

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another packed week with children visiting Painshill Park, watching 'Twisted' at Wimbledon Theatre, representing the school at the Tag Rugby Tournament, playing tennis with coaches from the All England Lawn Tennis Club, performing jazz, and taking part in our special Mental Health week workshops and activities.

Our **Children's Mental Health Week** has been very successful. My thanks go to Mrs Witting for organising the week. You can find out what the children got up to below:

'Listen to your gut' workshops by Chartwells - Year 3 to 6

Chartwells interactive workshop allowed children to be more adventurous with food and also gave them an insight on how food travels through our gut. The children had a wonderful time creating their own group salad and explored new, exciting tastes. Thank you Chartwells!



My Mental Health Rocks workshops - Year 3

'The mental health workshop was inspiring' - James

'I learnt that everyone has a superpower and that you can't have the same feeling all the time. I felt happy, excited and proud' - Henry

'The workshop made me feel happy and excited. I never knew how many superpowers I had!' – Charlotte





Loudmouth workshop called 'Helping Hands' - Year 6

'I think that the most beneficial part of the Loudmouth workshop was the drama that they did to teach us about how to stay safe. It showed us things that could happen to us.'

'I found the brilliant acting of different scenarios and having a discussion in groups to share ideas on how to deal in such a situation very beneficial. We also made our own personal network using our hands so we know who to talk to when we need help.'



Children's wellbeing book corner

We are happy to share with you the new books that have now been added to the children's wellbeing corner. Thanks to you and your donations the children have got more exciting books to choose from.



Miss Williams

Miss Williams, 5T's class teacher is leaving us this half term, to live and work abroad. We are so grateful to her for all that she has given to the school, and we wish her well as she embarks on this exciting new adventure.

Share My Learning – Wednesday 12th February, 8.15-8.45am

A *Share My Learning* session will be held on Wednesday 12th February from 8.15-8.45am. Children will be able to take their parents/carers up to their classroom and share what they have been learning.

If you are arriving between 8.15am-8.30am then please enter via the main front door on Effra Road. After this time, enter via the back doors from the playground. Please remember that you are responsible for your children until the bell goes at 8.45am. We will ask parents to vacate the building at 8.45am so that we can start the school day promptly.

A message from the Eco-Warriors

The Eco-Warriors have an exciting new poster competition for Years 1-6 about encouraging parents and local residents to switch off their vehicle engine when stationary, in order to reduce pollution. Entrants must design a 2D A4 poster to achieve the aim above. They must write their name and class on the back of their entry. All other details can be found on the Eco-Warriors page on the school website.

A Message from Mrs Quinn - Orchestra

There will be no orchestra rehearsal on Tuesday 11th February.

Local Incidents

Many of you will be aware of the recent muggings and attempted muggings in the local area, particularly around South Park Gardens. Our Year 6 children have had a very useful workshop on safety this week, but I would urge you to also talk to your children about keeping their mobile phones, and headphones, out of sight when they are walking to and from school. Please do take care and be extra vigilant.

Mobile Phones

Please may I remind you that only those children who walk to and from school unaccompanied should be bringing mobile phones into school. Mobile phones should be simple, 'brick' type phones, and not smartphones. If a child, without a phone, needs to make an urgent phone call home, we are more than happy to do this for them.

Emergency Contacts

If there are any changes to your emergency contacts, please ensure you let the school office know immediately. If your Year 5 or 6 child does have a mobile phone, it may be wise to ensure that your emergency contacts have their phone number too.

Coronavirus Advice from the Government

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However, we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

Latest information and advice can also be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Advice for parents/guardians

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

What action you can take

A UK wide campaign has been launched to provide clear advice on how to slow the spread of Coronavirus.

Please help to support the campaign which promotes basic hygiene practices, such as regularly washing hands and always sneezing into a tissue, to stem the spread of viruses.

You can do this by:

Displaying this poster in relevant public spaces:

2020-2021 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2020

Thursday 3rd September - Fri 18th December 2020

*NB Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September INSET days so **children start on Monday 7th September***

Half term Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Spring Term 2021

Monday 4th January – Thursday 1st April 2021

*NB Monday 4th January 2021 INSET day so **children start on Tuesday 5th January 2021***

Half term Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

Monday 19th April – Friday 23rd July 2021

NB Monday 7th June and Friday 23rd July INSET days

Term ends for children on 22nd July 2021

Half term Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2021

Key Dates for 2019-2020

Any new dates are highlighted

Date	Time	Event
12 th February	8.15-8.45am	Share my Learning – an opportunity for children to share their learning, and books, with their parents/carers
13 th February	9.00am	6T Class Worship
14 th February		Kindness Day
14 th February		Break up for half term
24 th February		2 nd half of term begins
28 th February		Parents' Prayer Meeting
3 rd March		Singfest – choir taking part @ St Mark's Church
5 th March	9.00am	3H Class Worship NB Date change
6 th March	9.00am	PGL Meeting for Year 4 parents/carers
10 th March	Evening Time TBC	Maths Information Session for Parents/Carers – Reasoning in the Curriculum
12 th March	9.00am	1F Class Worship
16 th – 20 th March		Assessment week
19 th March	9.00am	1M Class Worship
20 th March	PM	Disco organised by HOTS
26 th March	9.00am	4T Class Worship
27 th March		Parents' Prayer Meeting
31 st March TBC	9.15am	Easter Service @ Holy Trinity Church
2 nd April	1.50-7.10pm	Parent/Teacher meetings NB School closes at 1.30pm NB There will be no After School Club on this day
3 rd April		Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade
3 rd April	2.00pm	Break up for Easter holidays

20 th April		Summer term begins
22 nd -24 th April		Year 4 PGL Residential
24 th April		Parents' Prayer Meeting
28 th April		Class Photographs
1 st May	PM	HOTS' Quiz Night
8 th May		VE Day Bank Holiday – School closed
11 th – 14 th May		Year 6 SATS
22 nd May	9.00am	France Trip meeting for Year 6 parents
20 th – 24 th May		Book Week
22 nd May		Break up for half term
1 st June		INSET Day – School closed
2 nd June		2 nd half of term begins and Assessment week
8 th – 12 th June		Year 1 Phonics Screening Check/Year 4 Timetables Check
15 th – 19 th June		Healthy School Week/Sports Days for all year groups
16 th June	AM	KS2 Sports Day @ Garfield Park
17 th June	AM	Reception Sports Day @ school
18 th June	AM	KS1 Sports Day @ school
19 th June	AM/PM	Nursery Sports Day @ school
22 nd – 26 th June		Year 6 in France
26 th June	9.00am	Parents' Prayer Meeting
27 th June		Summer Fair
9 th July	TBC	Open Afternoon/Evening
TBC	7.00pm	Year 6 Production
17 th July	9.15am	Leaver's Service @ Holy Trinity Church
17 th July	2.00pm	Term ends
20 th July		INSET Day – School closed

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Izzy Rickards

Headteacher