



Pyrford Church of England Primary School

31 January 2020

Good morning. I can't quite believe that Friday has arrived already although I'm certainly not complaining!

As you will remember, last week children attended the O2 Arena to sing with the Young Voices. This was a fabulous evening and enjoyed by all. Thanks to parents who have provided such positive feedback and of course to staff who gave up their time to supervise the children.

We've had a lot of trips and visits this week to support our curriculum work. Year 5 arrived on Tuesday dressed in their Viking costumes and enjoyed a great day of workshops. The children were really enthusiastic and have learned a plethora of facts and information about that period of history. Meanwhile, Year 1 supported their curriculum work this week with a trip to Windsor Castle. Again another great day out with lots learnt about the monarchy. The children enjoyed some interactive workshops and talks in the Garter Room, so felt very important. Thanks again to staff for taking out young children to a public place (this is never easy and requires extensive risk assessments!) Thanks also to Mrs Jones who joined the staff; we do try and convince her to be here on a more regular basis!

Year 4 visited the Synagogue this week in order to support their learning about Judaism. Again lots of information learnt and some great experiential learning opportunities. Next week our Year 3 children are heading out to Pizza Express to make pizzas as part of their DT work around food. This visit is always well received by the children.

I wanted to particularly highlight our children and their recent Maths success. Our children took part in a national maths challenge and the feedback we have had has been wonderful. Children in Upper KS2 competed against 14 local schools and over 800 schools in the entire country. 'The standard shown over the country was incredibly high. The Pyrford team displayed amazing perseverance, the challenge this year was the toughest yet and Pyrford were the only team in Woking to find all the solutions. An achievement they should be incredibly proud of. We saw great displays of leadership, initiative and resilience, all great attributes to help them with problem solving and team work.' Maths is a real strength of this school and we were pleased and proud that our children performed so well.

No doubt, your children will have filled you in on our recent 'health and hygiene' talks in assembly. Following on from my newsletter last week, there are still incidences of poor hygiene with regards to bathroom use. We have been teaching children the importance of self care and appropriate bathroom behaviour. Please help us by reinforcing at home. We are still having odd incidences of someone taking a pen into the toilet and using the wall instead of paper to demonstrate their academic ability - whilst only minor markings are found, I still do not find this acceptable behaviour and does not uphold the values in our school. This has been highlighted to me as my staff and I are currently cleaning all of the bathrooms on a daily basis. The school has had issues with a new cleaning contract and as such have entered into a new contract. However we are needing to fill the gap until the new team are fully inducted and in place. I am indebted to my staff team who always go above and beyond for the school community. Each evening (and weekends) at the moment, staff have worked freely to clean and maintain the school so that we all have a nice environment to work and learn in. We are now all becoming protective over the areas we are maintaining and vying for the envious title of 'Mrs Hinch'.

As you will start to have noticed, the daylight hours are slowly extending and our outdoor clubs which run after school are back up and running. Again, do check the school website for details.

Next week we are celebrating National Storytelling Week and we would like the children to bring in their favourite book to share with their class. It is also Mental Health Awareness Week - we will be discussing mental health and completing some activities around this theme during the entire term. We are keen to promote mental health awareness and hope to provide our young people with strategies to help them have healthy minds as well as healthy bodies.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki

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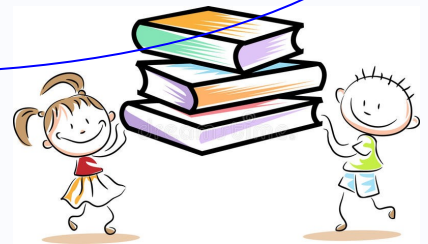
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Reading and Spelling Workshops

Wednesday 5th February @ 6:30 pm



"I have a passion for teaching children to become readers, to be comfortable with a book. Books shouldn't be daunting, they should be funny, exciting and wonderful: and learning to be a reader is a terrific advantage." *Roald Dahl*



Come along and gain some tips for helping your child become a reader.

Workshops include:

My child is a free reader, what next? (KS2)

Reading to be SATs ready (UKS2)

Reading between the lines-inference and deduction (Y2-5)

My child struggles with reading how can I help? (KSI and KS2)

How can I encourage my reluctant reader? (KSI and KS2)



Phonics games and activities
Using tech to encourage reading
Dyslexia and SEN reading support



Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Abdul-Qaadhir Shafique for being kind and helpful to his friends.

Ash - Adam Hussain for excellent effort in phonics.

Hazel - Ellie Bligh for carefully following instructions to make a Gruffalo.

Beech - Ethan Gray for excellent effort with his work.

Oak - *not awarded as visiting Windsor Castle.*

Chestnut - *not awarded as visiting Windsor Castle.*

Hawthorn - Tom Wakeling for excellent work on his reading and writing.

Cedar - Martha Stringfellow for fantastic effort and hard work all the time.

Elm - Ellen Grimshaw for creating a fantastic fact file about crocodiles.

Maple - Annabel Broadley for creating an informative piece of written work about human features of Guildford.

Alder - *not awarded as visiting the synagogue.*

Larch - Isabella Mistretta for excellent understanding of division and the bus stop method.

Cherry - Dylan James for writing a story from Skellig's perspective using effective vocabulary.

Rowan - Tryston Webster for writing a super opening to his story in English.

Willow - Rubens Bekker for excellent work in Spanish.

Laurel - Yasin Khan for working hard in all subjects and having a positive attitude to learning.

Holly - Daisy Hunnisett for a beautiful sewing sample in DT.



"On 25th January I played with the under 12 Surrey Badminton Squad against Sussex in the Shires League. We won 19-1" Sarah Devapragasam, Holly Class, Yr 6
Well done Sarah!



Reminder for children booked in at Treetops. If plans change, which we know can often happen, i.e. a play-date, please can you inform the school office that your child will not be attending. It saves the staff hunting for your child when they do not arrive!

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Mrs Rashbrook
Extended Schools Manager



This lovely lunch bowl has been left for some time. None of us are brave enough to open it, but if it's yours, please collect it from the office. If it's not collected soon, it will be disposed of.

Lunch boxes that are left behind on Friday will be emptied and put in the lost property. If not collected, they will be disposed of at the end of the following week.

Please help everyone by making sure they are named.



Residential medical/dietary forms must be returned today please.

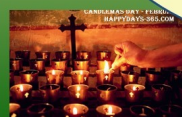
Breakfast Club / Treetops accounts: please settle promptly. Sessions must be paid for at the time of booking.



Week commencing: 03.2.20

In assembly this week,
we are thinking about
Candlemas

When we remember
Jesus being presented
at the temple



Rock Hero Status has been awarded to

LKS2

1st Place: **James Du Toit**

2nd Place: **Finlay Boulby**

3rd Place: **Emilia Parvin**

UKS2

1st Place: **Connor**

2nd Place: **Saisha Khadka**

3rd Place: **Joshua Osborne-Frimpong**



For the biggest improvement in correct answers over the last week. Well done Rockstars!

Come On Pyrford - We MUST Try Harder!

We have now DROPPED to 9th place in the Local League Tables

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| 1 New Monument Primary Academy | 5 Sythwood Primary |
| 2 The Winston Churchill School | 6 St Mary's CofE Primary Byfleet |
| 3 Maybury Primary School | 7 Broadmere Primary |
| 4 Cobham Free School | 8 Goldsworth Primary |
| | 9 Pyrford Primary |

Top Classes are

1st: Elm

2nd: Maple

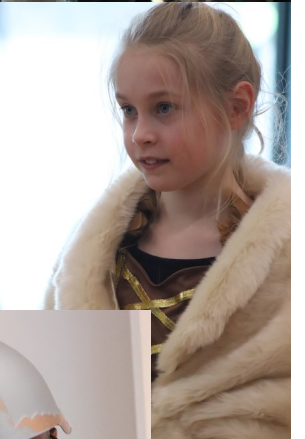
3rd: Alder



This week's scores are shown below - well done to Mujtaba, Charlotte, Zara (again!) and Cedar Class!

	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2	Class
1 st	Mujtaba Ahmed 70,283,639	Charlotte Bushen 32,114,980	Zara Patel 67,012,258	2Cedar 168,808,473
2 nd	Faghiyah Hussain 57,445,276	Ellen Grimshaw 13,388,752	Daniel Sprangle 41,107,258	5Cherry 127,375,338
3 rd	Mason Moser 31,916,438	Jared Efedje 12,940,512	Louis Hack 30,226,618	5Rowan 78,820,642

Year 5 Viking Day



Explore Learning Primary Maths Challenge 'The Competition'



Last week, four marvellous mathematicians attended the Explore Learning Centre in Knaphill to participate in the Primary Maths Challenge. Using their great problem solving strategies and team work skills, the children worked together to complete some incredibly tricky problems. Points were awarded for teamwork, strategy and actual answers. We await final results until all schools have participated in the first round.

Explore did, however, report back as follows: "The Pyrford team displayed amazing perseverance, the challenge this year was the toughest yet and Pyrford were the only team in Woking to find all of the solutions. An achievement they should be incredibly proud of. We saw great displays of leadership, initiative and resilience, all great attributes to help them with problem solving and team work."

We are so proud of the children who were fantastic ambassadors for the school and worked brilliantly together. Thank you to Mrs Carey for accompanying them.

Well done to Calum Badenoch, Sarah Devapragasam, Charlie Green and Ollie Krikorian!



On Wednesday, Dr Caulfield (Amelia's mum) who's a geologist, came to talk to Year 3 about their Science topic on Rocks. She shared her expertise of the different types of rocks and how they're formed. She was impressed with the children's knowledge and the questions they were asking. She brought along some rocks for the children to touch and take a close look.





Well done to all the children who sang at the O2 last Friday.

They learned all the songs, sang them brilliantly and behaved brilliantly too.

MOVING FORWARD

A course to support children experiencing divorce or separation

Suzanne Lees-Smith, the church's Children & Families Worker, has offered to run this 5 x 1 hour a week course at the school for children experiencing divorce or separation. This would be during the school day.

The aims would be to provide a space and ways for children to express worries, frustrations and grief; introduce coping strategies for some of the different emotions they will feel and help them to focus on any positives of the changes they are encountering and work towards having a positive view of the future.

This is achieved through creative activities, group exercises, games and questions to ponder.

To gauge demand, if you would be interested in your child(ren) taking part, please email in confidence to their teacher.

National Storytelling Week



We are celebrating our love of books throughout this week.

- ◆ Children are being asked to bring their favourite story book to school with them on Monday to share with their classmates.
- ◆ Teachers will be reading some of their favourite stories to children in other classes.
- ◆ A professional storyteller is coming in on Wednesday afternoon to do an assembly for each Key Stage.

CLICK ON THE POSTER BELOW TO BOOK

A poster for a Quiz Night event. The background is teal with a large yellow lightbulb on the left. Several white question marks are scattered across the teal background. The text is in white and yellow. The event is organized by 'Friends of Pyrford Primary'. The title 'QUIZ NIGHT' is in large, bold, black letters. The date is 'FRIDAY 6TH MARCH'. The location is 'School Hall at 7pm'. The cost is '£12 per person / max 8 players per team'. There is a 'Fresh Fish & Chip Van' and a 'Snacks and licensed bar'. The section 'HOW TO ENTER' includes a link to the booking form, the closing date, and contact information. A starburst graphic says 'Tickets sell out fast'. The footer says 'Made with PosterMyWall.com'.

Friends of Pyrford Primary

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 6TH MARCH

School Hall at 7pm

£12 per person / max 8 players per team

Fresh Fish & Chip Van

HOW TO ENTER

Complete online booking form

Closing date for entries is Friday 21st February

<https://forms.gle/1BXtYVYo7qSF3G46>

One payment per team

Pay online to Account Number: 514325911, Sort Code: 40-46-48

Ref: Quiz Night_teamname

Confirmation will be sent to the team leader

Any queries please contact sianwesten@btinternet.com

Tickets sell out fast

Snacks and licensed bar

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MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Friends of Chernobyl's Children (FOCC)
Woking is a small local charity that brings disadvantaged children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster from Belarus to stay with families in Pyrford and Woking. We are short of two host families for the 2020 visit. Can you help?

Do you have space for a child to sleep and room in your heart to welcome a new friend? Help us make a difference!

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

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2020 visit dates
7th June to 5th July

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or
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"The best camp we've been to - high energy fun from start to finish- Sam can't wait for the next one" - Woking Parent

Activities Include:

- BOUNCY CASTLE
- INDOOR ARCHERY
- FOOTBALL
- NERF & TARGET GAMES
- DODGEBALL GAMES
- SCOOTER GAMES
- BENCHBALL
- HOCKEY
- TAG RUGBY
- TEAM CHALLENGES
- BASKETBALL
- CRICKET & TENNIS
- OUTDOOR LEARNING
- ARTS & CRAFTS
- DANCE & MUSICAL GAMES
- And much much more!

17th-21st February
Ages: 5-13 Years
8-6pm

WE ACCEPT CHILDCARE VOUCHERS!

SPORT4KIDS

NEXT CAMP DATES: 17TH – 21ST FEBRUARY 2020
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Fullbrook Secondary School,
Selsdon Road, Addlestone, KT15 3HW

£34 per day / £150 for five days
5% Sibling Discount
10% S4K Member Discount

Pyrcroft Grange Primary School,
Pyrcroft Road, Chertsey, KT16 9EW

£30 per day / £132 for five days
5% Sibling Discount
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Dedworth Green First School,
Smiths Lane, Windsor, SL4 5PE

£30 per day / £132 for five days
5% Sibling Discount
10% S4K Member Discount

Iver Heath JUNIOR School,
St Margaret's Close, Iver, SL0 0DA

£28 per day / £124 for five days
5% Sibling Discount
10% S4K Member Discount

TIMES:
08:00 - 18:00
*Children can be dropped off and picked up at anytime in a camp day

AGES:
5-13 years old
*Children will be split into 2-3 different age groups dependent on activity

FRIDAY OFFER: Book and attend one of our camps on FRIDAY 21ST FEB and be entered into a prize draw to win 1 FREE week (5days) at an S4K Easter Camp!

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2019—2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Elm class to Pizza Express	Tue 4 February	
Maple class to Pizza Express	Wed 5 February	
Parent Workshops: English, Reading & Spelling	Wed 5 February	18:30
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Wed 5 February	16:00 / 18:00
School Nurse - Yr R Measurement Prog	Mon 10 - Tue 11 February	
PTA Cake Bake	Fri 14 February	
Spring Half term	17 - 21 February	
Author workshops	Wed 26 February	09:30 & 10:30
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Wed 4 March	
KS1 Music Festival @ St Andrew's	Wed 4 March	13:15 - 15:00
PTA Quiz Night	Fri 6 March	
Spring Parents' Meetings	Tue 10 March	15:30 - 17:30
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Thu 12 March	
Spring Parents' Meetings	Thu 12 March	15:30 - 19:30
Y5 Mosque Visit	Thu 19 March	
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Thu 19 March	16:00 / 18:00
Assessment Week	w/c 23 March	
Easter Pause Day	Mon 30 March	
School Easter Service at CoGS	Fri 3 April	09:30
Last Day of Spring Term	Fri 3 April	finish at 13:30
Easter Holidays	4 - 19 April	
First Day of Summer Term	Mon 20 April	
Yr 4 Residential to Hindleap	Wed 22 - Fri 24 April	
Yr 3 Residential to High Ashurst	Thu 30 April - Fri 1 May	
Swimming starts	w/c 4 May	
Yr 5 Residential to West Dean	Tue 5 - Thu 7 May	
May Bank Holiday	Fri 8 May	
SATs Week	11 - 14 May	
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Wed 13 May	16:00 / 18:00
Reception to British Wildlife Centre	Mon 18 May	
KS2 Choir to Music Festival @ Dorking Halls	Mon 18 May	16:00
Summer Half term	25 - 29 May	
INSET Day	Mon 1 June	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo	Wed 3 June	
Yr 5 to Harry Potter Studios	Mon 8 June	
Yr 6 Bikeability	Mon 8 - Fri 12 June	
Yr 2 to The Look Out Discovery Centre	Thu 11 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Osmington	Mon 15 - Fri 19 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 17 June	
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EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	Fri 19 June	am
Yr 4 to Wisley	Thu 25 June	
Yr 1 to Merrist Wood Animal Encounters	Fri 26 June	
KS2 Sports Day	Fri 26 June	am
Yr 4 Brass Concert at CoGS	Sat 27 June	evening
Assessment Week	w/c 29 June	
Secondary School induction days	Tue 30 June / Wed 1 July	

Description	Date	Time
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Wed 1 July	
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Thu 2 July	16:00 / 18:00
INSET Day	Fri 3 July	
Yr 5 Away Day at Fullbrook	Tue 7 July	
Yr 6 Production	Fri 17 July	
Yr 6 Leavers' Disco	Tue 21 July	18:30 - 20:00
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Wed 22 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Wed 22 July	finish at 13:30

2020/21 Term Dates & INSETs			
INSET DAY	Tue 1 September	First day of Spring term	Tue 5 January
INSET DAY	Wed 2 September	Spring Half Term	15-19 February
First day of Autumn term	Thu 3 September	Last day of Spring term	Thu 1 April
Autumn Half term	26 - 30 October	Easter Holidays	2 - 18 April
INSET DAY	Mon 2 November	First Day of Summer term	Mon 19 April
Last day of Autumn term	Thu 17 December	Summer Half term	31 May - 4 June
Christmas Holidays	18 December - 3 January	INSET DAY	Mon 7 June
INSET DAY	Mon 4 January	Last day of Summer term	Wed 21 July



Team of friends needed to run the Junior section of the marquee at the Pyrford & Wisley Flower Show.

We are looking for a small team of people to liaise with the local schools and clubs and organise all the wonderful entries of artwork, cookery, creative writing etc. that the children produce every year. Involves liaising with the schools prior to the event. A few evenings of organisation - to include - class titles to fit with the theme, entry card writing and inspiring ideas for decorating etc. Decorating the marquee and laying out of all the entries over the Flower show weekend and then producing winners certificates. One or two members of the team would need to attend occasional monthly committee meetings.

Would ideally need 4 or 5 people.

Full handover given for this year's show shadowing the existing team. To have an exploratory chat contact Tara Petters on tara.petters@yahoo.co.uk

SLEEP TRAINING

26th March, 9:30 - 11 am, hosted by Knaphill Lower School.

Cost: £10 per parent.

The 90 minute training session aims to support parents to know how to encourage their children to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing by understanding the role and value of healthy sleep. The session will cover:



- **What sleep is, what it is for and why it is important to physical and emotional wellbeing**
- **Why children at primary school need 10 - 11 hours per night**
- **What the body clock is and how it relates to sleep**
- **What can stop you getting a good night's sleep**
- **What you can do to help yourself to get a good night's sleep**

To book a place and to arrange payment, please contact

Adie Gould, Administrator, Woking Schools Learning Partnership

admin@wslp.co.uk