



THE WEALD NEWSLETTER

20th September 2024

Autumn Issue 1

Headteacher: James Baguley



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you well and you all had a relaxing Summer. I am already starting to feel a chill in the air with the onset of Autumn.

As usual it has been a busy couple of weeks at The Weald. It was a pleasure to attend St Mary Magdalene Church on the 8th September to celebrate 'Education Day'. It was an opportunity to talk about the importance of 'Education' and the 'Church' and how the community lies at the heart of everything we do. I am looking forward to welcoming many more of you to the church in the near future.

It has also been a busy time in relation to school visits and workshops. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils visited Surrey University last week to learn about all things medical whilst our Year 3 and 4 children had the privilege of listening to and learning from a world famous shadow artist. What a start to the term!

Thank you to all the parents who attended the 'Welcome' presentations hosted by the teachers. I hope you found them beneficial and insightful. As always, our doors are always open if you have any further questions. I am sure many, if not all of you will have read the changes to attendance which the government has enacted this Summer. Please take time to read through my letter, as there are significant implications for parents, especially those who take time off to go on holiday during the term time. Please ask if you are unsure.

I wish you all a relaxing 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 3/4SM 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.

ATTENDANCE WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent



We are Musicians



What a great start to this super lunchtime club! Last week Rock Band had almost 30 children trying out the club! Logan and Amy were able to showcase their musical talents and they all had a go. This is super news, but sadly we will be having to take this number down to around 12 as that is our limit. Places will be given to those who have already signed up (so please rest assured if you have already signed up by contacting us!) and your child will know if they have a place very soon! If they are not lucky this time round, they will go on the waiting list and have a chance to join after Christmas.

Watch this space for more information next week regarding private/in-school music lessons - both Surrey Arts and Open2Music will be coming in to run assemblies to explain how 1:1 and group lessons can work...both offer free trial lessons, so everyone can try an instrument!



The Weald Harvest



We are delighted with how much our vegetables have grown over the summer - as you can see, we really have started to reap what we sowed and had great fun this week pulling up rainbow chard, beetroot and carrots!

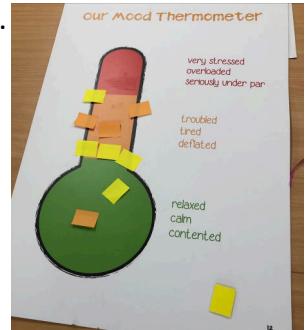
These were passed onto Kim and Hayley in the kitchen and were enjoyed at lunch time as part of our first school roast dinner!



Staff Barnardo's Visit



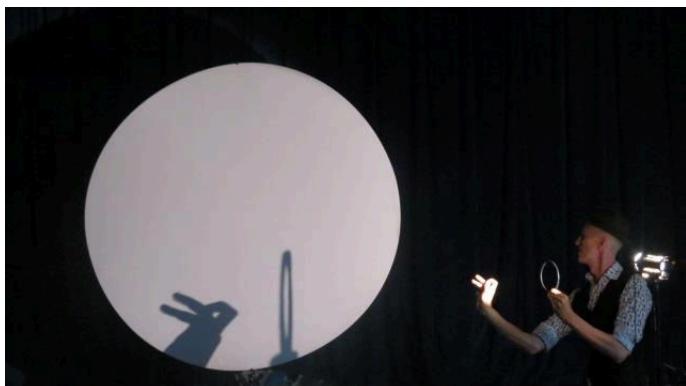
This week staff had a great session with Barnardo's leading our CPD - we revised our understanding of barriers children with ADHD traits have. We went through misconceptions and gave time over to consider what strategies we can refine in school to ensure we are doing all we can in our classrooms to meet the needs of our children. It was interesting to talk in more detail about the three different ADHD 'types'. If you would like to talk about any of this with our SENDCo, Mrs Hopkins.



Year 3/4 Shadow Puppet Visit



Year 3 and 4 were incredibly lucky to be visited by Drew Colby, a world-famous hand shadow artist. His show was phenomenal and we learnt so much about how shadows are created and can be used to tell stories. We can't wait for our enquiry challenge!



Celebration assembly - 13th September



Congratulations to Tyler, Felix, Phoebe, Noah, Logan, Ellie, Soren, Jess, Frankie and Monty for receiving their golden ticket. You are all superstars!

We are Athletes



Tyler competed at the Oxford Open Tournament today, he competed in 14 rounds in total in two divisions against children from Wales and Poland and came home with a Silver and Bronze medals. We are so very proud of his achievement.



We are Engineers

Rail Safety Talk



This week we had a very special visitor to talk to the children. Tony, who is a Rail Safety Officer, talked to the children about his job and the potential dangers on our railways. The children learnt about stopping distances and speed of trains, the importance of his role and how to stay safe. He even let some volunteers try on his very weighty jacket full of equipment. The children were very engaged and had so many questions for him!



We are Musicians

Open2Music Assembly



We had a great presentation from our visiting music teachers from Open2Music and the children were treated to a great performance! Watch this space for more information coming next week on FREE taster lessons - vocals, drums, guitar and keyboard tasters are all on offer!



Dates for your Diary Autumn Term 2024

23rd September - Cross Country Event - 3.45pm
25th September - Individual school photos
27th September - Macmillians Coffee Morning 9-10am
27th September - Air Ambulance Talk to children
30th September - Year 5/6 Resus Rangers Visit
14th October - Cross Country Event - 3.45pm
16th-18th October - Year 6 High Ashurst Residential
22nd October - Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
24th October - Pupil Flu Vaccines
24th October - Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
25th October - Inset Day
w/c 28th October - Half Term
4th November - Back to School
14th November - Author Visit
w/c 18th November - Yr 6 Bikeability
w/c 25th November - Year 6 Bikeability
28th November - Year 5/6 Tower Bridge Visit
29th November - Year 5/6 Tower Bridge Visit
w/c 2nd December - Year 6 Bikeability
18th December - Christingle Service at St Mary Magdalene Church 6-7pm
20th December - Break up at 1.15pm

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 (**FULL**)
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

FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country?

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Building Your Child's Resilience



Family Learning Courses and Workshop for Parents/Carers Autumn 25

Support Your child's and teenager's resilience and self-esteem and learn strategies on anxiety

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A 4 week workshop for parents of children in years 5-8

Talking Teens has been developed with Oxford psychologist and father, Dr John Coleman. The 4 week course aims to increase parents' understanding of teenagers' feelings and behaviour, and deliver key strategies for maintaining and improving relationships.

Wednesday 25 Sept, 2 Oct, 9 Oct & 16 Oct

19:30-21:30

Venue: Supported Learning Centre,
The Ashcombe School, Ashcombe Road,
Dorking, RH4 1LY

£15 - payable before the start of the course.
A reduced rate is available for any family on income-related benefits.
Course manual and refreshments are provided.



To book a place on this course, please get in touch

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PRIZE FOR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME

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DATE: TUESDAY 29TH OCTOBER AND WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

TIME: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

BRING: PACKED LUNCH, WATER, SPORTS APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND A BIG SMILE

SPORT: MULTI SPORTS AND ACTIVITY

AGE: YEAR R - YEAR 6

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