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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM

DATE: 15TH MARCH 2024

A NOTE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Families,

It's been a busy week with lots of exciting learning and activities happening at school so we have lots to share with you. On Monday, we welcomed the architects working with Send Parish Council to Y5&6 to explain their plans for the new Send Pavillion and the children were invited to contribute their ideas to the design process. It's been a very sporty week, with cricket coaching happening in school and our netball and football teams in action in after school tournaments. It was great to hear how well the children competed, showing real team spirit and determination. Well done to you all.

Well done also to our Year 4 class who led a brilliant assembly today all about their science topic on the human body and digestive system.

As part of our constant development work, we like to meet with other teaching professionals to share ideas and best practice. We have enjoyed visiting some other schools this week to see how they organise their learning spaces and structure their curriculum. As part of this on-going school improvement work, we are reviewing our homework policy and as part of this, we want to gather the thoughts and opinions of parents. Our new policy will evolve as we listen to what you would like for your children as well as what staff and governors feel is appropriate and effective. Please can you spend 5-10 minutes completing [this survey](#) before Monday 25th March. Thank you.

Please see below for the term dates for next year and for a really important message about the planned INSET days for the Summer term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Marianne McDonnell

Headteacher

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES:

In order for us to deliver planned staff training in the most effective way, we need to make an adjustment to the planned INSET days for the summer term. These dates will now be:

Monday 15th April - INSET Day, School closed for children ****This is a new date****

Tuesday 16th April - Children return to school

Friday 14th June - NO INSET DAY but school closes at **1.15pm** for teacher conferencing

****Change of time****

I appreciate that any change of diary dates causes inconvenience for parents. I apologise for this and thank you for your understanding as we work to ensure we have the best school possible for your children.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS:

Were awarded in class

Star of the Week:

(Awarded for effort and work in class)

A- Anaiah
R Chestnut - Miley & Harry
Y1 Elder- Macie & Anisa
Y1 Willow - George & Esme
Y2 Birch- Joseph & Dela
Y2 Cherry - Archie & Alex
Y3 Fir - Ralphie & Phoebe
Y3 Elm - Chloe & Elsie
Y4 Maple- Archie & Jocelyn
Y4 Cedar- Reece & Christian
Y5 Beech- Mary & Isla W
Y5 Pine- Jackson & Alana
Y6 Oak - Amelia & Earta
Y6 Sycamore - Hajirah & Eddie

Values Champion:

(Given to children for demonstrating our school values)

R Chestnut - Rowan
Y1 Elder - Grace
Y1 Willow - Anya
Y2 Birch - Greta
Y2 Cherry - Luke
Y3 Fir - Peggy
Y3 Elm - Joey
Y4 Maple - Morgan
Y4 Cedar - Jess W
Y5 Beech - Olivia
Y5 Pine - Harrison
Y6 Oak - Azaan
Y6 Sycamore - Rocco

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NEWS, NOTICES & REMINDERS

SEND'S GOT TALENT

There has been lots of talent this week, including our Science Crew and Netball and Football teams as well as activities out of school. However as our normal celebration assembly was replaced with Y4s marvellous class assembly we will celebrate these next week.

Our Wonderful World Photography Competition

Congratulations to our winners. The 1st Place photograph in each category has been turned into wall art which we will display around the school.



	1st Place	Runner Up
Early Years	Sebastian Machin Belcher	Amelie Banham
KS1 (Year 1&2)	Violet Edge	Hugo Banks
Lower KS2 (Years 3&4)	Rafferty Campbell	Madeline Booth
Upper KS2 (Years 5&6)	William Maine	Felix Campbell

We had so many entries that the judges also chose some photographs for a 'Special Recognition Award' for their unique style. Congratulations to the following children:

- Ben Warne
- Tomasina Gallagher
- Rosie Walles

Could your child be a Young Carer?

Young carers are children who have any kind of caring roles for family members (grandparents, parents or siblings) with physical or mental health challenges or disabilities, or siblings with Special Educational Needs such as Autism or ADHD. While the practical caring responsibilities may not seem significant, sometimes the extra time and attention that are required by a sibling with additional needs can have an impact on the brothers or sisters in the home. This is to be expected and is no one's fault – but we want to be able to support any children in these situations.

Mrs Harwood is the Home School Link Worker and I am the lead person for Young Carers in the school. She liaises with pupils, families and staff in order to ensure that pupils who are carers are able to achieve and to enjoy their education. We also work with Surrey Young Carers, a local charity who provide further support where needed.

We have a Young Carers group in school (The Big Hearts Club) that will meet each half term during lunch time for fun activities and support for children who have caring responsibilities. This gives them some special time for themselves and an opportunity to meet other children in a similar situation. If your family is affected by any of the issues above, do please let me know - by email Hslw@sendcofe.co.uk so that we can be aware of your child's situation, even if no help is needed just at this time. Anything you tell us will be treated sensitively and not shared without your knowledge.

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Workshops, Guildford

We have an exciting range of workshops for ages 5-16yrs taking place at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre during the Easter holidays as well as a **Free Family Fun Day** on 3rd April. More information available here: [What' On - Genre | Yvonne Arnaud Theatre \(yvonne-arnaud.co.uk\)](#) We have a small number of **free bursary places** available for the workshops for **young carers and families with children/ young people who are eligible for pupil premium** or who are struggling to access creative activity for their children due to financial or personal circumstances. Due to the high demand for workshop bursaries, we will enter names in a draw on 21st March. Please contact creativelearning@yvonne-arnaud.co.uk if you require further information on our workshop bursary scheme.



Community News

If you have a child in year 6 or older children in secondary school, you may find the Talking Teens course really helpful - parenting teens can be challenging but there are some great ideas on this course that can really help you have a happier family life.....see below for more details.

Talking Teens Parenting Course

Tuesdays 6.30 pm -8.30 pm

April 23rd - May 14th at The Hideaway Café, Eastgate Gardens, Guildford, GU1 4AZ

Four sessions explore: Being a parent of a teenager, Understanding your teenager, Communicating with your teenager, managing conflict. Please call 01483 574900 or email paulsharpe@matrixtrust.com to book your place

Join us for a fun-packed day of Bible-teaching, games, dramas, crafts and snacks!

EPIC explorers

Easter Holiday Club 2024

4th April 2024, 10am - 3pm

For Primary school aged children

Bring a packed lunch!

There is no cost to attend

Visit www.sendec.org to book, or email kurt@sendec.org if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Get your kids active with FREE local activities this Spring!

Do you know about the FREE, FUN and LOCAL weekly activities on offer for kids and teenagers in Surrey? You can [search by town or postcode](#) to see what's on offer near you.

The 6-8 weeks of activity training kick off across 9 of Surrey's boroughs and districts (excluding Tandridge and Surrey Heath) after Easter.

All the coaches have been handpicked to be friendly and supportive - the emphasis is on having fun and taking part. There's SO MUCH on offer for 7-16 year olds, including:

- Dance
- Judo
- Girls' Touch Rugby
- Boxing
- The Run, Ride, Row Challenge
- Boccia (a type of seated bowls accessible to all)
- Street Basketball
- Tennis

Families LOVE the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games:

"My daughter absolutely LOVED every week from the first time." - Parent

"My son looked forward to attending every session." - Parent

"The other kids are all really nice. I've made friends I didn't know before." - Charlie, 12

"9 out of 10 children who took part in the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games last year said they were happier for doing so and their confidence had been boosted", according to Lil Duggan, MD of Active Surrey. She added, "Daily physical activity is vital for children's happiness and physical and mental health. The cost-of-living crisis has exacerbated the challenges faced by Surrey's children, making it even more crucial for families to have access to free, fun and local activities."

Registration for the FREE, FUN & LOCAL activity training is open now!

Places are limited so BOOK NOW to avoid disappointment.

To sign your child up, visit the Active Surrey website at <https://bit.ly/30FQibH>

Or use your phone to scan this code:



FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses for parents and carers
Surrey Family Learning offer **FREE** courses and workshops to help you create a better family life.

Do you want to help your child or teenager to improve their behaviour, development and learning?

Book onto one of our tailored courses today to begin supporting you and your family. Find more information at:

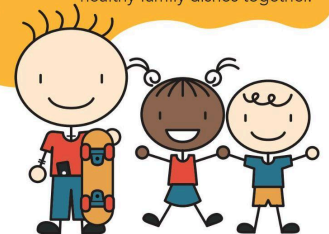
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...or scan here

Courses available

- **Parenting** Help understand your children and teenagers' behaviour, anxiety and mental health.
- **English as an Additional Language** Support for you and your child with English and how education in England works.
- **Maths** Learn about methods used in schools today.
- **Literacy** Learn about how English is taught in schools today.
- **Cookery** Be inspired and cook healthy family dishes together.



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Ripley CC

Join our Juniors in 2024

Ripley Cricket Club is celebrating its 275th year

We offer Academy cricket from ages 6-14 with coaching provided by ECB qualified coaches

For more information or to join, contact
Toby Zapp 07903 955015
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Visit our website at
www.ripleyccsurrey.com

Supporting the development of young cricketers across Surrey

Camps & Courses

Hard ball school holiday cricket camps at Easter, May half term and the main summer holidays for boys & girls. Venues in Woking, Epsom & Ewell and Kingston-upon-Thames.

Academies

Regional Surrey & State School only, boys & girls. Academies running from September to August each year. Venues in South West London and across Surrey.

Cricket Club Development

We support local cricket clubs to develop their clubs. From helping set up or regenerate junior sections, to supporting the main club committee to be as effective as possible.

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