Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Squirrels' Mini(and not-so-mini)Beast Encounters











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DIARY DATES (changes in bold)

Sat 12 June (evening): Virtual School Quiz

Mon 14 June: Y6 Junior Citizen

Mon 14 & Tue 15 June: YN - Y2 Perform Drama Workshops

Tue 15 June: Bag2School

Collection

Wed 16 June: EYFS & KS1 Sports Day

Wed 16 June: Y5 Away Day at Fullbrook

Thu 17 June: KS2 Sports Day

Mon 21 June: Y6 Mission Possible

Tue 22 June: Y4 Mission Possible

Wed 23 June: Y6 Bushcraft

Thursday 24 June: Class Photos (not Beech & **Oak**)

Thursday 24 June: Y6 Bring Books to Life Dance Workshop

Friday 25 June: Class Photos (Beech & Oak)

Friday 25 June: Y2 & Y3 Drum Runner Workshop

Fri 2 July: Y5 Archery & Orienteering

Tue 6 July: Y6 Leavers Do

Fri 9 July: Back Together Again PTA evening event

Fri 16 July: Break the Rules Mufti Day

Wed 21 July: Last day of term

Headteacher's Letter

Good morning and welcome back after the half-term break. I do hope that you enjoyed the glorious sunshine which has continued into this week and is promised for the weekend too.

Staff were busy in school on Monday preparing for the new academic year when we are hopeful that we can get up and running with our educational offer. Staff have been busy sorting curriculum resources which are closely matched to our core curriculum offer which we will share with you in the new year. On page 4, please find a list of classes and teachers for next year. We will share this with your children, but please do talk to them about their new class and teacher. In school, we will be holding transition times for the children as well as meetings between staff to hand over information. Parents with children who have identified additional needs will be contacted by the Inclusion Team to arrange meetings to discuss your child with both their current teacher and their new teacher.

This week has been busy as always, with our youngest children enjoying the minibeast workshops we held on site.

The sunshine has been an absolute blessing and the children have loved using the swimming pool. I'm sure the swimming teachers and helpers have liked the better weather even more!

My thanks to everyone who contributed to our survey before the holidays. We have read all your comments and are building them into our plans for next year. All our questions literally received a 50% split except for the overwhelming response for us to keep PE kits being worn on PE days. This will be a definite keep!

In response to your comments and feedback, we have managed to plan lunchtimes next year where we fully intend to have a traditional full meal offer given to all children, where children will sit and enjoy eating in the dining hall on plates. We are now trying to plan the start and finish times along with suitable pick up/drop off procedures which allow for suitable safeguarding as well as school efficiency and an opportunity for teachers to have a closer relationship with parents; this is proving slightly more difficult! I will write to you before the end of term with full arrangements.

Of course, all our plans are dependent on the DfE issuing new guidance in light of restrictions lifting. You will no doubt be aware of the rising cases locally. This week, Woking has seen a rise of 148% and cases are above national average. We keep in daily contact with Surrey and the DfE who will make decisions locally regarding any possible surge testing procedures which may be required following the announcement of surge testing in neighbouring Kingston. As of this morning, I have been asked to remind all parents to follow protocols in place which includes social distancing and mask-wearing on the school site. You are all encouraged to engage in lateral flow testing twice weekly.

Call to Action: Regular Symptom Free Testing – communication for parents and staff

"All adults and secondary and college age students are encouraged to take a symptom-free LFD test twice a week. You will not need to isolate while waiting for the results of the symptom-free LFD test. Adults can collect a home testing kit from a <u>designated site</u> or order <u>online</u>. Find out more about symptom-free

testing here. "

New guidance has also been issued to anyone who is identified as close contacts of a positive covid case. This will include children of primary age.

As an extra precaution, Public Health England (PHE) is now advising close contacts to get a COVID-19 PCR test (ideally 5 days after exposure or day five of isolation). If your child has had a positive PCR test within the last 90 days, you do not need to get another test unless they have new symptoms.

Primary-aged children who are symptomatic should book a PCR test and not use lateral flow tests. Household members should isolate whilst awaiting the results of the PCR test.

We have received extensive advice and guidance from Surrey CC regarding school transition days for pupils who will be moving to secondary school or into reception classes. It is essential that children, parents and staff follow guidance issued. For parents of children in Year 6 please note that face masks may be required if the visits are allowed to go ahead.

- Children/staff who are visitors to another school should wear face coverings where social distancing is not possible. This applies to outside of classrooms for example, when moving around in corridors and communal areas.
- Where children from different school are mixing indoors in classrooms, Surrey County Council
 recommends that face coverings should be worn where social distancing is not possible. Continue to
 ventilate classrooms. However in line with current national guidance, where children in a classroom
 are all from the same educational bubble, they do not need to wear face coverings unless they have
 been advised to do so due to a local outbreak for example.

On-site transition is subject to change depending on government guidance and the planned road map. Schools are planning alternatives if on-site visits are not possible which will be communicated to you as soon as is feasibly possible.

We plan to go ahead with our sports days for our bubbles next week. We are unable to have parents onsite for this occasion which I understand is frustrating for some. For those feeling anxious about the event, please be assured that we will take every precaution and risk assessment required to safely run the events. We will be following all government guidance regarding hands, face, space and children will be in their bubbles with associated bubble staff.

I'm sorry I haven't been able to give greater clarity on all school events. I had really hoped that the 21st June would give us all the freedoms we desire in schools, but with rising cases and caution expressed to us, there is nothing we can do but write a plan A and a plan B for everything as we await local and

national guidance. I am grateful for your patience and help in controlling the virus. I am really keen to get to the end of the summer term without having to close bubbles, so please help us keep on it for the next few weeks.

Next week we have much planned; we have drama workshops for Nursery, Reception and KS1 children, sports days for all, Junior Citizen visit for Year 6 and a Year 5 away day to Fullbrook. The PTA are also running the bag to school collection.

I hope you all have a great weekend enjoying the good weather. As always, do get in touch if you have any questions or queries. I will keep you up to date with all end of term arrangements as the term progresses.

Best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki Headteacher Help Raise Money for our School!

Bring your unwanted good quality textiles in any large black bag - adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together), hats, belts, handbags and

soft toys but no logoed uniform - on TUESDAY.

There will be collection points in the front and back playgrounds. Drops must be made by 9am.



Classes & Teachers for 2021/22

Current Class 2020/21	Will move to in 2021/22	Class Teacher in 2021/22	
	YN Squirrels	Mrs Hope	
	YR Hazel	Mrs Freeman	
	YR Beech	Mrs Murray	
YR Beech	Y1 Pine	Miss Adams	
YR Hazel	Y1 Oak	Mrs Steen	
Y1 Pine	Y2 Cedar	Mrs Tolley and Mrs Dearden	
Y1 Chestnut	Y2 Hawthorn	Mrs Booker	
Y1 Oak	Y2 Sycamore	Mrs Porter	
Y2 Cedar	Y3 Elm	Mrs Lines	
Y2 Hawthorn	Y3 Maple	Mrs Gill and Mrs Shardlow	
Y3 Elm	Y4 Larch	Mrs Brockway	
Y3 Maple	Y4 Alder	Mrs Wright and Mrs Bourne	
Y4 Larch	Y5 Rowan	Miss Wilson	
Y4 Alder	Y5 Willow	Miss Daly	
Y5 Cherry	Y6 Holly	Mrs Bull	
Y5 Willow	Y6 Laurel	Mrs Gilbey	

Mrs Goree will be leading on English, supporting children across the school

Year 3 Evacuees



Pre-loved Uniform

Just a reminder to email s.alexander@pyrford.surrey.sc h.uk if you need any pre-loved items to see you through to the end of the school year or if you would like to get ahead of the game for September! If we don't have what you require in stock we can put your name on a list for when it comes in.

Breakfast Club & Treetops

Could we please remind you to make any outstanding payments to settle your account. Many thanks.

On the Thursday before half term a team of Year 6 cricketers took part in the District Kwik Cricket competition at Old Woking CC. This took place amidst much excitement because it was the first time we have been involved in an interschool competition for 18 months or so.

We played against other schools in the District. All the Pyrford players were absolutely amazing. We saw some brilliant batting and some absolutely superb fielding. We took some amazing wickets and catches. We made it through to the semi-final but unfortunately were knocked out. We played against West Byfleet for 3rd/4th place and beat them easily.

A big well done to Alex, Scout, Finlay, Leo, George, Dylan, William and Aaron. It was lovely and very uplifting to see you play so well as a team. All of you epitomise excellent sportsmanship. Even the sun was shining after a very soggy start to the week.

Mrs Cockle



TERM DATES 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September	INSET DAY	Tuesday 4th January	INSET DAY
Thursday 2nd September	INSET DAY	Monday 14th - Friday 18th	Half Term Holiday
Friday 3rd September	Children return to school	Friday 1st April	School finishes at 12:00
Monday 25th - Friday 29th October	Half Term Holiday	Monday 4th - Monday 18th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 1st November	INSET DAY	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 16th December	School finishes at 12:00	Monday 6th June	INSET DAY
Friday 17th December - Monday 3rd January	Christmas Holiday	Friday 22nd July	School finishes at 12:00

Can you help with the Year 6 production?



If restrictions mean that parents are not able to attend a performance, we would like to film it so that we can share this with them.

Do you have any expertise in this area? We are happy to

work around any schedule you may have during w/c 12th July?

Please email Mrs Bull a.bull@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

A huge thank you for the overwhelming support of the parents in their donations to the staff coffee pool last term. The staff were really appreciative of their weekly coffees and treats and also had a little Easter chocolate. This term, the remainder of the money funded a special afternoon tea during the INSET day.



We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our parents. We have so appreciated the coffees and Easter chocolate ... and the afternoon tea on Monday was such a treat. All the Staff











