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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter


THE NEWARK TRUST



Social Media Highlights



Wow! Look at the new sandpit and play area in the nursery garden! The children absolutely love it. Thank you so much to @innovisionland - it's amazing!

We have started our Summer Term on such a high as we were able to award 5 winners for their incredible reading! They all enjoyed choosing their new book from our beloved vending machine!



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The children in Reception and Squirrels thoroughly enjoyed their visit from @littlecitynorthsurrey. Thank you Lorna, for providing such a fun role play city for the children to explore, play and learn in. We all loved the experience!



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Head's Letter

Good morning.

We have had another busy and productive week here at Pyrford and it is wonderful that the sun is starting to come out a bit more, although typically not today it seems!

Yesterday I went to visit the Year 4 children on their residential trip at Hindleap Warren. It was a lovely, sunny day for them. Luckily the weather was good as they were partaking in the 'River Walk', which actually involved walking in the river. They were covered in mud and their wellies were full of water, but they were in very good spirits. I would like to extend thanks to the staff who have gone with them and hope that they get the chance to catch up on some sleep at the weekend.

The children who stayed behind didn't miss out, as others and I took them to Charrington Manor Care Home, where they had a fantastic time with the residents. They enjoyed a colouring competition and playing balloon volleyball; it was wonderful to see the generations mix. The children wanted to go again the next day and were very disappointed that they weren't able to.

A reminder to those parents whose children have been offered a place for Reception in September to please accept your place as soon as possible. We can't wait to have you here and will inform you of next steps very soon.

Next Wednesday our choir will be attending the Dorking Halls Music Festival. We are very proud of them and know that they will shine like the stars that they are. Thank you to Mrs. Gill and Miss Dennis for leading the choir and taking them.

We have a large range of clubs running this term and the take-up has been fantastic. Please see the website for all of the opportunities that the children have that extend beyond the curriculum. We are always looking for volunteers who could run after school clubs for us, so if you have any time and a passion for a certain sport or other activity, then please email into the office and let us know.

I would like to thank all of you who took part in the recent parents' survey. Your feedback has been so useful in our planning for the future and we want to share with you some of that planning. This week we are focussing on Progress - please see the following page for more details.

We are currently in full planning mode for the King's Coronation and are planning a series of fun experiences and opportunities for the children to be involved with, in order to mark this historic occasion. More information will follow soon.

Finally, I would like to extend a very Happy Eid to our families who are celebrating this weekend.

Rachel Clement
Head of School



PROGRESS

WHAT YOU SAID

The school keeps me well informed regarding my child's progress – 76%
My child is making the progress I expect to see – 77%
Homework is not used appropriately and is therefore hindering progress

WHAT WE DO

- We have 2 in person parents' evenings a year.
- We send home a report card each term, which includes a more detailed one in the Summer term.
- Children with any Special Educational Needs get an extra termly parents' evening.
- Parents are invited into the school on 'Friendly Fridays' to see their children's work and speak to the teacher.

WHAT ACTIONS WE WILL TAKE

- We will review how we report progress for the next academic year, to include discussion on virtual/in person parents' evenings and the information shared on report cards.
- Whilst evidence shows that homework has limited impact on children's progress, we will review our homework policy and ensure that what is sent home is in line with the needs and abilities of the individual child.

SPONSOR A PLANK



We are raising money to replace the decking in the Environmental Garden

And you can get involved by sponsoring a plank for just £25!

Simply email FPPSTreasurer@gmail.com with details of how many planks you would like and the name for each plank ☺

Our school Environmental Garden has a wonderful pond but the decking has been condemned...
...this is going to be a big project and **we need your help!**



SWIMMING

Swimming starts officially w/c 1st May, but due to school trips and Bank Holidays, there are some sessions next week.

The table below shows the regular lesson times for each class and the dates of the additional sessions.

Please make sure that your child **brings in their swimming kit on a Monday** in case we have to swap year group sessions.

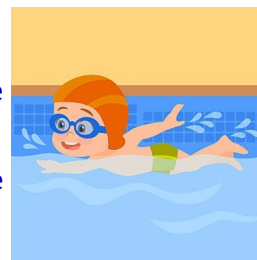
Year 3 children should wear their PE kit to school on Fridays when they have swimming to ease changing.

Swimming hats must be worn in the pool. They should also bring **named goggles**.

Verruca socks should be worn if your child has a verruca.

We are still short of helpers in a number of classes, especially Beech, Cedar, Hawthorn, Elm, Juniper and Maple.

Please email office@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk if you can help, even if not every week.



| CLASS | REGULAR SWIMMING DAY & TIMES HELPERS REQUIRED | FIRST REGULAR SWIMMING SESSION | EXTRA SESSION |
|----------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Beech | Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00 | 10th May | Friday 28th April |
| Hazel | Wednesday 08:30 - 10:30 | 10th May | Friday 28th April |
| Oak | Monday 08:30 - 10:30 | 15th May | Wednesday 26th April |
| Pine | Monday 10:00 - 12:00 | 15th May | Wednesday 26th April |
| Cedar | Monday 12:45 - 14:45 | 15th May | Wednesday 26th April |
| Hawthorn | Wednesday 12:45 - 14:45 | 10th May | Friday 28th April |
| Elm | Friday 10:00 - 12:00 | 5th May | n/a |
| Juniper | Friday 12:45 - 14:45 | 5th May | n/a |
| Maple | Friday 08:30 - 10:30 | 5th May | n/a |

Why you should take devices out of your child's bedroom overnight?



Natterhub have drawn on their Data Report 2021/22 to set out their views on the key reasons that children should not have devices in their bedrooms overnight:

<https://natterhub.com/blog/why-you-should-take-devices-out-of-your-childs-bedroom-overnight>

- 1/ Removes distractions when they are trying to sleep
- 2/ Keeps them safe from unsupervised access to the internet
- 3/ Preserves childhood and reduces risk of exposure to non-child friendly content
- 4/ Gives you peace of mind that their bedroom is always their safe space

Diary Dates

Fri 21 Apr 15:15-15:45 Yrs R, 1 & 2 Friendly Friday

Wed 26 April 16:00-20:00 Primary Music Festival
(KS2 choir)

Fri 28 Apr 15:15-15:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday

Mon 1 May BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 3 May Yr R to Godstone Farm

Fri 5 May Royal/Red White & Blue Mufti Day to
celebrate the Coronation & **Sponsored Fun Run**

Fri 5 May 15:15-15:45 Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday

Mon 8 May BANK HOLIDAY

w/c 8 May SATS Week

Tue 16 May Y4 Rainforest Workshop

Wed 17 May Author Visit

Thu 18 May Numeracy Day (KS1 & KS2)

Fri 19 May Y5 to Hampton Court

Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun HALF TERM HOLIDAY

MON 5 Jun INSET DAY

Wed 7 Jun Y5/6 District Sports

Mon 12 Jun Y5 Away Day @ Fullbrook School

Tue 13 Jun Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

Tue 13 Jun YN/YR Minibeast Workshop

Thu 15 Jun Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre

Fri 16 Jun 15:15-15:45 Yrs R, 1 & 2 Friendly Friday

Wed 21 Jun Y3/4 District Sports

Wed 21 Jun Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop

Wed 21 Jun Y6 Lego Robotics Workshop

Thu 22 Jun Y1 to Merrist Wood

Fri 23 Jun 15:15-15:45 Yrs 3 & 4 Friendly Friday

Sat 24 Jun 18:00 Annual Brass Concert @ CoGS

Thu 29 Jun Y3 Activity Day - 2 classes tbc

Fri 30 Jun Y3 Activity Day - 1 class tbc

Fri 30 Jun Y5 Trip to Wildwood

Tue 4 Jul am KS2 Sports Day

Thu 6 Jul am EYFS/KS1 Sports Day

Some of the children visited Charrington Manor Care Home this week. They participated in a drawing competition with the residents and blew them away with their artistic abilities! They finished off their time with a game of balloon volleyball! All the children and residents had so much fun and the residents look forward to seeing our children again soon.



Fri 7 Jul 15:15-15:45 Yrs 5 & 6 Friendly Friday

Mon 10 - Fri 14 Jul Y6 Residential to Osmington Bay

Fri 21 Jul Term Ends

PTA Update

The PTA wanted to update you on the fundraising efforts so far this year and say a **BIG thank you** for your continued support!

We raised almost £5,000 at our recent Quiz and Movie Nights!

Thank you all so much!

Funds raised will go towards a long list of school spending requirements including replacing playground infrastructure, the school garden, Maths resources and much more!



THINKING ABOUT JOINING THE PTA?

WE MEET EVERY 2 WEEKS ON A TUESDAY EVENING, TYPICALLY VIA ZOOM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US PLEASE REACH OUT AND WE WILL SEND ON THE ZOOM LINK

IT'S A GREAT WAY TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH SCHOOL AND MEET SOME GREAT FRIENDS 😊



**Celebrate the King's Coronation
with a sponsored**

FUN RUN!



**Running 0.8
miles**



Which is the
distance of the
King's
procession!

Remember
your water
bottles!

Everyone
receives a
medal!

All children to wear PE kit on Thursday 4th May please

Thursday 4 May

Parents are welcome to come and cheer the children on!

- 09:00 – 09:45: Years 1 & 2
- 10:00 – 10:45: Squirrels & Reception
- 11:00 – 11:45: Years 5 & 6
- 13:00 – 13:45: Years 3 & 4

**DETAILS ON HOW TO SPONSOR YOUR CHILD
COMING SOON!**

The Teenage/ Adolescent Brain What is going on?



A relaxed & informative presentation in collaboration with Miranda Brockman, parent coach and Anthony Bligh, Youth Minister.

Adolescence is now widely regarded as covering those aged 10 to 24 years.

Come & join us at this free event to find out what all parents, grandparents, teachers and youth leaders should know to help you navigate this period well & the vital role youth groups can play in a young person's wellbeing.

Join us at the Church of the Good Shepherd,
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford, GU22 8SP
WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

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Dear PARENTS:- We need four parents per night to have the appropriate adult to child ratio in our Church Safeguarding policy. So, if you have not already volunteered this year, **PLEASE** LOOK and SEE if you might be free once this term, that would be WONDERFUL!

If free, you can email suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org or fill in this slip and return it at Youth Club Jnr. Many thanks.
Name & contact no./email _____

I would be available to help on Friday _____ (date)

MAY

Friday 5th May 6:30pm-7:45pm~
@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 19th May 6:30pm-7:45pm~
@ the church of the good shepherd

JUNE

Friday 16th June 6:30pm-7:45pm~
@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 30th June 6:30pm-7:45pm~
@ the church of the good shepherd

JULY

Friday 14th July 6:30pm-7:45pm~
@ the church of the good shepherd



END OF SEASON FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday 14th May, 12:00 - 22:00

Celebrate the conclusion of 2022/23 with the family at the Laithwaite Community Stadium, home of Woking FC

£8 for Adults
£6 for Kids
Under 3s FREE



- Giant inflatables - Live Music - Children's entertainment
- Toddler Town - Local business stalls
- Hogsback, Prosecco, Madri and Pimm's Bars
- Local gourmet food - Woking FC end of season awards
- + So much more!



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