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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Year 3 Celts & Romans Day




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Headteacher's Letter

Photos

As we are restricting visitors to the school, our photographer will no longer be coming back on Monday to take individual photos of children in Yrs 2 & 4 who were at home isolating. We hope to reorganise this for a future date.

Social distancing

Please can we remind you to stay within the social distancing lines on the playground marking system.

Good morning and welcome back, it is good to see everyone. My sincere thanks to you all for complying with our newly issued guidance regarding procedures at drop off and pick up. With cases rising in the school community, we are trying to be as sensible as possible and do everything we can to keep the school open. As I wrote to you earlier in the week, I believe school is absolutely the best place for our children during these uncertain times and we are keen to keep everything as normal as possible for them during their time with us. I appreciate that the weekends are likely to be trickier for you all with so little to do during the current lockdown situation.

I am pleased to say that we are able to run our wrap around care (breakfast club and Treetops) for those parents who require childcare outside of the school day. On Wednesday night, schools were issued with guidance which came into effect from yesterday. In summary, this includes:

Clinically extremely vulnerable - children

- Children whose doctors have confirmed that they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend education whilst the national restrictions are in place. Appropriate arrangements for remote education will need to be made.
- Children who live with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable, but who are not clinically extremely vulnerable themselves, should still attend education.

We have also been told by the DfE that:

Most children originally identified as clinically extremely vulnerable are no longer identified as such. Schools should encourage parents to speak to their GP or specialist clinician, as soon as possible, if they have not already done so, to understand whether their child should still be classed as clinically extremely vulnerable.

Those children whose doctors have confirmed they are still clinically extremely vulnerable are advised not to attend school whilst this advice is in place. Where a meeting with a GP or specialist clinician has not taken place, the public health advice is that the child is still clinically extremely vulnerable and should not attend school.

Clinically extremely vulnerable - children

- Individuals who are still clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV) are advised to work from home and not to go into work. Individuals in this group will have been identified through a letter from the NHS or from their GP, and may have been advised to shield in the past.
- All other staff should continue to attend work, including those living in a household with someone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.

Clinically vulnerable staff and children

- Staff and children who are clinically vulnerable or have underlying health conditions but are not clinically extremely vulnerable, may continue to attend school in line with current guidance.

Out-of-school activities

- Out-of-school activities (including wraparound childcare) may continue if their primary purpose is providing childcare in order to enable parents to work,

search for work or undertake training/education.

- All other out of school activities, not being primarily used by parents for these purposes, should close for face-to-face provision for the duration of the national restrictions.

Face Coverings

- In primary schools and education settings teaching year 6 and below, there is no change to the existing position.
- Children and young people aged 11 and over must wear a face covering on public transport.

Music, dance & drama

- Music, dance and drama can be undertaken in school so long as safety precautions are undertaken.

Sport

- Sports whose national governing bodies have developed guidance under the principles of the government's guidance on team sport and been approved by the government are permitted. Schools must only provide team sports listed on the return to recreational team sport framework. Competition between different schools should not take place, in line with the wider restrictions on grassroots sport.
- Schools are able to work with external coaches, clubs and organisations for *curricular* activities where they are satisfied that it is safe to do so.

All original guidance and procedures still stand, we are still planning our various Christmas themed activities in line with Covid restrictions and will let you know what is happening in school for children as soon as we are able to confirm arrangements. Please bear with us if information comes to you later, every aspect of our work requires additional thinking and planning at the moment and decisions are often out of our hands dependent on government direction.

Staff are expected to lead by example regarding the lockdown and follow all protocols in school. Once the teaching day in school has ended, staff are expected to work from home from 4pm (unless working in Treetops - there will also be a senior manager at the school until at least 6pm daily) and conduct online meetings, phone calls and training. The best way to contact teachers is via email and they will get back to you. All teachers will undertake parent evenings remotely. These will take place during lockdown. We will be in touch soon with appointment times and procedures for parents to access the video conferencing meetings.

Keep safe and well. Hopefully the weekend will stay dry so that you can get out and enjoy the fresh air.

Best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

Tue 1 Dec: Wizard of Oz pantomime (Yrs 1 - 6)

Tue 8 - Fri 11 Dec: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

♦ Tue: Yrs 1 & 2

♦ Wed: Yrs N & R

♦ Thu: Yrs 3 & 4

♦ Fri: Yrs 5 & 6

Thu 17 Dec: School finishes at 1:30pm

Fri 18 Dec - 3 Jan: Christmas Holiday

Mon 4 Jan: INSET Day

Tue 9 Feb: Y6 Greeks Day

13 - 21 Feb: HALF TERM

Thu 1 Apr: School finishes at 1:30pm

2 - 18 Apr: Easter Holiday

Tue 11 May: Y5 Vikings Day

29 May - 6 Jun: HALF TERM

Mon 7 Jun: INSET Day

Tue 22 Jun: Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

Wed 21 Jul: School finishes at 1:30pm



	EYFS/KS 1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2	Class
1st	Immy Fitch	Amina Azeem	Eloise Bradshaw	2 Cedar 320,604,662
2nd	Mira Moser	Annie Whyman-Taylor	Emilie Moser	2 Hawthorn 147,476,233
3rd	Mason Moser	Mujtaba Ahmed	Emelia Parvin	5 Cherry 133,448,756

Times Tables Rock Stars Awards!

Rock Hero Status has been awarded to:

	Lower KS2	Upper KS2
1st	Amina Azeem	Saisha Khadka
2nd	Charlie Wilson	Nicole York
3rd	Annie Whyman-Taylor	Insa Bashir

And top of the Classes Leader Board are




1st Place: Elm Class

2nd Place: Maple Class

3rd Place: Cherry Class


<https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/online>







Week commencing: 9/11/2020

In assembly this week,
we are thinking about
Remembrance Day
and why it is important
to remember those who
fought in wars.



A Very Special Visit

We are so excited, as during December at Pyrford Primary School, we will be receiving **virtual visits** from some of Santa's elves, to deliver some magic and spread some Christmas Cheer.

The elves will enchant and entertain the children with stories of The North Pole, and spread the joy of Christmas through magic tricks, silly songs and oodles of laughter. The children will also get a full tour of Santa's workshop and the opportunity to see where their letters go and where the toys are made.

The elf visits will be viewed by all children in their class. The clever elves will use Christmas magic to customise their messages to the childrens' year groups (Nursery and Reception, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4, Years 5 & 6) so they could include all sorts of fun details that are familiar to their classes!

At the end of the performance the children will be delighted to hear that the teachers have a special gift from Santa's workshop just for them, so **for just £2.50 per child**, they will receive a wrapped book (age appropriate), which will be delivered to school well in advance of the visit, and will be put into children's bags for them to bring home and excitedly unwrap. This is a **PTA event** which we wish to be **all inclusive**, so there is no charge for the 'Pre-recorded Elf Visit' and **ALL CHILDREN will receive a small chocolate gift** to bring home. **Donations are welcome** and suggested at £1 per child.

Please complete the order form using the link below to indicate if you would like your child/children to receive a book gift from Santa and make payment of £2.50 per child via bank transfer, using the bank details and reference detailed below.

If you can donate towards this event then please either pay via bank transfer using the details below, or put your donation into an envelope, marked PTA, and give to your class teacher via your child.

Bank and reference details for online payments or donations:

Sort Code: 40-46-48

Account Number: 51432591

Ref: Elf20

Please complete the linked form for any children receiving a book:

<https://bit.ly/2I9qZsy>



ONLINE TUTORS KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE



GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

YOU MIGHT GET A TUTOR FROM SCHOOL, THE NATIONAL TUTORING PROGRAMME, A GOOGLE SEARCH OR A RECOMMENDATION. BUT ANYONE CAN CALL THEMSELVES A TUTOR, SO HOW CAN YOU KEEP YOUR CHILDREN SAFE WHILE THEY CATCH UP?

1) Select the right tutor

- o Get to know them first - ask about qualifications, experience (freelance? umbrella body?) & approach
- o Take up references and speak to them if you can
- o Ask to see a DBS (criminal record) check. NB - private tutors can only get the basic check; (don't let a DBS give you a false sense of security though)
- o Find out which platform they will use and its safety features



2) Establish clear rules

- o Sessions must always be arranged via you; the tutor should not contact your child directly between sessions, send private messages or change communication platform
- o A tutor is not a friend – they should behave in a professional way, like a teacher
- o Sessions must not be recorded without your approval
- o Try to be in the room for all sessions, especially for younger children, and certainly the first time
- o Your child should not join a session from a bedroom. If this is unavoidable, pop in frequently, ensure they are fully dressed at all times, point the camera away from beds & personal information, and blur or change the background



3) Make sure your child knows

- o The rules apply to them and the tutor
- o A tutor is a teacher not a friend
- o Neither tutor nor child should share personal information, private messages or photos & videos
- o They must never meet without your approval or communicate on a different platform
- o Who their trusted adults are at home and school
- o They can tell you if they are asked to keep a secret or anything happens or is said that is strange or makes them feel uncomfortable, scared or upset



**FIND MORE SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES TO SUPPORT
PARENTS AT [PARENTSAFE.LGFL.NET](https://parentsafe.lgfl.net)**

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Consultation on admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2022

Surrey County Council is consulting on:

- proposed changes to admission arrangements for the majority of community and voluntary controlled schools for September 2022
- Surrey's relevant area – this is the geographical area within which schools must consult on their admission arrangements.

Full details of the consultation and the changes being proposed are available at www.surreysays.co.uk.

Why we are consulting

We have a statutory duty to consult on admission arrangements if we intend to make a change. The changes being proposed are as follows:

The majority of community and voluntary controlled schools - Removal of use of 'nearest school' as a criterion within the admission arrangements

Beaulclerc Infant School – introduction of a sibling link with Chennestone Primary School

Horley Infant School – introduction of a reciprocal sibling link with Yattendon School

Onslow Infant School – reduction in published admission number for Reception from 90 to 60

How can I respond to the consultation?

The consultation on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools and the proposed changes will run until Tuesday 1 December 2020. If you would like to take part please complete an online response form at www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/copy-of-copy-of-consultation-on-proposed-changes-t/ (www.surreysays.co.uk). Alternatively, if you would prefer to respond on a paper form, please telephone the Surrey Schools and Childcare Service on 0300 200 1004 to request a copy. Please note that only response forms which are fully completed with the respondent's name and address will be accepted.

What happens next?

After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the County Council's decision-making Cabinet on 26 January 2021. It will decide whether to proceed with the proposed changes as well as determining the admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for which no changes are proposed. Cabinet's decision will then need to be ratified by the full County Council on 9 February 2021. Once determined the final admission arrangements for all community and voluntary controlled schools for 2021 will be placed on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.