



The staff and I would like to wish all parents and children a very Happy New Year! Already, we have been back in school for two and a half weeks and life here at school has been very exciting!

Drop off & Pick Up Times - Some of our parents/carers and children are entering and exiting via the vehicle entrances and there have been reports of cars having to brake suddenly to avoid hitting children running unsupervised. Therefore, to keep our children safe and drivers from worrying about hitting pedestrians, please can all pedestrians enter and exit school via the 'field' gate by the scooter pods at "drop off" and "pick up" times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Mornings - Please may I respectfully remind parents that teachers are unable to talk to them about their child in the mornings, other than a very quick message e.g. who is picking up their child that day. At 8.45 the doors open, and the teacher's responsibilities must be focused on the children and their safety. If you need to speak to your child's teacher urgently, please come to the school office before 8.35am. Teachers are always happy to phone a parent at lunchtime or make an appointment for after school.

Small change – We would like to support Holy Trinity Church in collecting small loose change. The money raised will go to support children in Africa by buying chickens for them to rear and then sell the eggs, so they can raise funds to go to school. If you would like to support this charity, please bring in your change between **Monday 22nd January & Friday 26th January**; there will be a container in the central foyer by the library.

Wellies – We would also like to support a local charity taking wellies out for the Syrian refugee children, who are forced to live in refugee camps. Again, we will be collecting the wellies between **Monday 22nd January & Friday 26th January**. If you have any spare wellies your child has outgrown, please put them in the box under the canopy by the field door and we will make sure they are sent to the charity.

Year 2 SATs Meeting – Ms Dobson and Miss Rap will be holding a Year 2 SATs meeting on Tuesday 30th January at 3.30pm in Hawthorn classroom. During this meeting they will be explaining what the children will be doing this year in their SATs.

Reading Meeting - We will be holding a meeting on Reading Strategies to develop inference, deduction and questioning to stretch more fluent readers on **Thursday 1st February at 6.00pm** in the hall. When children are reading fluently, it is still important for them to read aloud to an adult, but for the focus to change from the segmenting of words to being able to understand the text, including finding answers to questions where the clue isn't implicit in the text, or finding phrases from the text in answer to a specific question. This meeting is particularly beneficial for parents with children in Years 2 – 6, but parents with children in other Year groups are also welcome to attend.

PTA Race Night – Our PTA are currently selling tickets to the Race Night, which is being held on Saturday 3rd February in the Queen's Hall. Please see Nikki Mortimer or Karen Ford to purchase your tickets. Your support with these events means our PTA can buy valuable resources for our children to use and enjoy.

Year 2 were investigating crash sounds that had been heard in the woods in the holidays by neighbours; to their surprise the children found debris that looked like it had come from a spaceship and then they glimpsed what looked like a yellow little man, running further into the woods! The children were just so excited and the quality of writing that came from this experience was a pleasure to see!



Elder Class were very shocked to find official tape around a tree!



What could this be from?



Who could this little yellow man be?



Lime & Juniper Classes enjoying developing their basketball skills



Damson Class sorting materials by their properties



Edie, Jenna, Lilly & Rohan enjoyed painting aborigine style paintings!



Lachlan, Libby and Stanley love Beech Class' spaceship!



Jude is enjoying classifying mini beasts!



Year 4 searching for mini beasts!

Year 5/ 6 were very excited with the Planetarium visit, to kick off their new text “Cosmic.”



Willow Class are enjoying “Cosmic.”



Amazing art work by Pine Class

Achievement Leaves on the Tree:

12:01:2018

Ash –Lily, Beech -Oscar, Chestnut –Scarlett, Damson – Millie H, Hawthorn –Aneequa, Juniper –Ned, Lime - Harry, Maple –Emilie, Oak –Tammy Grace, Pine –Lucy, Silver Birch – Claudia, Willow – Saskia



19:01:18

Ash –Rohan, Beech -George, Chestnut – Ruby, Damson –Arlo, Hawthorn –Arthur, Juniper – Freddie, Lime –Ava, Maple - Ollie, Oak-Harry F, Pine –Poppy, Silver Birch –Lotte, Willow – Aisha



Congratulations:

Mighty Multiples:

Silver Certificate: Maple - Lily

Congratulations:

Juniper– Ella who won a skiing certificate

Lime - Ellie who achieved her 20m swimming badge

Hawthorn – Alice who achieved her level 3 swimming badge

Elder – May who achieved her level 2 swimming badge

Our Cross-Country Team, who qualified to the next round at East Grinstead and represented Holy Trinity, all ran extremely well. Well done to Silver Birch - Harry Willow – Olivia & Arlo! Special congratulations to Pine – Grace, who has qualified to the next round!

Congratulations also to the children who represented Holy Trinity at the STEM day at Ardingly College. Their behaviour was excellent according to the staff there!

House points

Donaldson 552

Rowling 637

Morpurgo 625

Dahl 645

Congratulations to:

Damson Class won Reggie Rabbit for the best class attendance in Reception & Key Stage 1

Pine Class won the junior trophy for the best class attendance in Key Stage 2

SPRING TERM 2018 (may be subject to unavoidable changes)

INSET DAYS 2017 – 2018 **Monday 19th February, Friday 8th June, Friday 6th July Tuesday 28th January - Grounds Day 10am - 1pm A bird and bug special!**

30th January – Year 2 SATs Meeting

Thursday 1st February – Reading Strategies Parent Meeting 6.00pm in the hall

Friday 2nd February – Year 4 Cake Sale

Saturday 3rd February – PTA Race Night – Queen’s Hall, Cuckfield

Monday 5th February – Instrumentalist Concert in the hall 3.30pm

Thursday 8th February – Year 3 trip to Buster Farm

Friday 9th February – Year 4 RSPB Workshop

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – Half Term

Friday 23rd February – Year 3 Cake Sale

Thursday 1st March – Key Stage 2 Eucharist

Thursday 1st March – PTA Meeting

Friday 2nd March – Year 2 Cake Sale

Wednesday 7th March – Mother’s Day Worship

Thursday 8th March – World Book Day & dressing up as a book character

Thursday 8th March Sir Teach a Lot to visit Year 4

Thursday 8th – Thursday 15th March – Readathon Week

Friday 9th March – Year 1 Cake Sale

Wednesday 14th March – Open Afternoon 2.15pm – 4.30pm (Normal Finish time 3.15pm)

Thursday 15th March – PTA Disco

Friday 16th March – Interim Reports go home

Friday 16th March – Reception Cake Sale

Monday 19th & Wednesday 21st March -Parent Consultations

Friday 23rd March – Non Uniform in exchange for a chocolate Easter Egg (no nuts please)

Thursday 29th March - Reception, Year 1 & 2 Easter Bonnet Parade & Years 3 – 6, Eggs for Eggstravaganza Competition

Thursday 29th March – End of Term (3.15pm)