

Parent tours

If there are any families with children starting school in September 2023 we are now booking school tours for October and beyond. We would have advertised this on our website but... so please spread the word. Thank you.



Our Charity

Each year we collect money for charity as part of our PSHE curriculum. Modelling the value of generosity and selflessness to children makes it more likely they will continue to demonstrate generosity as adults. This creates lasting change and a legacy of kindness. We do this through events such as Comic Relief, Children in Need, MacMillan Coffee Morning and others. We also collect donations when we have a whole school gathering such as the Christmas play. This year our chosen charity is Learning Space.

This is from their website:



'The core of the Learning Space method is the belief that we all have resources and skills needed to change and resolve our own difficulties. We are more interested in exploring solutions than in trying to understand problems and trust that the smallest of changes is all that is needed in order to bring about further steps towards further change and progress. It is important that the children and young people we work with want to take part in Learning Space programmes. We encourage them to set their own objectives and support them to monitor their progress towards these goals. Strategies such as strength cards are used so that children and young people can identify their skills as well as areas for development. Our work concentrates on finding, building and celebrating successes in children's lives.'

The website contains useful resources for parents. I have included one on Anxiety with this newsletter. They are hosting a mental health and wellbeing festival in Dorking. Details below.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Festival, Dorking Halls, Dorking
Sunday 9th October 2022, 10:30 to 6pm.

Mindfest is here to help you understand more about mental health, about mental wellbeing, and how you can help yourself and other people to have a better life. For further information and to book you free ticket, please visit [MindfestUK](https://www.mindfestuk.com)

While we are on the subject of charities, I would like to tell you about Fraser in Badgers class who, along with his family recently took part in the 'Tough Mudder, Lidl Mudder' 1 mile challenge. Fraser was a little nervous to begin with however, he summoned up all of his courage and overcame his fears to make easy work of even the toughest obstacles. Fraser raised £100 for charity and has already signed up for next year. We are so proud of you Fraser.



Safeguarding

We are committed to ensuring the safety of your children. The 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' document has been updated for September 2022 and can be found on the Department for Education website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

All staff and governors have annual safeguarding and eSafety training. Our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy has been updated to reflect the changes and additions to the KCSiE document and is available on our website. Should anyone have any questions about these or any other documents relating to Safeguarding please do not hesitate to ask. With this newsletter, you will also receive eSafety newsletter 2022. Again, please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions.



An appeal from the office

Please could we ask that any communication into the office by either hand, post or email has the name of your child and the class your child is in clearly stated. This would really help them. Thank you.



Change of Date

Please note that Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Dinner day will be on the Thursday 8th December not Friday 9th as previously stated.

Workshops

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Castles and Knights workshop could not go ahead on the 27th September. We are awaiting a new date.

Chertsey Museum also had to be rearranged. We welcomed them in on Thursday 29th September and year one had a great time trying on clothes and playing with toys from the Victorian era. There was even a Punch and Judy show!



Hedgehog Project

The hedgehog Project began last Monday when Dr Tara Piri from the University of Surrey came, bringing with her 20 hedgehog tunnels which, after an assembly explaining to the children what we were doing and why, she helped set up in the woodland area. The children visit each day to see if there are any footsteps in the inked paper carefully positioned inside the tunnels but so far nothing. The children however, remain optimistic so we are extending the project for another week in the hope of attracting at least one spiky little visitor. In the meantime, the foxes are enjoying the hedgehog food!



Harvest Celebration

We look forward to seeing you all on Friday 14th October at **either** 9:15am or 2:30pm. It will be a squash and a squeeze as you will be sharing the hall space with 176 children. You may have some difficulty seeing your child but you will certainly hear them, as their singing is amazing.



Reminders (I apologise for repeating myself again)

Could I ask you please to **not** let your children on the play equipment before school. I know that this is difficult but it has caused some upset with children wanting to be early so that they have time to play and children not wanting to get off until they have finished playing. If we remind them not to do it and you remind them that we have said this it may be possible to avoid upsets which can have a negative effect on the whole day.

At the risk of sounding like a complete nag could I please ask you not to allow children to walk on the wall between the play equipment and the building. We do not allow it during the day as it is quite high and could lead to serious injury.

Jewellery

Please remember that jewellery must not be worn in school with the exception of pierced earrings, which must be removed at home on PE/Sports/Dance days. This is not peculiar to our school; you will find this message in most school newsletters and websites.

If your child wears a hair band, please make sure it is small, plain and inconspicuous (no cats ears, bunny ears or any other characters please).

Toys

Children are not to bring toys and other personal items into school including Push Poppers. Much learning time is lost and there is often upset as we sort out ownership issues, look for lost items and try to repair breakages.

Keeping everyone safe

Please may I remind you not to let your children ride cycles or scooters on the school site.

Nuts

Please remember that we are a "nut and sesame free" school, therefore **no** nut/sesame or containing nut/sesame products are to be brought to school.



Dates for this term

Friday 30 September 2022	MacMillan Cake Sale 3-4 pm in the school playground
Friday 14 October 2022	9.15 am or 2.30 pm - Harvest Celebration (Fetcham PTA will be collecting food for the foodbank - please refer to the email sent to parents) Fetcham PTA selling pizza kits after school - further details to follow
Tuesday 18 October 2022	Tree Planting - details to follow Parents Evening - 5.00 pm - 8.00 pm - further details to follow
Wednesday 19 October 2022	School photos
Thursday 20 October 2022	Parents Evening - 3.20 pm - 6.00 pm - further details to follow
Friday 21 October 2022	Wear your own clothes to school day - further details to follow
Monday 24 to Friday 28 October 2022	Half term
Monday 31 October 2022	Children return to school
Thursday 17 November 2022	Nasal Flu Immunisation
w/c 21 November 2022	After school clubs finish Please note Tennis & Cooking Club finish on 28 November.
Saturday 26 November 2022	11 am to 3 pm - Christmas Fair - further details to follow
Thursday 8 December 2022	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Further details to follow
w/c 12 December 2022	Christmas Play - further details to follow
Wednesday 14 December 2022	Christmas party - further details to follow
Friday 16 December 2022	Last day of term
Tuesday 3 January 2023	In Service Closure Day
Wednesday 4 January 2023	Children return to school

In Service Closure Days

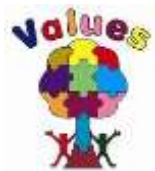
Friday 10 February 2023

Monday 17 April 2023

Kind regards.

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Our values based education empowers individuals to be the best that they can be.