



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Issue 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well. There is certainly a chill in the November air. At this time of year I think of Remembrance Day, Children in Need and Strictly Come Dancing on a Saturday night!

It was a pleasure and a joy to attend the Remembrance Service at St Mary Magdalene last Sunday. The children who attended (Henry, Ava, Olivia and Sebastian) did a great job representing the school. Many thanks to the parents and Reverend Jane for organising.

The Weald also commemorated Armistice Day on Monday through a two minute silence, reflecting on all the heroes of that time.

Our Year 5 and 6 girls' football team did the school proud last week. For a number of the girls this was the first time they had played a competitive game. We were proud of them all. A big thank you to Miss Lucas for organising. Continuing the sports theme, our Sports Crew went to Ashcombe School on Monday and they were trained in how to support our children play a number of sports games at lunchtimes.

We have also recruited a new sports coach who is taking sports groups on a Wednesday lunchtime and after school.

All the children looked amazing today with their bright yellow and spotty outfits for Children in Need Mufti Day. There were some amazing creations. We would also like to say a big thank you all for your donations for such a worthy cause. With your help, we have raised £213.00.



Early in the New Year, we will be launching an outdoor orienteering programme. This will support our outdoor learning provision and support our enquiry curriculum. Watch this space for more details.

Enjoy a restful weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr Baguley

(Head Teacher)



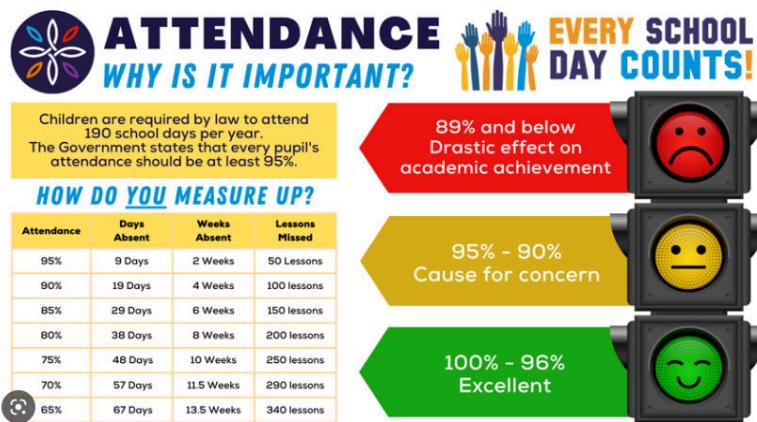
Safeguarding: Change of Collection Arrangements

Please could we remind you to call/email the office if your child is being collected by anyone other than the parent/carer otherwise the child will not be released. Also please inform the office if your child is not on the bus and who is collecting them. This is a safeguarding issue and we need the parent's permission before we can hand over their child to another person. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parking Please be reminded that only people with a **blue disabled badge** can park on the school grounds at pick up and collection times. We are very limited on space in the front car park and this can be dangerous if too many cars are manoeuvering. If you do not have this badge, please park on the Newdigate Road or in Beare Green Village.

Attendance

Well done to 3/4 St Peter for having the best attendance this week. You are the winners of the attendance cup which is given out every Friday in the achievement assembly.



Visit from Dorking Town Twinning



Monday 21st October, we were visited by our friends from the Dorking and District Town Twinning Association and their visitors from our twin town in Italy, Sinalunga.

Our visitors were the Mayor of Sinalunga, Edo Zaccari and two of their councillors, Alessandro Ferriti and Gianni Bagnoli. Gianni is responsible for Education for children of Nursery age through to age 14 (and also teaches music) and tourism and international relationships. They were accompanied by the secretary of the association, David Stagg and Moira MacRae, who is Dorking's main link with Sinalunga.

After an assembly where the children learned about the similarities between Sinalunga and Dorking and the surrounding areas and asked our visitors questions about Sinalunga, our Year 6s, Sonny and Matilda, gave our visitors a guided tour of The Weald.



We are Scientists and Authors



Year 5 & 6 Enquiry Challenge



As part of our current Enquiry 'How are lives saved?', year 5/6 have been scripting, rehearsing and recording our very own TED Talks. As Scientists and Authors, each team selected and thoroughly researched a person or invention which has contributed to saving millions of lives. We confidently used green screen technology to bring our engaging TED Talks to life. Please ask your year 5/6 Scientist and Author who they chose as the focus of their talk and what impact this person or invention had on saving lives.



Picture News Assembly



In the news this week

This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11th-15th November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12th November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique. There are many other ways schools are raising awareness and taking action to tackle bullying, including several pupils working towards becoming Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Things to talk about at home ...

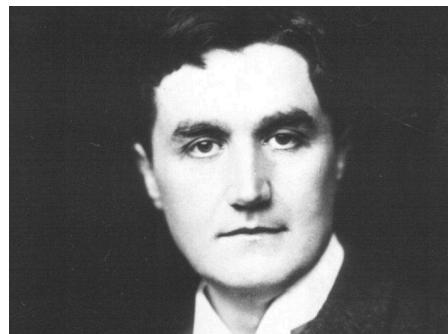
- What do you know about Anti-Bullying Week?
- This year's theme is 'Choose Respect', what is your definition of respect? Ask others at home.
- This week's story explores the role of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Do you think this a good way of tackling bullying? Can you think of any other strategies?

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to Aiden, Daisy, Alexander, Ava, Freya, Sterling, Ellen, April, Evie and Leah for receiving your golden ticket. We are very proud of you all.

We are Musicians



We are excited to be finding out more about Ralph Vaughan Williams who spent a great deal of his life living just a short distance away at Leith Hill Place! This was his childhood home and if you visit, you can see the piano he used to compose many of his wonderful pieces. I wonder what our older children can remember about him, and what all children will be able to learn about his compositions and other notable members of his family. I'd love to hear from anyone who is planning on a visit this term!

Year 5/6SJ Brass Lesson



It was wonderful to start back after half term to see the second class accessing their block of trumpet lessons! For many of the children, they will be building upon skills learnt in previous lessons and we are very excited to be planning a performance when the lessons come to an end. There are still places if you would like your child, in any year group, to have weekly group lessons during the school day. Depending on financial circumstances, Surrey Arts offer various lessons free of charge, or at a discounted rate. Please contact Surrey Arts on 01483 519303 or email surreyartsmusic@surreycc.gov.uk if you would like to take up this great opportunity.



We are Athletics

Sports Crew Training



This week some of our Year 5 and 6 children participated in Sports Crew training at The Priory run by Active Surrey. The children developed a variety of skills and knowledge of games that they are looking forward to rolling out with their peers and younger year groups.



Report from Henry

On Monday 11th November Sports Crew went to Dorking Priory School and trained to be able to set out games for children at school. We trained in explaining and demonstrating games. In our Sports Crew booklet, it showed games we were going to play at The Priory and playing games together to learn teamwork. We all learnt to make it fair for children. I personally think that we learned to be fair and make compromises. I thank the school for taking us there and Mrs James for being there. It was great.

Report from Archie

On Monday 11th November, Sports Crews went to The Priory for training. It was very fun and we did loads of activities. We learnt to be fair and to be kind and it was very exciting. Thank you for your time!

Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Tournament



Last week our Year 5 and 6 girls took part in the Dorking Schools Girls Football Tournament. We were so proud of the team, who were resilient, hardworking and displayed a positive attitude and teamwork. Well done girls!



Tyler completed his grading last weekend at kick-boxing and has now graded up to Purple-White Belt. He worked very hard to get this, which is a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of him!

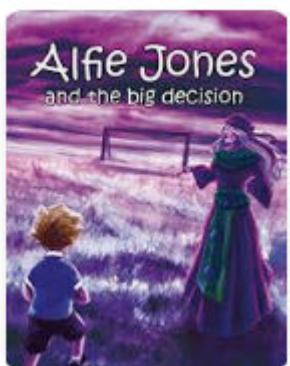
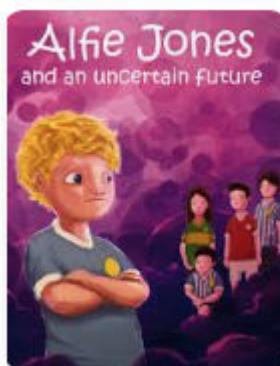
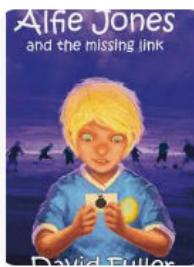


We are Authors

Author Visit



The children have been lucky enough to meet author, David Fuller in school yesterday. David spoke to each class about his journey to becoming an author (and how he learned the importance of listening to the advice of his teachers!) He shared excerpts from his Alfie Jones series and Galactic Towers series. The children loved having the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback to David. David's book series can be purchased via the order forms sent in previous email or online www.alfie-jones.co.uk



Remembrance Day



Thank you to Ava, Olivia, Sebastian and Henry who attended the Remembrance Day Service last Sunday at St Mary Magdalene Church. The children did a great job presenting and reading aloud to the congregation. They were all a credit to the school and wonderful role models. A big thank you to the parents and Reverend Jane.



In school, we held two minutes silence to reflect on the service and sacrifices the Armed Forces make on our behalf. Thank you to Art and Maisie, who read In Flanders Fields by John McCrae and For The Fallen by Robert Laurence Binyon to support our reflection.



Poppies



Our school council has enjoyed selling the poppy products and poppies. Thank you for all your generous donations to the Poppy Appeal this year. Your support is vital to funding the life-changing services for the armed forces community.



Celebration Assembly - Friday 15th November



Congratulations to Annabel, Ella, Jessie-May, Mia, Toby, Oscar, Jake, Matilda, Yoda, Vinnie and Layna for receiving a golden ticket. We are very proud of you all.

Dates for your Diary

Autumn Term 2024

w/c 18th November - Yr 6 Bikeability
21st November - Boys Football Tournament @ Meadowbank
w/c 25th November - Year 6 Bikeability
27th November 9:00-10:15 Focus Addition and Subtraction Workshop
28th November - Year 5/6 Tower Bridge Visit
29th November - Year 5/6 Tower Bridge Visit
w/c 2nd December - Year 6 Bikeability
10/11/12th December - Year 3/4 Portrait Workshop
18th December - Christingle Service at St Mary Magdalene Church 6-7pm
18th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
20th December - Break up at 1.15pm

Spring Term 2025

6th January - Inset Day
7th January - Children back to school
21st January - Young Voices
5th February - 9:00-10:15 Focus Fractions Workshop

After School Clubs Timetable - Autumn Term

Monday:

Chess - 3.20-4.30pm
Gym, Dance - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday: Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Cookery Club - 3.20pm - 4.40pm (**FULL**)

Wednesday:

Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (**FULL**)
Karate - 3.20pm - 4.20pm (**spaces available**)
Multisports - 3.20pm-4.30pm

Thursday:

Art/Crafts - 3.20pm - 4.30pm - 5.30pm (**Spaces**)
Roller Hockey Club - 3.20-4.30pm (**spaces available**)
Dodgeball - 3.20pm - 4.30pm (**spaces available**)

Friday:

Bowling - 3.20pm - 4.15pm (**FULL**)
Football - 3.20-4.30pm (**spaces available**)

Lunchtime Clubs Timetable

Monday:

Gym - 12.30-1pm - Main Hall

Tuesday:

Dodgeball - outside

Rock Band - 12.30 - 1pm - Music Room

Thursday:

SING! (Year 5 and 6) - 12.30 - 1pm - Main Hall

Friday:

Dodgeball - outside



ANXIETY TOOLKIT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY 2025, 10AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARN PRACTICAL TIPS AND STRATEGIES TO HELP PARENTS AND CARERS SUPPORT THEIR CHILDREN THROUGH ANXIETY IN THIS ONLINE EVENT!

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:



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ND LIVE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS/CARERS DELIVERED BY LEARNING SPACE

Book a place on this two hour live webinar exploring neurodivergent conditions, with a particular emphasis on autism and ADHD; whilst also looking at PDA and anxiety (including a question and answer session)

This webinar is for **parents and carers** of any child or young person with an ND need, whether diagnosed or not.

Dates

Day 1: Weds 15th Jan 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah

Day 2: Mon 27th Jan 5:45pm-745pm with Emma & Sarah D

Day 3: Weds 26th Feb 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D

Day 4: Weds 12th Mar 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D

Day 5: Weds 26th March 11:45am-1:45pm with Emma & Sarah D

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