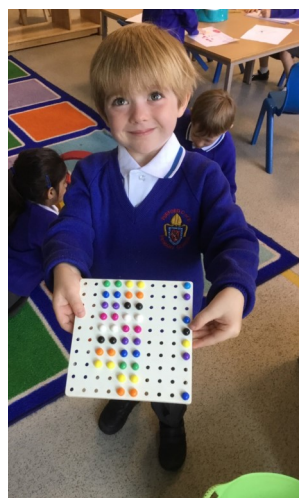
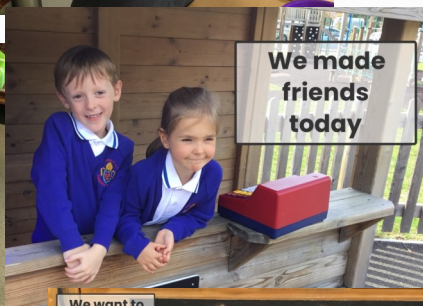


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# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Early Bird & Treetops

### Collection update for Years 5 & 6 only



Please may I ask if you have children in Year 5 or 6 coming to Breakfast Club or Treetops that you drop off / pick up from the double doors at the main hall. This is with immediate effect.

Many thanks.

Mrs J Rashbrook  
Extended Schools Manager

### Terms & Conditions

For those of you using Breakfast Club & Treetops for the first time, you are required to sign the terms & conditions which you will find online at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/jzyf57w6hfbfxfxe29>

## Headteacher's Letter

Good Morning!

We have hit the end of the first week. We have been so impressed with how the children are doing. It is great to see them interacting with each other and playing happily. A special mention to our Nursery and Reception children who have astounded us with how well they have settled into school and all of our routines. No doubt you will all have some tired children by the end of today.

Our systems and processes for coming in and collecting are getting slicker by the day. Thank you for helping us with that; it is one of our more challenging aspects of reorganisation. We are busy adapting the curriculum to meet the children's needs whilst identifying gaps in children's learning. Teachers will be in contact with parents individually over the coming weeks to give you a very brief update about your child and how they have settled back into school life. We are very conscious that with all the systems in place, parents don't have as much opportunity to talk to teachers. If you do have anything you need to tell us or ask, then please get in touch directly with the class teacher via email and they will get back to you as soon as possible to discuss. Any wider school concerns or questions can be directed to Mrs Little who will be happy to help [s.little@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.little@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

I am sure many of you will be aware from the media that a growing number of Surrey schools have been/are affected by the coronavirus and various bubbles have closed. We can't afford to be complacent. Please can I urge you to comply with government guidance which is coming into place from Monday this week concerning group sizes. Whilst I know this will be disappointing for some families, particularly affecting children's parties and playdates, it is important we support the national effort in enabling schools to remain open. If your child would like the opportunity to mix more out of school with their peers, we are offering more places in our Treetops (which doesn't have a limit of 6). We will soon be sending our programme of activities which your child might be interested in attending. Watch this space for further information.

Like every other school in the country at the moment, we are very aware of the limitations and delays around testing. The surge in people requiring covid tests has meant that test centres and labs are overwhelmed. Whereas getting a test and results locally was very accessible up to last week, I know of families here who are being offered appointments all the way up at Aberdeen airport! Public Health and the DfE are fully aware of the situation, but in the meantime I understand the frustrations for families who are having to isolate until they can gain a test and await results. For children having to isolate, we will have work packs up on our website by the end of next week so that you have something instantly. Should we have bubble closure or lockdown of sorts, we will switch immediately to seesaw digital learning.

Now that children have settled back, you will start to receive information regarding homework and how the class runs. As we are unable to hold the usual curriculum meet the teacher sessions which we would normally hold in September, teachers will be uploading presentations to the website which will hopefully answer questions you might have. You will receive an email from Phase leaders when this information is available.

For those of you with Y6 pupils, please visit secondary school websites for information regarding the schools. Open evenings are not advised under current guidance so schools are having to be more creative in providing this information. If you have any questions about secondary schools, please do contact Mrs Little or myself. Here at Pyrford we are also working on our virtual tours for prospective parents.

Have a good weekend.

Kathryn Krynicki  
Headteacher



# Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2020**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at **[surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](https://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)** or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

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