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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Dabbling Ducks

The children have loved having the ducklings in Reception and enjoyed meeting fully grown ducks on their trip to the farm.



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

It's been a quieter-than-usual week at Pyrford as our Year 6 pupils tackled their SATs. With everyone focused on creating the best possible environment to help them succeed, the rest of the school has respectfully adjusted to support that aim.

On my way to school one morning, while listening to the radio, I heard a parent share that her son's school had gone straight into a maths lesson after the children had already completed two SATs maths papers that day. I was heartened to know that here at Pyrford, our staff had instead thoughtfully taken children to sketch in the nature garden — a lovely way to decompress and bring some balance to the day. The team have used a range of sensitive and supportive approaches to help our children feel calm and cared for during what can be a demanding week.

I want to offer huge congratulations to all of our Year 6 pupils, the staff team, and parents for getting through the week together. SATs are a normal part of school life, but they still feel very different while they're happening. We do everything we can to make the process as smooth and manageable as possible — but it can still be a little daunting for everyone involved.

That said, it's important to remember that the learning doesn't stop here! While we have some exciting and well-earned fun activities planned for the rest of the term, there's still a great deal of valuable learning ahead in the Year 6 curriculum.

One of the joys of the week — in contrast to the seriousness of SATs — was seeing the Reception ducklings, who brought smiles to everyone's faces. Today we say goodbye to them, which brings a touch of sadness, but they've been a real delight and have brightened the week for pupils and staff alike.

Congratulations go to our Year 3 and Year 4 netball teams for their success this week - read the report later in this newsletter. Thanks to the generosity of Innovision Landscapes' sponsorship, our teams will soon be sporting specially designed Pyrford kit, as our footballers and athletes currently wear.

It's hard to believe that next week marks the end of the fifth half term of the year — just one more to go after the break! Time really does fly. We're looking forward to seeing our keen chess players heading off to a local tournament, and our Year 5 cricketers taking part in their first tournament of the season. Having previously taken teams to play against Pyrford, I know how seriously cricket is taken here, and I'll be following their progress with great interest next week.

Also next week is the first class photo session - please read the note later in the newsletter giving details of which day your child's class will be photographed.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

A new survey on smartphones has been launched which seeks to understand the concerns, expectations and experiences that parents and carers expect to face after giving a child their first smartphone. The overall objective is to map how this milestone is seen by those charged with caring for children. This is a little understood area, despite the impact that smartphones have on children. In particular the role these devices play in introducing children to the digital world. From the results of the survey, the aim will be to produce a support kit to help with these issues. If you are interested in taking part, please follow this link:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/take-our-survey-share-your-experience-on-your-childs-first-smartphone/>

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Ambrose Ambrose was playing with the linking shapes and wanted to make it taller than Mrs Hope. He kept checking to see if he had made it tall enough and added more shapes until he had reached his goal. Well done Ambrose!

R BEECH - All of Beech Class for their fabulous behaviour and engagement during our trip to the farm last week. They made us very proud.

R HAZEL - Milly We went to Godstone Farm on Friday and Milly did some amazing writing about it this week. Well done Milly, your confidence is shining through.

1 OAK - Mylo for the excellent fruit salad he designed and created. He was very confident chopping up the various fruit safely and followed his creative smiley face design. He also enjoyed tasting new fruits. Well done Mylo!

1 PINE - Josh In Year 1 we have been learning to cut food. We cut and tasted a range of fruits and then designed and made our fruit salad. Josh was very brave trying new fruits and we are so proud of him.

2 CEDAR - Imaan for always trying her best and for completing lots of fantastic work in Maths this week. She used a ruler to measure objects and compared their height and length using the 'greater than' and 'less than' symbols. Well done Imaan!

2 HAWTHORN - Emily for working hard in our Science lessons. She thought carefully about the structure of a plant and what each part of a plant does. Well done Emily!

3 ELM - Olivia for writing a brilliant persuasive letter seeking to join a gymnastics club. Her beautifully drafted letter used powerful emotive language and well-chosen vocabulary. Great work Livy!

3 MAPLE - Oscar for his excellent work in Science. He enjoyed dissecting the flowers and sorting them into their different parts. Mrs Brockway was really impressed with his contribution to the lesson. Well done!

4 ALDER - Arlo for his thoughtful contributions during our class discussions. Arlo always thinks carefully about what we are learning and often thinks of something that nobody else has, particularly in our RE and PSHE lessons. Mrs Gill and Mrs Wright are really pleased with all the effort he is making. Brilliant Arlo!

4 LARCH - Joshua & Mikaela for their fabulous poems in the style of Roald Dahl. We loved their use of rhyming couplets and fantastic descriptions. They also performed their poems with fantastic expression!

5 CHERRY - Rumaisa for working on a task completely independently. Miss Dennis is so proud of how well she listened and the enthusiasm with which she approached the task. Well done Rumaisa!

5 ROWAN - Ayesha as she continues to impress Miss Wilson with her excellent attitude to learning across all subjects. She has been working really hard in English and Maths, taking time to present her work neatly and to complete the challenges set. Well done Ayesha!

5 WILLOW - Harry for his enthusiastic participation in DT. Year 5 have been learning how to chop, grate and peel a variety of foods using safe techniques such as 'the claw' grip and 'the bridge' grip. Harry managed to complete his task sensibly and safely. Well done Harry! Mrs Woodhams is sure your new learning will help you make a delicious pizza next week.

6 HOLLY - Aahil for his great explanation of climate and weather. He used sub-headings and bullet points to organise his information and explained about biomes, climate zones and extreme weather. This is a super piece of work and Aahil should feel very proud.

6 LAUREL - Hajara as she continues to impress Mrs Gilbey with her excellent attitude to learning across all subjects. This term in RE we are learning about the Buddhist faith and Hajara explained in detail who the Buddha is, why he is important to Buddhists and described the importance of the Eightfold Path. Well done Hajara, keep up the great work.



Class Photos

With lots going on around the school (plays, swimming visits), our school photographer will be coming in to school on two days. The first is next week on **Wednesday 21st May**. He will return on **Monday 2nd June** (the first day back after the half term break) to take the rest. Please see below for when your child's class will be photographed. They should come to school in full smart uniform - summer dresses can be worn but all children in EYFS and KS1 should have a jumper or cardigan with them. All in KS2 should have their blazer. All children should be in school shoes and not trainers.

Wednesday 21st May

Squirrels (we photograph them in small groups)

Oak
Pine
Cedar
Hawthorn
Cherry
Rowan
Holly
Laurel

Monday 2nd June

Any Squirrels not photographed on 21st May

Beech
Hazel
Elm
Maple
Alder *
Larch*

* Children should come in to school in full, smart uniform and bring PE kit to change in to later



NETBALL

After a successful 2 terms of netball for the Years 3 and 4, they were all very excited to go to New Haw school for a match. The Year 3's were excited to be playing their first competitive game and were 10-0 up after the first 2 quarters! They all played so well and were able to play in different positions and work together as a team with the game finishing in a 10-4 win to

Pyrford.

The Year 4's played equally well and got stronger and stronger as the game went on. This team began to dominate by the 3rd quarter and with some great passing and shooting, finished with a 5-1 win. Both teams should feel really proud of how they played.



SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 19 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Technical Rehearsal
Tue 20 May	pm	Y3/4 Performance Dress Rehearsal to school
Tue 20 May	pm	North Surrey School Chess Tournament
Tue 20 May	16:00-17:00	Y3/4 Cross Country Team @ Hoe Bridge
Wed 21 May		Class Photos
Wed 21 May		Y5 Shah Jahan Mosque Visit
Wed 21 May	14:15	Y3/4 Production @ CoGS
Thu 22 May	am	YR Fire Service Visit
Thu 22 & Fri 23 May		Y3 Feet First Walking Training
Thu 22 May	12:30-16:30	Y5 Boys Cricket Team @ Old Woking Cricket Club
Fri 23 May		National Numeracy Day - Number Mufti
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 2 Jun		Class Photos
Thu 5 Jun	13:30	KS2 Author Visit
Fri 6 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - EYFS & Ys 1 & 2
Mon 9 Jun		Y5 Fullbrook Away Day
Wed 11 Jun		EYFS Bugfest
Wed 11 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids (District Sports Team) @ Sportsbox
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Thu 12 Jun	12:30-16:30	Y5/Y6 Girls Cricket Team @ Old Woking Cricket Club
Fri 13 Jun	14:30-15:00	EYFS & KS1 Fathers Day Fun
Fri 13 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 3 & 4
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Tue 17 Jun	15:30-17:00	Y5/Y6 Netball Team to Netball Rally @ Hoe Bridge
Thu 19 Jun	12:00-15:00	Y3/Y4 Quadkids (District Sports) @ Sportsbox
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 20 Jun	15:20-15:50	Friendly Friday - Ys 5 & 6
Sat 21 Jun	18:30-21:00	Swim Gala @ Guildford Spectrum
Mon 23 Jun	am	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Wed 25 Jun	am	KS2 Sports Day
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Sat 28 Jun	13:00-15:00	PTA Summer Fair
Sat 28 Jun	18:00	Brass Concert @ CoGS
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day

SUMMER TERM DATES contd			
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day	
Fri 4 Jul	13:00-15:00	Y4 (selected pupils) Tennis Festival @ Pirbright	
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential	
Thu 10 Jul	16:00-17:30	Y3/4 (selected pupils) Tri-Golf @ St Dunstan's	
Thu 17 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS	
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term	



Father's Day Fun!

We are delighted to invite you to school for some Father's Day Fun on Friday 13th June.

Squirrels and Reception parents: 'Stay and Play' Father's Day Fun at 2:30.

Please use the gates by Hazel Class and enter the classroom through the outside classroom doors. The gates will be opened at **2:20**.

Squirrels parents; please go straight to Squirrels.

KS1 (Year 1 and 2) parents: we will open the gates from the school field onto the alley way opposite the cricket pitch at **2:20** for Father's Day Fun on the Field.

If you have a child in both places, please come to the field first and make yourself known to a member of staff. You will be escorted to Nursery / Reception half way through the event.

At **3:00** we will ask all Squirrels and Reception parents to wait outside the classroom whilst children get their belongings and then you can take them home. At 3:00 the KS1 children will return to the classrooms to get ready for home and then you can take them home.

If you are not able to attend the event please let your child's class teacher know in advance.

Best wishes,

Miss Adams

Community Engagement Lead

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✗ WE DON'T ACCEPT

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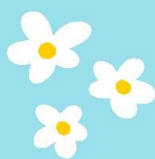


SUMMER FAIR

Sat 28 June, 1-3pm

Would you or your child like
to run a stall at the Fair?

We are looking for a few more lovely
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Date

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Venue

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Monday

21st July
4th August
18th August

Wednesday

23rd July
30th July
13th August
20th August

Friday

8th August
22nd August

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Parent and carer support

Supporting children who face additional challenges can be difficult at times. With that in mind, the Hope Service has created a space for groups of parents and carers to come together on a regular basis to discuss the challenges they face in a confidential and supportive environment.

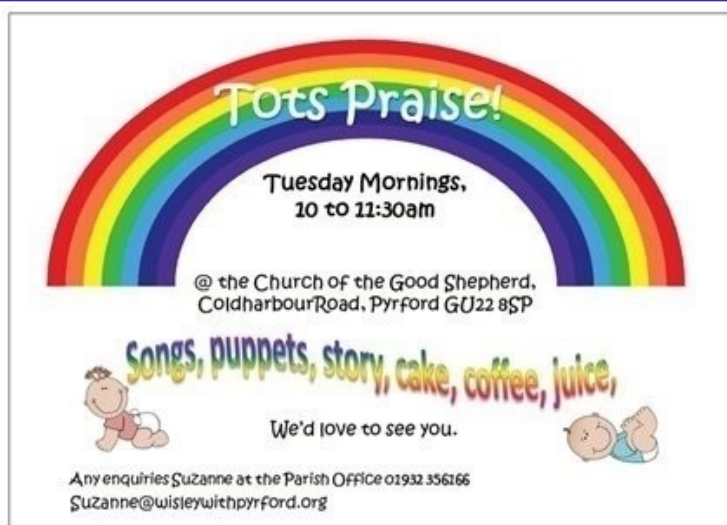
These groups are specifically for parents and carers of children who would like additional support. You will have an opportunity to exchange experiences and receive support towards managing the often complex situations you find yourselves in. This is not a parenting class, rather a non-judgemental support group and we encourage you to talk about whatever seems most important.

Support is offered via Microsoft Teams by Hope staff members, which could include a Therapist, Nurse, Teacher, Social Worker and Hope day programme staff or outside facilitators.

The following link details the sessions on offer:

<https://clicktime.symantec.com/15wPURrH3sqdNRyUBSm6S?h=HoBLVLuvjpOmfho-JzvP7c1OsGi2TUbnQU9T6LXwJWQ=&u=https://www.hopeservice.org.uk/parent-and-carer-support>

Tuesday 27 May 5 - 6 pm	Sleep hygiene and Self Care: How can you support your young person who has interrupted sleep and is struggling to care for themselves.
Tuesday 10 June 5 - 6 pm	Community support versus psychiatric inpatient admission: What are the benefits of a community package versus hospital admission.




We'd love to see you at the
Coffee Shop

Friday Mornings (term time)
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

- 9:00am to 11:00am. Hall and play area in Church are open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.