



Good morning. Well it has certainly been a chilly one as predicted this week and whilst we have tried our best to ensure children have been wearing all the appropriate outdoor clothes, our lost property has rocketed with hats, gloves and scarves. We will ensure that anything with a name in is returned to you, so please can I encourage you to name everything. Trying to ensure 520 children have their belongings every day is quite a challenge!

As always, much has been going on in school. Children in the lower half of the school were treated to drama workshops by Perform which they thoroughly enjoyed.

The Education Welfare Officer from Surrey County Council visited the school this week and met with us to discuss attendance. As a school we are increasingly required to provide more evidence for any authorised absences including medical appointments. Here at Pyrford we monitor attendance very closely and time taken out of school time for holidays is still an issue. A number of parents continue to tag on days to school holidays which I am unable to authorise. We try hard as a school community to instil the importance of attending school and as such currently don't fine parents for taking children out of school. Please can I ask you to support the school by sending your children to school all of the time. We will continue to monitor the attendance of individuals as well as the whole school.

The PTA met this week to discuss events that happened last year and to plan for the year ahead. We are trying to put in as many dates in advance as possible, so please keep an eye out on the school calendar and PTA newsletters. The music room is coming along and we shall be taking delivery during half term, so you should really see some changes when the building is installed. A huge thank you to parents who have contributed to this building through the PTA. We have been very fortunate to have this building and some equipment paid for entirely by charitable donations as a result of writing bids and the support of the school community. Once the building is installed and fitted out we will have a much clearer picture of any additional equipment we may need.

As a heads up, we will be celebrating World Book Day this year on 7th March. The theme this year for World Book Day is 'Share a Story'. As such we think bedtime stories are vital for children, so rather than dressing as a book character we are encouraging children to wear their pyjamas to school for the day so that we can share some stories together. Hopefully this will make any costume ideas easy for everyone (children are welcome to wear their bed hair too!)

In the news this week Damian Hinds (Secretary of State for Education) has been making statements about teacher workload again. This is the big driver at the DfE at the moment to help combat the recruitment and retention crisis in England. He claims that 'teachers should ditch the email culture to cut workload.' Mr Hinds states that 'More than half of teachers' time is spent on non-teaching tasks, including planning, marking and admin, and that workload is one of the most common reasons for teachers leaving the profession. Education is one of the few sectors where technology has been associated with an increase in workload rather than the reverse.' We certainly spend an awful lot of time in school dealing with emails and I think I am probably the worst culprit! I shall confess that the only day I didn't look at work emails over the Christmas period was Christmas day (admittedly many emails are junk emails and don't require a reply, but the thought of returning to school following a two week break and having to spend a full day going through over 700 emails is never appealing and does waste time). We do try in the school to have a policy for staff where we don't send emails after 6pm or before 8am. I can see that I need to lead a little more by example and I would be really grateful if you as parents could do the same too. As schools we are now held to account over reducing workload, so we are trying to find as many ways as possible to run the school as efficiently as we can so that our time is spent teaching and learning rather than on admin tasks.

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I am aware that the media published data on schools this week. Data is a minefield for those of us who live and breathe it, so it must be extremely challenging for parents who don't know the system and the last time you sat an exam was when you were at school.

Over the coming weeks and months I thought it might be helpful to provide some information as to what data actually means and how it is measured for your child as an individual and as a cohort - not an easy job particularly when there is continual change.

We shall be publishing hot topics and will start with assessment in Year 6. We will explain as best we can how children are assessed, what the grades awarded mean, how this bench marks nationally and what the difference is between progress and attainment. Please don't feel this is a pressure on you or your children. We are very much about the whole child and our depth and breadth of curriculum offered here at Pyrford. The information is just there so parents can understand data and assessment better for their child should they wish to.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher



What does data mean?

Data is always controversial in schools and as schools we are required to submit data on pupils for many reasons. Achievement data is one of those data requests and this is then published in the public domain. What of course the media doesn't present is the story behind the data ie those schools who are inclusive and take pupils with Special Educational Needs, those pupils who have had a bereavement the week of the tests, those who are too ill to take the tests and so the list goes on. I believe we need to educate people on what data actually means both for the individual child and the school as a whole.

This week we will start with some facts and figures around Key Stage 2. This area of assessment is fairly complex so I don't want to bombard you.

When and how are children assessed at the end of Key Stage 2?

Pupils sit tests in Reading, GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) and Maths. This usually takes place during the first week in May of the final term of Year 6. Test papers are delivered to the school two weeks before the tests and must be stored in a locked facility under strict conditions. Exams take place on set days. Papers are then packaged and sent off to external markers around the country. Writing is slightly different; this is assessed by teachers and not by test. Teachers need to use their judgement as to what a child is achieving. Every 2/3 years, this is externally moderated by outside educationalists who choose to look at pupils work at random whilst speaking to teachers.

Did you know?

Pyrford actually has 2 trained assessors on its staff. Both Mrs Murray and Mrs Porter are fully trained and accredited moderators for EYFS and Yr2. They carry out this role in other schools in Surrey. We are lucky to have the benefit of their experience here at Pyrford.

Does every child sit the tests?

In short, yes however there are some exceptions. The school must evaluate whether a child is able to access a test. There are some children with very specific special needs who are unable to access the tests. The school must then decide (against strict criteria) whether it is in the child's best interests to sit the test. The school will submit teacher assessed data (below the level of the test) and these pupils are accounted for in published data. Therefore data can change for schools each year depending on the cohort of pupils with additional needs.

How did the school perform in 2017/18 at the end of KS2?

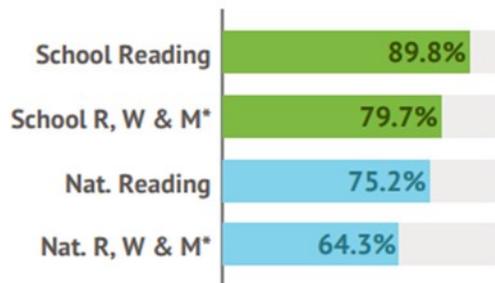
The data below shows how pupils achieved at the expected standard. The expected standards are set by the DfE as a mark on a test. This is then converted to a standardised score. Each year grade boundaries move. The data and explanation overleaf shows how Pyrford performed in each strand.

Pupils Achieving the Expected Standard: Reading

89.8%

▲ 8.8% from 2016/17
▲ 16.5% from 2015/16

Cohort size = 59



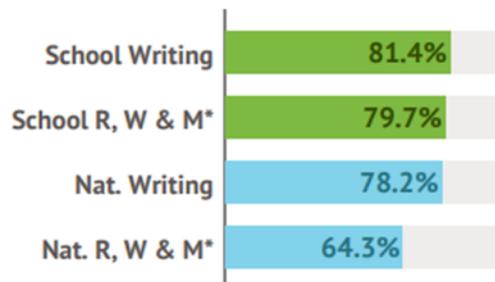
At Pyrford Church of England Aided Primary School 89.8% of pupils achieve the expected standard in Reading. This is 10.1% higher than the average across Reading, Writing & Maths, 14.6% more than the national Reading average and 25.5% more than the national average for Reading, Writing & Maths average.

Pupils Working at the Expected Standard: Writing

81.4%

▼ 4.8% from 2016/17
▲ 13.1% from 2015/16

Cohort size = 59



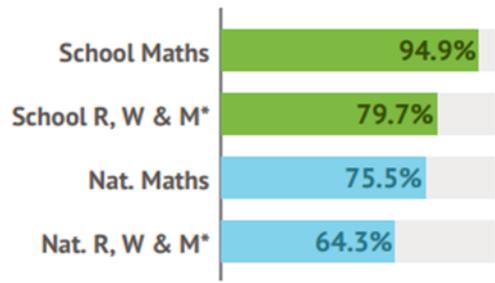
At Pyrford Church of England Aided Primary School 81.4% of pupils achieve at the expected standard in Writing (TA). This is 1.7% more than the average across Reading, Writing & Maths, 3.2% higher than the national Writing average and 17.1% more than the national average for Reading, Writing & Maths average.

Pupils Achieving the Expected Standard: Maths

94.9%

▲ 5.2% from 2016/17
▲ 8.2% from 2015/16

Cohort size = 59



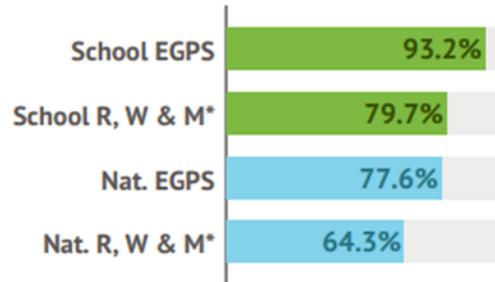
At Pyrford Church of England Aided Primary School 94.9% of pupils achieve the expected standard in Maths. This is 15.2% more than the average across Reading, Writing & Maths, 19.4% more than the national Maths average and 30.6% more than the national average for Reading, Writing & Maths average.

Pupils Achieving Expected Standard: EGPS

93.2%

▲ 7% from 2016/17
▲ 13.2% from 2015/16

Cohort size = 59



At Pyrford Church of England Aided Primary School 93.2% of pupils achieve the expected standard in EGPS. This is 13.5% more than the average across Reading, Writing & Maths, 15.6% more than the national EGPS average and 28.9% higher than the national average for Reading, Writing & Maths average.

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Isaac Hutchinson & Subhaan Zaman for having a go at writing their names.

Hazel - Iyla Akram for excellent progress in reading and writing.

Beech - Sofia Politis for great writing.

Chestnut - Ahmed Maricar for sharing interesting facts about the moon.

Oak - Charlotte Lawry for confidently asking questions and talking about her learning.

Cedar - Willow Stuart for working incredibly hard on her reading.

Hawthorn - Leo Anderson for excellent writing.

KS2 not awarded this week as drama workshops taking place in the hall

We are writing to let you know that we will be discontinuing the **Cool Milk** scheme from 15th February (half term) There are huge quantities of milk not being drunk each day and half-empty cartons being thrown in the rubbish which then leak and cause mess.

If you particularly wish your child to have milk during the school day, we can arrange for them to be given a cup of milk. Please ask at the office.



We are progressing the new online booking and payment system and have further news on the next steps.

Access to ParentPay will not be possible after 30th January. After this date, any payments for lunches, Breakfast Club and Treetops for this half term, must be made at the office by cash or cheque.

During the period between ParentPay closing and parents accessing Tucasi, any positive balances will be transferred to the new system. We are not able to transfer negative balances which is why all accounts must be in credit.

Soon after 5th February, we shall issue parents with the information necessary to create an account which will be used for booking and paying for lunches and for sessions at Breakfast Club and Treetops for the second half of term. All meals and sessions can only be booked if payment is made in advance.

Please note that we are not able to take bookings for Breakfast Club and Teatime Club for Squirrels children as previously notified by email.

We will supply parents with helpful guides to assist with the new system and we will offer sessions in school for those who need access to a computer and/or help in setting up their accounts.

In due course we will send information about booking trips using your account, and parent evening meetings nearer the time.

Thank you for your patience whilst we introduce this new system. If you have any queries, please contact the school 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



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



PYRFORD SKI TEAM

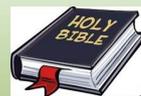
Did you know that our school has a thriving ski team?

Over the last few years we have enjoyed both training sessions and ski races together and have won

prizes in the competitions we have entered.

All of the training sessions and races that we take part in are suitable for entry level skiers and so if you are able to ski downhill using linked snowplough turns and would be keen to try ski racing in a fun, supportive environment we'd love to hear from you! Equipment is always provided at the dry ski slopes so there is no need to have your own skis or boots.

If you would like any more information or would be interested in joining us, please contact Helen Anderson (helenanderson@btinternet.com)



Week commencing: 28.1.19



In assembly this week, our theme is

Courage

We will be exploring the story of David & Goliath.



FUN RUN

FRIDAY 3rd MAY

The PTA need your help setting up and marshalling the Fun Run. You can sign up for an hour (or more!) at this link:

<http://www.slottr.com/sheets/14337610>

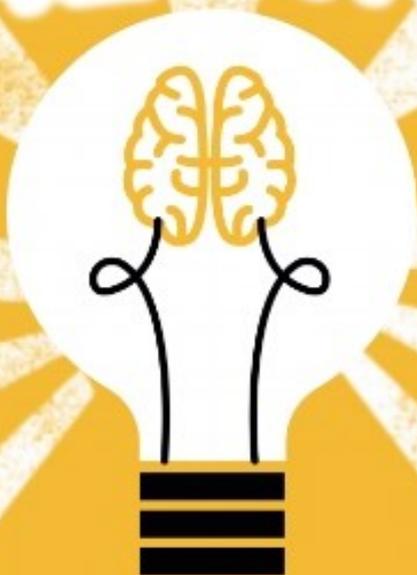
SCHOOL DATES FOR 2018—2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Yr 4 to Synagogue	Thu 31 January	
o2 Young Voices Concert	Fri 1 February	
Yr 6 Bikeability	Mon 4 - Fri 8 February	
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	
PTA Family BBQ	Fri 12 July	
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Wed 24 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Wed 24 July	finish at 13:30

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY



QUIZ NIGHT



Price includes:
Fish & Chips (veg
option available
on request)

Cash Bar: Wine
Prosecco, Beer &
Soft Drinks
available

Friday 8th February
School Hall



Doors open at 7:00pm Quiz starts at 7:30pm
£10 per person / max 8 players per team



How to Enter

Enter the name of your team members and team name on the form below

Return the entry form with payment in an envelope marked QUIZ NIGHT to the Friends postbox in the school reception. One cheque per team please, made payable to F.P.P.S.

If you don't have a team but would like to come we can fix you up with one

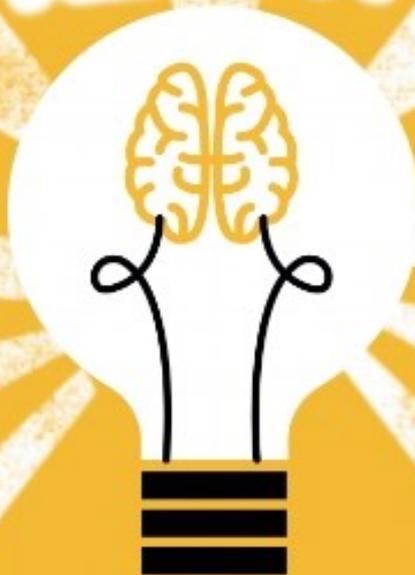
The closing date for entries is 25th January
Space is limited and tickets sell out very fast
Confirmation will be sent to your team leader

Any queries, please contact fiona_britton@hotmail.com

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY



QUIZ NIGHT



Please feel free to bring nibbles to share on your tables but remember you're in a **NUT FREE ZONE**

If you require the vegetarian option please indicate next to the relevant team member's name using (V)

BOOKING FORM

Team Name:

Team Leader:

Email Address:

Child's Name/Class:

Team Members:

1:

2:

3:

4:

5:

6:

7:

8:



Please enclose £10 per person or £80 per team entry.

Please put this form, along with payment (cheque made payable to F.P.P.S.) in the Friends box, in the school office.

Any questions, please contact Fiona: fiona_britton@hotmail.com

CASH BAR ONLY - PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BOTTLES AT HOME

Cut-price theatre tickets at New Victoria Theatre, Woking

Annie – 11th June 2019, 7.30pm

The smash-hit production of **Annie** direct from London's West End. This '*glorious revival*' (The Times) stars Strictly Come Dancing judge **Craig Revel Horwood** as the tyrannical Miss Hannigan!



Set in 1930s New York during The Great Depression, brave young **Annie** is forced to live a life of misery at Miss Hannigan's orphanage. Her luck soon changes when she's chosen to spend a fairytale Christmas with famous billionaire, Oliver Warbucks. Meanwhile, spiteful Miss Hannigan has other ideas and hatches a plan to spoil Annie's search for her true family...

With its Tony® award-winning book and score, including the unforgettable songs *It's The Hard-Knock Life*, *Easy Street*, *I Don't Need Anything But You* and *Tomorrow*, you can bet your bottom dollar that you'll love it!

The PTA has secured 40 seats at great rates for Annie, thanks to the New Victoria Theatre's group discounts. Every ticket bought through us will automatically also contribute at least £3 to our school PTA fund. Please fill out the form and return to the FRIENDS box by **February 14th**.

A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE – June 2019

No of tickets	Date	time	Seat location	Your price	Reduced from
	Tuesday 11 th June 2019	7.30pm	Stalls Rows N-P	£18.00 each	£39.50

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 Annie tickets 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 ANNIE19**

- 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 Annie Tickets. 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!

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.

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Name: _____ Email: _____

Tel: _____ Child's Name & Class: _____

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3PM - SATURDAY 9 TH FEBRUARY 2019 WOKING v EAST THURROCK UNITED	3PM - SATURDAY 6 TH APRIL 2019 WOKING v TORQUAY UNITED
3PM - SATURDAY 1 ^{6TH} FEBRUARY 2019 WOKING v WESTON-SUPER-MARE	3PM - SATURDAY 20 TH APRIL 2019 WOKING v CONCORD RANGERS
7.45PM - TUESDAY 19 TH FEBRUARY 2019 WOKING v HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN	3PM - SATURDAY 27 TH APRIL 2019 WOKING v GLOUCESTER CITY

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Pyrford Primary School has supported Friends of Chernobyl's Children for many years. The charity brings disadvantaged children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster from Belarus to stay with local families. Several families at the school have helped us in the past and we're now looking for volunteers, either to host a child this June or to help with other exciting roles.

Find out more, please email Karen:
karendesnoo@yahoo.co.uk or call
 07798 848 125

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