



Pyrford Church of England Primary School

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Good morning, well quite a different Friday morning to last week. I actually managed to stay in bed until 6am rather than be in school with a snow shovel at that time. Thank you very much to everyone for your understanding last week. It is never an easy decision whether to open or close a school in extreme conditions, but our aim is always to open and try and make things work even with reduced staffing. I'm afraid those of you who decided it was too dangerous to travel to school or who thought a day at home because other schools had closed was an option, unfortunately will have that classed as 'unauthorised' absence. If a school is open, the expectation is that children should aim to arrive at school.

It was certainly a busy day last Friday. Not only did we have the snow drama, we also had a visiting theatre company for Year 2, some able mathematicians visiting another school for a workshop and 36 children to get to the O2 arena. The children who attended the O2 had a fantastic time and the staff reported on how well behaved the children were. Thank you to parents who made it up to London and then managed the drive in the snow back to school for 11pm. I certainly loved the whole evening.

This week we have been thinking about Internet safety in school as it was Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. As such, this week's Hot Topic focuses on the use of technology in school and at home. Please see overleaf for info about what and how we use technology in school and some pointers for more information for parents. On the subject of technology, I hadn't fully appreciated just how reliant we all are on the use of it. I was about to do whole school assembly this week on Monday morning and had planned on showing children a short clip from a bible story when we discovered that the projector in the main hall was broken. Sadly, not a quick and easy fix. Luckily I was able to default to the use of children to act with a few props, but it has provided more of a challenge with tonight's quiz. A big thank you to Year 4 who are organising the quiz for keeping calm when I shared the news that it was unlikely that the projector would be fixed in time for Friday and could they run the quiz old style? We are hoping that the tower will be delivered next week so that the parts can be replaced in the projector which sits in the ceiling of the hall - life is never without a challenge here!

Children have also been learning about road safety. Over the course of the week you may have seen groups of pupils out and about on the local roads undertaking Bikeability. This is a good opportunity for children to get to grips with road safety, particularly if children cycle to school either with parents or on their own.

Staffing again this week has been challenging due to illness. Thank you to parents who have asked about staff and to those in the community who have offered additional support, it is greatly appreciated. Mrs Cockle is on the mend following her pneumonia diagnosis and is hopeful of a return to work soon. Thank you also to staff who have been flexible as ever to ensure the children receive the best teaching and learning.

You should all have received information yesterday about the new online payment system which is now live. Please check book bags if your child hasn't given you a paper copy of instructions.

Finally, next week is the last week of school before the half term. We will be holding a cake sale on Friday, full instructions from the PTA are overleaf.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher



Week commencing: 11.2.19

In assembly this week, we are thinking about **Compassion**

As we think of the story of the good Samaritan

Does the school use the internet and technology often?

Of course! The internet is used as a vital teaching and learning tool every minute of the day. Teachers use electronic interactive whiteboards to deliver almost all lessons. We plan using smart board technology, where teachers prepare slides for every lesson that is taught. Every lesson runs through a sequence of slides with associated links and clips to engage learning. Teachers spend hours writing the materials for the slides and then each lesson is catalogued and stored on the school's server. At any one time we can monitor what is going on in each classroom.

What kind of technology are our children using to enhance their learning?

We use Learnpads to enhance group and whole class learning. Pupils have specific programmes which they work through. These are preloaded onto the tablets. All pupils have access to pcs too, whether that is through discrete ICT teaching or in the classrooms. Our EYFS pupils actively engage in all kinds of technology including programmable B-Bots and toys. Classrooms also have ipads which the teacher uses to live track pupils progress.

Do children and adults use their phones in school?

The simple answer is no! In order to keep everyone safe, pupils who bring phones to school leave them at the school office in the morning where they are locked away and claim them at the end of the day. Staff keep phones locked away too. The school actually receives very poor mobile service so we have learnt the plusses and minuses of that!

What about keeping safe on the internet at school?

We have many lessons about internet safety and generally children are well versed on the dangers of online abuse. The school has strong filters in an attempt to filter out any inappropriate languages and images, but this can sometimes become compromised by pop ups which might occur on sites such as Youtube - or from very innocent Google searches where children have misspelt something. We try our best to educate children and staff on how to deal with this.

What causes the school most issues in terms of technology?

Children's use of the internet and apps/games at home. Whilst we have filters in school and teach as many lessons as we can about online safety and bullying, many children are accessing material at home and using social media apps inappropriately. Often parents are totally unaware of their children using these apps. Of course with mobile phones and devices, screen shots are always possible and I receive emails regularly with screen shots from things taking place online in homes during the evenings and weekends. Some of the screen shots show children online in the middle of the night when parents are unaware that their child is even online.

What is the school doing about this?

Again, we are doing our best to educate children about using apps and why they have legal age limits. We've put some pointers below which parents might want to consider.

How can parents support?

We aren't here to tell you how to parent your child but we can give some pointers to help you and your child handle technology safely. Here are some top tips:

- Don't ban your child from technology - they will only want it more. Talk to your child about usage and what you agree as a family is acceptable.
- Have set times when children use technology at home.
- Remove mobile devices from bedrooms.
- Check the apps that have been installed - do you agree with them and are they appropriate for your child?
- Online gaming is very popular - do you know who your child is 'friending' online? if they have headsets, use them yourself to introduce yourself so that other children know your child is monitored and supported by you as a parent.
- Tell your child that they leave a digital footprint- ie whatever you write/post online can be traced! Prospective schools, colleges and employers will always look at your digital footprint. Never put something online about someone that you wouldn't be prepared to say to their face.
- Encourage open dialogue with your child – if something bothers them or they're not sure, get them to talk to you or someone at school about it.

We know that the children of today are living and growing in a different digital world to the one that most of us grew up in. It is our responsibility to attempt to help our children navigate this world-they are always one step ahead!



All these apps have age restriction of 13 years



Whatsapp has an age restriction of 16 years

Gen yourself up on everything tech. If your child is using gaming sites or social media etc, make it your business to understand their world.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fornite-all-you-need-know/>

If you need our help or advice please contact any of us at the school.



You should now have received a letter with your unique access code and instructions on how to register online and book lunches and Breakfast Club / Treetops sessions for next half term. You will not, therefore, receive printed lunch menus and booking forms.

When you log in you will see any positive balances for lunches, Breakfast Club and Treetops which have been transferred to your account. We will be adding trips and residentials over the coming weeks. If you have any issues setting up your account or have any queries, please contact the office.

Childcare voucher payers

If you are already paying by childcare vouchers / tax free childcare for Breakfast Club and Treetops, we are noting this against your child(ren)'s accounts. When you book your sessions, your account balances will go into the red and this will be the balance that you need to redeem through your childcare voucher company to confirm your sessions. There appears to be a glitch with the system at the moment (!) which Tucasi are working hard to rectify.

Further guidance will be emailed to all regular childcare voucher users as soon as possible. If you wish to start paying with childcare vouchers / tax free childcare, you must inform the office.

Treetops menu

This can be completed electronically for the sessions you have booked. There is a link on the Book & Pay section of the school website or you can use the link here [Treetops Menu 25 February - 5 April](#)

Lunches

We would encourage you please to book and pay for the complete half term if possible. Of course, you will not need to pay for lunches if in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and if you are entitled to free school meals.

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

CAN YOU HELP RECEPTION?

Would you be able to come in and help in the classroom - especially hearing the children read? If so, please contact Mrs Murray, s.murray@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk. You will need to have a DBS clearance which can be arranged through the office.

Do you have any unwanted toy cars or small world type toys (Playmobil, fairies etc) you would consider donating? Please email Miss Adams if you can help s.adams@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

.... and do you have any old school socks we could have as spares. Please drop in to the office.

THANK YOU!

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Monty Sherlock for sharing with his friends and Radley Westen for always following our nursery rules.

Hazel - Mira Moser for excellent writing using her phonics.

Beech - Sienna Cottrell for excellent writing at the writing table.

Chestnut - Henry Deighton for great effort and beautifully presented work.

Oak - Henry Snelgrove for joining in so well at carpet times.

Cedar - Isabella Pocock for wonderful creative writing.

Hawthorn - Aliona Cottrell for fantastic writing.

Elm - Nicole York for wonderful writing based on our Krindlekrax story.

Maple - Tayba Ahmed for excellent and consistent effort in Maths.

Birch - Kendall Goodrich for a well written and persuasive formal letter.

Alder - Shalom-Mia Madzingira for excellent work following our synagogue trip.

Larch - Liyana Ahmed for brilliant work on short division.

Cherry - Hannah Giddings for excellent detailed story writing.

Willow - Matilda-Grace Gregory-Dean for her hard work and enthusiasm when learning her times tables.

Sycamore - Jessica Zone for a super informative leaflet on a healthy diet and body.

Laurel - Bronte Oliver-Watts for a colourful and informative poster on the human body in Science.

Holly - Alice Clark for an informative and creative poster on the digestive system in Science.



In order to reduce leftover cakes, the PTA have decided to try splitting the cake bake so that **only KS1** will bake cakes for next week's sale on **Friday 15th February**.

The cakes will still be sold at breaktime by the teachers to children in **ALL CLASSES**. The cost per cake will be 50p.

Plates will come home in book bags to the relevant classes a few days before the bake.

Please remember **NO NUTS!**

Any leftover cakes will be given to the church to sell at Youth Club that evening so that they are not wasted.



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



SCHOOL DATES FOR 2018—2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
PTA Quiz Night	Fri 8 February	
PTA Cake Sale	Fri 15 February	
Spring Half term	18 - 22 February	
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Thu 28 February	
Yr 1 to Windsor Castle	Tue 5 March	
World Book Day Pyjama Mufti Day	Thu 7 March	
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 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	
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Wed 24 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Wed 24 July	finish at 13:30

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FUN RUN

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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.slottr.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!