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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Social Media Highlights

The children in Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed being introduced to Crumble, which is a physical computing software programme, as part of their coding unit in Computing. The children had to input information to produce an output which as a result lit the LED sparkle.



Year 3 have had lots of fun creating and flying their kites which they made as part of their DT project!



Year 4 had great fun being Victorians for the day. The children dressed up and took part in lots of different activities in the Victorian School House. They particularly enjoyed learning how to cross stitch!



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Head's Letter

Good morning!

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to a new term. I hope that you all had a lovely, restful Christmas holiday period.

The children have all come back smiling and ready to learn. It has been lovely to see them and to listen to what they have been doing over the holiday.

On Tuesday, we started the week with an assembly about New Year's Resolutions. We discussed how we can sometimes put too much pressure on ourselves to make a change and then we are disappointed when things don't work out as we hoped. We talked about how making small changes are more successful, and linked these to our school values of love, resilience, wisdom and respect. The children came forward with some lovely ideas. Maybe you could ask them what they remember.

Please can I take this opportunity to remind all parents that if you wish to speak with a member of staff, you should email them (all addresses are on the website) or call in to the office. It may not be possible for them to meet with you immediately but they will arrange a time to do so. Parents must only come in to school via the office and ensure that they are signed in.

Coming back to school can be tiring, and we have lots of children and staff who have had a very busy week.

I hope that you all do something lovely and restful at the weekend.

Rachel Clement

Head of School

Congratulations to former pupil Ben, now in Year 8.

A fantastic achievement.



Well done to Ivy in Juniper class who decided she wanted to donate her hair to The Princess Trust charity. What a kind thing to do Ivy!



ECO TEAM

Our Eco Team is now established and planning all sorts of initiatives. The aim of the team is to provide all pupils with the knowledge, skills, attitudes and values to enable them to live sustainably and to help them to protect our planet for future generations.

Our Eco Team will raise awareness about pollution and environmental issues. They will also be role models who support and encourage other children to make responsible life choices which preserve and protect the natural world about us.

We will update you on what they have been doing, but in the meantime they want to remind you that the children should be encouraged to bring water in a reusable (named) water bottle rather than a single use bottle.

Diary Dates

Fri 27 Jan Y1 Trip to Windsor Castle

Tue 31 Jan Y6 Greek Workshop

Wed 8 Feb Fantastic Fred Experience for Mental Health Week

Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Tue 28 Feb 15:30-17:30 Parents Evening Meetings

Wed 1 & Thu 2 Mar YN-Y2 Perform Drama Workshops

Thu 2 Mar 15:30-19:30 Parents Evening Meetings

Wed 15 Mar Y2 Trip to Brooklands

Mon 20 Mar Y5 Vikings Workshop

Wed 29 Mar YN/R Little City Visit School

Fri 31 Mar Term Ends

Mon 17 Apr Term Starts

Wed 19 - Fri 21 Apr Y4 Residential to Hindleap Warren

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

Mon 1 May BANK HOLIDAY

Tue 16 May Y4 Rainforest Workshop

Fri 19 May Y5 to Hampton Court

Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun HALF TERM HOLIDAY

MON 5 Jun INSET DAY

Tue 13 Jun Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

Tue 13 Jun YN/YR Minibeam Workshop

Thu 15 Jun Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre

Wed 21 Jun Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop

Wed 21 Jun Y6 Lego Robotics Workshop

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

Mon 10 - Fri 14 Jul Y6 Residential to Osmington Bay

Fri 21 Jul Term Ends

Is your child starting school in September 2023?



If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **31 October 2022** and **15 January 2023**.

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 or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
31 October 2022
and 15 January 2023



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)

JANUARY

Friday 20th January 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

FEBRUARY

Friday 3rd February 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

MARCH

Friday 3rd March 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 17th March 6:30pm-7:45pm

TRIP OUT ICE-SKATING ~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

Friday 31st March 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd



Between Us

An app designed to help your relationship

This app is designed to benefit all parents whether you are together or separated, whether you are experiencing new areas of conflict or whether you have been arguing or disagreeing about something for a while.

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How does the app help?

The app can help in the following ways:

- by improving communication between the couple/separated parents
- by improving the ability to understand a partner's/co-parent's perspective
- by introducing skills and exercises to help reduce conflict between couples
- by giving co-parents the tools to think, reflect and reposition patterns of behaviour
- by developing tools and techniques to improve your parenting skills and help your family succeed.



Get the app

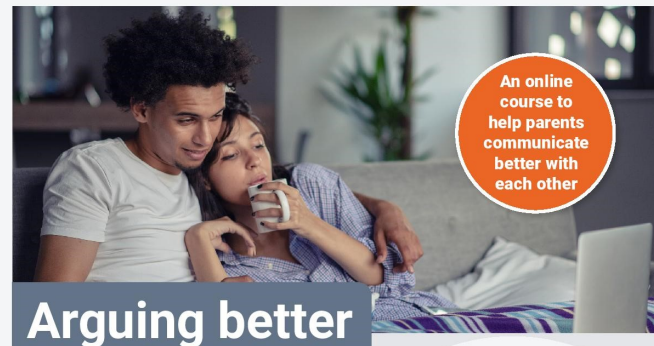


SCAN ME

The app is available for Apple iOS and Android smartphones.

An app by TAVISTOCK RELATIONSHIPS

<https://www.betweenus-app.com/get-access/surreyc>



An online course to help parents communicate better with each other

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

To access the course, you will need a smartphone, tablet, or computer, and a good internet connection. It's FREE to use, so you'll just need to create an account with a username and password.



Register at this address
www.oneplusone.org.uk/parent-resources-for-england
or scan the QR code

- *Arguing better* is designed for parents who want to learn healthy ways to deal with stress and conflict.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go or save your progress and come back to it later.
- The course will take about 40 minutes to complete, so it's best to give yourself enough time and space to reflect.



An online course for separating parents to help manage conflict and minimise the impact on children

Getting it right for children

When parents are separating or separated, children can often get caught in the middle.

Getting it right for children is a free online course designed to help you parent co-operatively. It can help you to develop positive communication skills, so that you can sort out disagreements and find solutions together.

You will learn:

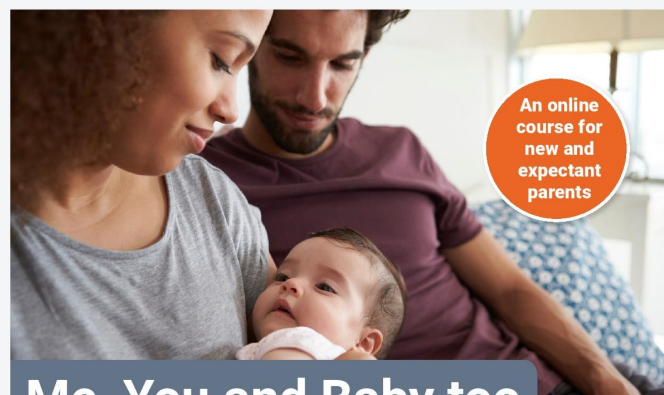
- How to stay calm and listen as well as talk.
- Why it's helpful to see things from a different point of view.
- What to do to stop a discussion from turning into an argument.
- Skills for finding solutions and making compromises.

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- *Getting it right for children* is designed for separating or separated parents who want to reduce conflict and communicate better with their child's other parent.
- The course is online so you can go through it at your own pace.
- You can do it all in one go but it's often best to spread it over a few weeks to give yourself time to reflect and practise the skills.



An online course for new and expectant parents

Me, You and Baby too

Having a baby can be an exciting time but it's also one of the biggest changes you and your partner are likely to go through. You'll both be tired and stressed, and you may argue more.

Me, You and Baby Too is a free online course that can help you navigate these changes and keep moving forward together.

You will learn:

- What your baby picks up, even before they are born.
- Why stress should be a shared burden.
- How you and your partner can support each other.
- How to talk to bring up difficult topics.
- How arguments start, and how to stop them.

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