toothbrushes (especially children's)

Can you help by donating one of these items?

If you can, please put it in the box at the school office by this Monday 4th March. Donations will then be taken to Woking Foodbank for distribution to local people and families who are truly struggling.

Thank you!



Can you spare 5-10 mins after drop-off once a fortnight?

Volunteers urgently needed to help wash fruit and veg for the Reception and KS1 children on Thursdays.

If you can help or would like more information, please contact Fiona Lee (fionalee1@yahoo.com). Thank you.



Galapagos
Conservation
Trust

Many thanks to a very kind benefactor who has sponsored two tortoises in the name of the Reception classes. Our children in Beech and Hazel classes will be learning more about them throughout the year.



Week commencing: 4.3.19



In assembly this week, we are thinking about **Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent** and this important time in the Church year.



SCHOOL DATES FOR 2018—2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Yr 1 to Windsor Castle	Tue 5 March	
Yr 2 (some) to KSI Music Festival	Wed 6 March	12:45 - 15:20
World Book Day Pyjama Mufti Day	Thu 7 March	
SEN Parents' Meetings	Tue 12 March	15:30 - 17:30
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Thu 14 March	
Spring Term Parents' Meetings	Tue 19 March	15:30 - 17:30
Yr 5 to the Mosque	Thu 21 March	
Spring Term Parents' Meetings	Thu 21 March	15:30 - 19:30
PTA Mufti Day	Fri 29 Mar	
Yr 4 Residential to Hindleap	Mon 1 - Wed 3 April	
School Easter Service at CoGS	Fri 5 April	09:30
Last Day of Spring Term	Fri 5 April	finish at 13:30
Easter Holidays	8 - 22 April	
First Day of Summer Term	Tue 23 April	
Yr 5 Viking workshop	Mon 29 April	
Reception to British Wildlife Centre	Wed 1 May	
Bag2School collection	Fri 3 May	
PTA Fun Run	Fri 3 May	
May Bank Holiday	Mon 6 May	
Yr 3 Residential to Henley Fort	Tue 7 - Wed 8 May	
SATs Week	13 - 17 May	
Yr 5 Residential to West Dean	Tue 14 - Fri 17 May	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo Workshop	Wed 22 May	
Summer Half term	27 - 31 May	
INSET Day	Mon 3 June	
Foundation Stage & KSI Sports Day	Wed 5 June	morning
KS2 Sports Day	Fri 7 June	morning
Primary Music Festival	Mon 10 June	16:00 - 20:00
Yr 2 to The Look Out Discovery Centre	Tue 11 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 12 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Thu 13 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Liddington Hall	Mon 17 - Fri 21 June	
Yr 5 to Warner Bros Studios	Mon 17 June	11:30 - 18:30
Yr 1 to Chessington	Tue 18 June	
Yr 4 to Wisley	Wed 19 June	
Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral	Thu 27 June	
Secondary School Induction Days	Tue 2 and/or Wed 3 July	
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Thu 4 July	
PTA Family BBQ	Fri 5 July	
Brass Summer Concert at CoGS	Sat 6 July	
Yr 5 Away Day at Fullbrook	Tue 9 July	
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Wed 24 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Wed 24 July	finish at 13:30



Scout Westen & Imogen Reynell, Larch Class

Scout & Imogen's Charity Sale: Friday 1st March in the Playground

Selling books, small toys, lego cards etc. In aid of Compassion: a Christian Charity, sponsoring children around the world.

Imogen sponsors a little 9 year-old girl called Pélagie, and any money raised will go towards her project in Burkina Faso.

Please drop by when you come out of school, if you have time!

Children shouldn't need to spend more than 50p to get a bargain, although some of the books are sold in sets, so the most expensive items are £3.

2019/20 Term Dates & INSETs

INSET DAY	Wed 4 September	Spring Half Term	17 - 21 February
INSET DAY	Thu 5 September	Last day of Spring term	Fri 3 April
First day of Autumn term	Fri 6 September	Easter Holidays	6 - 17 April
Autumn Half term	28 October - 1 November	First Day of Summer term	Mon 20 April
Last day of Autumn term	Fri 20 December	Summer Half term	25 - 29 May
Christmas Holidays	23 December - 3 January	INSET DAY	Mon 1 June
INSET DAY	Mon 6 January	INSET DAY	Fri 3 July
First day of Spring term	Tue 7 January	Last day of Summer term	Wed 22 July

It's important to note that new challenges are arising on the internet all the time. We have created to this guide to raise awareness of the issue and offer advice on helping parents to talk to their children about making safer decisions online. See also our '7 conversation starters' guide for more tips on better communication with your child.



Momo is a sinister 'challenge' that has been around for some time. It has recently resurfaced and once again has come to the attention of schools and children across the country. Dubbed the 'suicide killer game', Momo has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube, and most recently (and most worryingly)... YouTube Kids. The scary doll-like figure reportedly sends graphic violent images, and asks users to partake in dangerous challenges like waking up at random hours and has even been associated with self-harm. It has been reported that the 'Momo' figure was originally created as a sculpture and featured in an art gallery in Tokyo and unrelated to the 'Momo' challenge we are hearing about in the media.



What parents need to know about

MOMO

CHILDREN'S VIDEOS BEING 'HIJACKED'

There have been recent reports that some seemingly innocent videos on YouTube and YouTube Kids (such as 'surprise eggs', unboxing videos and Minecraft videos) have been edited by unknown sources to include violence provoking and/or other inappropriate content. Even though YouTube monitor and remove videos that include inappropriate content, clips can be uploaded and viewed thousands of times before they get reported and removed. As a parent, it's difficult to spot these videos as the harmful content doesn't appear until partway through the video.

DISTRESSING FOR CHILDREN

Popular YouTubers and other accounts have been uploading reaction videos, showing their experience of the MOMO challenge. Some of the videos include a disclosure message warning that the content may be "inappropriate or offensive to some audiences" and that "viewer discretion is advised" but these videos are still easily accessed by clicking 'I understand and wish to proceed'. The image of the 'Momo' character can be deeply distressing to children and young people and it's important to note that it may slip through parental settings and filters.

SUGGESTED VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Video apps such as YouTube include an 'up next' feature which automatically starts playing another video based on the video just watched. Due to YouTube's algorithm, users are shown 'suggested videos' that they may be interested in. The thumbnails used on suggested videos are purposefully created in a way to encourage viewers to click them. During our research, we found that when watching one Momo related video, we were shown countless other Momo themed videos and other scary content which would be age-inappropriate for children under 18.



National
Online
Safety

Top Tips for Parents

TELL THEM IT'S NOT REAL

Just like any urban legend or horror story, the concept can be quite frightening and distressing for young people. Whilst this may seem obvious, it's important for you to reiterate to your child that Momo is not a real person and cannot directly harm them! Also, tell your child to not go openly searching for this content online as it may only cause more distress.

BE PRESENT

It's important for you, as a parent or carer, to be present while your children are online. This will give you a greater understanding of what they are doing on their devices, as well as providing you with the opportunity to discuss, support and stop certain activities that your child may be involved in. As the nature of each task become progressively worse it's also important to recognise any changes in your child's behaviour.

TALK REGULARLY WITH YOUR CHILD

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.

DEVICE SETTINGS & PARENTAL CONTROLS

Ensure that you set up parental controls for your devices at home. This will help to restrict the types of content that your child can view, as well as help you to monitor their activity. In addition to this, it's vital that you are aware of your device and account settings to ensure your child's utmost safety. For example, on YouTube you can turn off 'suggested auto-play' on videos to stop your child from viewing content that they have not directly selected.

PEER PRESSURE

Trends and viral challenges can be tempting for children to take part in; no matter how dangerous or scary they seem. Make sure you talk to your child about how they shouldn't succumb to peer pressure and do anything they are not comfortable with, online or offline. If they are unsure, encourage them to talk to you or another trusted adult.

REAL OR HOAX?

As a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child. However, not everything you see online is true. Check the validity of the source and be mindful of what you share as it may only cause more worry.

REPORT & BLOCK

You can't always rely on parental controls to block distressing or harmful material. People find ways around a platform's algorithm in order to share and promote this type of material. Due to this, we advise that you flag and report any material you deem to be inappropriate or harmful as soon as you come across it. You should also block the account/content to prevent your child from viewing it. Also encourage your child to record/screenshot any content they feel could be malicious to provide evidence in order to escalate the issue to the appropriate channels.

FURTHER SUPPORT

Speak to the safeguarding lead within your child's school should you have any concerns regarding your child's online activity or malicious content that could affect them.

If your child sees something distressing, it is important that they know where to go to seek help and who their trusted adults are. They could also contact Childline where a trained counsellor will listen to anything that's worrying them.

The Childline phone number is
0800 1111.



SOURCES:
<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/sick-videos-youtube-youtube-kids-14052196>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-47359623>

SWIMMING TRIALS – for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Keen to swim for our school?

Give Woking Schools Swimming Gala a go!

Every year Pyrford takes part in this Gala. It is a fun event taking place at Pool in the Park on a Saturday in June (date TBC). There are numerous events including traditional strokes, relays and float races – something for everyone!

We are having a swim practice at Pool in the Park on Friday 15th March from 2-3pm. We will take the minibus from school and would hope to be back by 3.45pm.

To take part, children will need to be confident in the deep end and able to swim 25m without stopping and without aid but using any stroke. We are not expecting children to be experienced swimming competitors. If your child would like to attend, please complete this slip and return by Friday 1st March.

If you have any queries at all, ask and I'll try to help! You can contact me at lynne_broadhead@hotmail.co.uk

Please return to the school office by Friday 1st March or email directly to lynne_broadhead@hotmail.co.uk

Name of child _____ class _____

would like to take part in the Pyrford C of E Primary KS2 swimming practice on Friday 15th March 2019.

***My child is confident in deep water and able to swim 25m without stopping, using any stroke
YES/NO**

Currently having swimming lessons? YES/NO - please give details

Member of a swimming club? YES/NO - please give details

Levels or distances achieved - please list

Personal Best Times (PBs) - from meets or timed by a swim teacher/parent. If unknown, please state NT.

	Happy to swim this stroke?	25m time
front crawl	YES/NO	
backstroke	YES/NO	
breaststroke	YES/NO	
butterfly	YES/NO	

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUN RUN

2019



FRIDAY 3rd MAY, 2019

The PTA Fun Run is back! It will take place during the school day on Friday 3rd May, further timings to follow. Most children run at a leisurely pace, chatting and smiling all the way. Some like to race for pace. Everyone will finish the course one way or another, and will receive a medal, bottle of water and mini homemade snack. Please help us to make this another great success!

RAISE

You will soon receive a sponsorship form. Please help the runners to fill out this form, encouraging sponsors to declare their Gift Aid eligibility.

CHEER!

A spectators' zone on the cricket field will be marked out and signposted for parents to come and show their support.

SEND IN

On the day, please send in your runners with trainers, PE kit and a waterproof.

COLLECT

After the run, please collect your donations and return with your form in an envelope marked FUN RUN, to the PTA box in the office.

If you are able to help us setting up or marshall the Fun Run, please sign up for an hour (or more!) here: <http://www.slotttr.com/sheets/14337610>

THANK YOU!

Cut-price theatre tickets at New Victoria Theatre, Woking

TOM GATES LIVE ON STAGE – 20th June 2019, 7pm

Tom's doing everything possible to stay out of trouble but somehow he's got three sad faces on his school's achievement chart! And one more sad face means Mr. Fullerman won't let him go on the school trip! Moany Marcus Meldrew is making things worse and now Tom's annoyed his grumpy sister, Delia. Even Amy Porter (who's smart) won't talk to him! Can his best friend Derek help? Will Rooster the dog stop eating his homework?



From the award-winning producers of *Horrible Histories* and *Gangsta Granny* comes the world premiere of **Tom Gates** in an exciting and hilarious adventure that sends Tom's world spinning! Don't miss Liz Pichon's fantastic characters as they come to life in this brand new story for the stage!

The PTA has secured 100 seats at great rates for Tom Gates Live on Stage, 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. Please fill out the form and return to the FRIENDS box in the School office by February 14th.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE – June 2019

No of tickets	Date	Time	Seat location	Your price	Reduced from
	Thursday 20 th June 2019	7pm	Stalls Rows E-G	£13.00 each	£19.50

Best seats will be allocated **according to when payment is made** on a first come, first served basis.

I have made an **online payment** £_____ on _____ (DATE - please only hand in form when paid) OR

I enclose a **cheque (payable to FPPS)** for £_____ (please write Tom Gates Theatre on the reverse)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Tel: _____ Child's Name & Class: _____

***Online payments can be made to Sort Code 40-46-48, A/C no 51432591 - ref TOMGATES19**

- 1) Please note that contact info is essential in order to arrange ticket collection.
- 2) Please return this slip and payment to the 'Friends' box at the school office, clearly marking your envelope Tom Gates Theatre. If paying online, you can return your form by email to emilykidd78@gmail.com. For any queries, please email as above or call 07970 870014.

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



PRESENTS

Spring Solstice Festival

PLEASE JOIN US ON SATURDAY
16TH MARCH
7PM - 11PM PYRFORD VILLAGE HALL

TICKETS
£5

FOR AN EVENING OF FUN AND ENTERTAINMENT WITH A SELECTION OF BEVERAGES,
IN SUPPORT OF THE PYRFORD & WISLEY FLOWER SHOW

FEATURING GIN FROM
THE CRAFT GIN CLUB



CASH
BAR

LIVE MUSIC
FROM 8PM



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM

VILLAGE VINTNERS / NOEL: EVENTS@PYRFORDFLOWERSHOW.ORG.UK / CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WOKING WIND ORCHESTRA

SPRING FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

CONDUCTOR, STEWART BUNYAN
30 March 2019 at 7.30pm

Church of the Good Shepherd
Coldharbour Road, Woking GU22 8SP

Tickets available on the door
adult £8.00
under 16's £5.00 under 5's free

**WOKING & SAM BEARE
HOSPICES**

Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 22 April
Ottershaw Memorial Fields
Any time between 9:00am-12:00pm

Hunt for Easter pictures to find the hidden eggs.

**There will be face-painting, a tombola and
biscuit decorating. It's a perfect Easter day out
for all the family.**

£5 per child
Adults 16+ go free.

www.wsbhospices.co.uk/EasterEggHunt



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www.wokingsc.co.uk



New Members' Trials

for children born between
January 2010 and December 2013
who are interested in competitive swimming

to be held on

Friday 15th March 2019

at

Woking Pool in the Park

2013 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.
2010 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

To request a time slot please contact Jane by emailing
wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com