

Newsletter



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents

A reminder that that my Head's Talk this year will be with our guest speaker Mr Robert Teague, Headmaster of The Cedars School. In his talk, 'Education in 10 Words', Mr Teague will be addressing areas such as academic development and the role of parents, as well as authority and freedom. The talk is aimed at parents with children of all ages and will take place on **Wednesday 15 May at 7pm**. This is a key parent function so please ensure that at least one parent from each family attends. The car park will be **CLOSED** to parents as we are unable to accommodate many vehicles, so please leave sufficient time to find parking in local roads.

Please keep in your prayers those Year 3 children who will be making their First Holy Communion over the coming weeks. The Eucharist is God's total self-giving to us and those children who are fortunate enough to receive Christ for the first time – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – are also saying 'yes' to God; yes to wanting to be close to Him and to love Him, yes to wanting to fulfil the plans He has for each one of them and yes to aspiring to be with Him one day in heaven.

Finally, my coffee with the Head will take place on **Thursday 23 May at 8.50am**. I look forward to those of you who wish to join me for an informal chat about school life.

Ciro Candia
Headmaster

MERIT BADGE WINNERS FOR LAST WEEK



Year 1 – Santiago Slon
Year 2 – Tohma Okamoto
Year 3 – Noah Fairbanks
Year 4 – Grace Zhang
Year 5 – Stella Pellegrini Perez
Year 6 – Jessica Lyford

CONGRATULATIONS!

SUMMER TERM MEETINGS

There are no Parent/Teacher meetings this term. Instead there will be a Celebration of Work (CWE) evening for all parents on **Wednesday 12 June from 4 – 6.30pm**. Please note there is **NO PREP** on this day. Free childminding will be available. Further details to follow.

Tutor meetings for Junior parents will take place on **Tuesday 4 & 18 June from 4.15pm**. Mr Candia will also be available on both these dates for optional Year 4 secondary school appointments. Mrs Rhodes will be emailing specific parents for her SEN end of year review meetings.

More details, together with information on how to book these specific meetings, will be emailed to parents next week.

PUNCTUALITY CUP

Well done to Year 2 who are the winners of the punctuality cup. The statistics are based on 10 school days (24 April – 8 May). Punctuality statistics for the classes are as follows:

Reception – 9.71	Year 4 – 9.58
Year 1 – 9.50	Year 5 – 9.88
Year 2 – 9.89	Year 6 – 9.53
Year 3 – 9.81	



FAMILY COMEDY SHOW

A reminder that you can still book your place for the Jonny Awsum Comedy Show. This takes place on **Friday 17 May at 4pm** and the whole school is invited. Jonny was a 2017 finalist on the hit show 'Britain's Got Talent' and is sure to get you laughing in your seat! The cost is £3 per head and you can put your name down to attend by seeing one of the Year 6 children at pick-up time. Please note that children from Nursery – Year 5 must be accompanied by an adult.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our school photographer, Gillman & Soame, will be at school on **Tuesday 21 May at 9am** to take class photos (Nursery – Year 6). Please ensure that the children are sent into school looking as smart as they can in their summer uniform. Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Tuesday may come to school for the photo and be taken home directly afterwards.

SAVE THE DATES

MONDAY 13 MAY

SATS & assessment week

****No Prep or I1+ this week****

WEDNESDAY 15 MAY

Head's Talk for all parents – 7pm

FRIDAY 17 MAY

Family Comedy Show – 4pm

MONDAY 20 MAY

Speech & Drama LAMDA exams

Walk to School Week

Take One Initiative Week

May Procession & picnic

TUESDAY 21 MAY

Class Photographs with Gillman & Soame – 9am

WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

Year 3 Tate Gallery Photography Workshop

THURSDAY 23 MAY

Coffee with the Head – 8.50am

Puzzle Challenge Day (Reception – Year 6)

FRIDAY 24 MAY

Oakwood in Bloom

School closes for the half-term – 3.45pm

HALF-TERM Monday 27 – Friday 31 May

MONDAY 3 JUNE

School opens – 8.30am

Reception BASE assessment week

TUESDAY 4 JUNE

Tutor meetings and Year 4 optional meetings with Mr Candia (from 4.15pm). Details to follow.

WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE

Year 6 Residential trip (returning Friday 7 June)

THURSDAY 6 JUNE

Balance Bike Training for Reception class

Quiz Club for selected Year 5 pupils

U10 boys cricket vs Royal Russell School (away) – 2.30pm

FRIDAY 7 JUNE

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Music Concert for Years 2, 3 & 4 – 2.45pm

MONDAY 10 JUNE

Year 1 Phonics Screening check week



SAVE THE DATES CONT:

WEDNESDAY 12 JUNE

Celebration of Work Evening, inc. Junior specialist teachers, & Mrs Rhodes SEN reviews (4-6.30pm). Childminding available. Details to follow.

****No Prep or football club****

THURSDAY 13 JUNE

Reception class assembly – 8.50am

TUESDAY 18 JUNE

Tutor meetings and Year 4 optional meetings with Mr Candia (from 4.15pm). Details to follow. ****No I1+****

WEDNESDAY 19 JUNE

Art Exhibition – 7pm

THURSDAY 20 JUNE

U10 boys cricket vs Caterham (away) – 2pm

FRIDAY 21 JUNE

Sports Day at The Cedars (reserve date Monday 24 June in case of bad weather). Early Years 9.15am; Infants 10.45am; Juniors 1.30pm. More details to follow.

TUESDAY 25 JUNE

Year 5 & 6 matinee performance – 1.45pm

THURSDAY 27 JUNE

Transition morning, new pupil taster day & uniform sale
Year 5 & 6 evening performance – 7pm

FRIDAY 28 JUNE

Coffee morning for parents in the Art Room – 8.30am
Music Concert for Years 5, 6 & groups – 2.45pm

MONDAY 1 JULY

Early Years picnic

Year 6 leavers party (2-3.30pm)

WEDNESDAY 3 JULY

Last swimming for Years 1 & 2

Year 6 Leavers Mass (6pm) & Junior Prizegiving (7pm)

THURSDAY 4 JULY

Years 4 – 6 Barclays Money Skills

FRIDAY 5 JULY

Ladies meditation – 8.50am

Year 3 Thanksgiving Mass – 2.30pm

MONDAY 8 JULY

Whole school trip to Aylesford Priory

TUESDAY 9 JULY

Summer music concert – 10.45am

End of Year Mass at St John the Baptist, Purley – 2pm

WEDNESDAY 10 JULY

School closes for the Summer holidays – 12.30pm

DEPUTY HEAD'S CORNER

The Summer term has been a very busy one thus far and despite being such a short half term there is so much taking place. The children, and their teachers, are very busy exploring new topics and new learning across the curriculum.

The Summer term Year 1-6 curriculum maps have been finalised by class teachers and subject leaders and these are now available on our school website for you to read. The new topic areas are all detailed on the curriculum maps

Well done to Year 4 who delivered an enjoyable assembly last week and to Year 3 which took place this afternoon. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents that managed to attend. Reception have begun their preparation for their class assembly which will take place later this term. Please look out for the date - it would be great, especially for your child/children, to see you there.

Next week is assessment week. Children in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 will be completing Nfer assessments which will be marked by class teachers and reported to parents in the end of year reports. Children in Year 2 have begun their KSI SATs this week and will finish them next week. Year 6 will complete their KS2 SATs which begin on Monday. I encourage all children not to worry about the assessments but give them their best efforts.

I wish all children the very best of luck.

Kind regards

Mr Murphy (Deputy Head Academic)

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Year 6 will be leaving for their Residential Trip to Marchants Hill on **Wednesday 5 June** and returning on **Friday 7 June**. If you haven't already done so, please return the completed 'Personal Information & Consent' form that was sent home to parents by Monday 13 May.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Oakwood currently offers a variety of instrumental tuition, usually for pupils in Year 2 upwards (apart from the Suzuki violin which is from Nursery). Please see the attached form if you would like your child to learn a new instrument in school. The flute teacher recently did a demonstration and a number of children showed an interest.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH by Mrs Easthope

Please remember that the 'Artist of the Month' topic for the month of May is to paint a picture of a scarecrow. All children from Reception to Year 6 are invited to participate, and some of the artwork will be displayed around the school. All work should be handed directly to me.

SCHOOL TRIPS & VISITS

On **Wednesday 22 May** Year 3 children will have the opportunity to take part in The Tate Year 3 Project, which is a photography workshop organised by Mrs Easthope. If you haven't returned your completed consent form, please do so Monday 13 May.

All children from Reception – Year 6 will be participating in a 'Mind Missions' workshop on **Thursday 23 May**. They will experience age-appropriate, hands-on activities that require a variety of mathematical and thinking skills, collecting pieces of information that will enable them to complete their missions. The day will be run by the Happy Puzzle Company, and parents are invited to come along to their shop in the hall between 3.30 & 4pm (details to follow). A small charge (between £4.50 & £5 depending on the year group) will be added to parents' bills, as part of the annual allowance for trips.

On **Thursday 6 June** Reception children will be taking part in a balance bike training session organised with Cycling Instructor Ltd. The session will help with cycle skills including stopping with their feet, gliding the bike in a straight line and sitting on the bike without falling off.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

We will be taking part in the 'Walk to School Week' initiative which commences **Monday 20 May**. As in previous years we would like to run the 'Walking Buses' from Dale Road, Purley – near St John the Baptist Church and Riddlesdown Common. We already have parent volunteers to help with the Dale Road 'Bus' but need help from Riddlesdown (although we are happy to do another location so all suggestions welcome). If you can spare 15 minutes to walk to school for an 8.45am arrival to school, then please email Mrs Clarke at liz.clarke@oakwoodschoo.org.uk.

MAY PROCESSION AND PICNIC

A reminder that our annual May procession is on **Monday 20 May** to honour Our Lady. All children should bring in a flower to lay around the statue of Mary. After the procession we will be having a picnic lunch. LunchMunch will provide a suitable picnic lunch for those children who normally have hot lunches, so there is no need to cancel for this day. All other children should bring a suitable packed lunch in a carrier bag.

OAKWOOD IN BLOOM by Mrs Easthope

Our Oakwood in Bloom competition takes place on **Friday 24 May**. There is no set theme this year, just have fun creating your dream garden in miniature. Please ensure that your garden is brought into school by **9am** on the day for judging, as Mr Buttress (from the RHS) will announce the winners that afternoon. Please see the attached flyer. Good luck and happy gardening.

CHARACTER STARS FOR LAST WEEK

Target:

I take care of the spaces I share with others.



Year 1 – Dylan Toop
Year 2 – Ivy Balcombe
Year 3 – Jason Oludare
Year 4 – Ayaan Fada
Year 5 – Cyprien Cérèze
Year 6 – Mathisha Sathyendran

WELL DONE!

TAKE ONE INITIATIVE by Mrs Easthope

All children will be taking part in the 'Take One Picture' initiative from the week beginning Monday 20 May, in conjunction with The National Gallery. They will focus on the George Bellows painting – 'Men of the Dock' painted in 1912. They will study his style and relate to the history & geography of the painting. It will be incorporated into lessons across subjects throughout the school that week.

MUSIC CONCERTS by Mr Woolmer

There are two music concerts this term: The first is on **Friday 7 June** for Years 2, 3 & 4. The deadline for registering to play in this concert is Friday 24 May. The second concert is on **Friday 28 June** for Years 5, 6 & groups. This deadline is Friday 14 June.

If your child has lessons in school, the instrumental teacher will let me know if they will be playing in the concert. If your child learns outside of school, please consult with their teacher, and email me at christopher.woolmer@oakwoodschool.org.uk.

Parents are more than welcome to come and attend these concerts at 2.45pm, so I look forward to seeing you there.

OAKWOOD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT by Mr Kurti

We hosted our 7th annual football tournament this year, which was another fantastic event with nearly 100 children participating. The Oakwood 'A' team won two games, drew two and lost four in their group stage, which meant they finished 5th out of 8 teams overall. The 'A' team category winners were the new champions Ewell Castle School and runners up were Eaton House The Manor. Well done to them! The Oakwood 'B' team finished 3rd in their league with Elmhurst School crowned champions and Laleham Lea in second place.

Massive congratulations to all the children who took part, and whose efforts were applauded from the other teams and the crowd. I would like to thank the Year 12 boys at The Cedars School who were a great help in setting up the pitches and refereeing the matches.

QUIZ CLUB by Mr Murphy

Four children from Year 5 have been selected to compete in a national maths quiz taking place at St Dunstan's School, Cheam on **Thursday 6 June**. It was originally going to be some of the Year 6 children, but the date of the heat clashed with their residential trip! I am running a lunchtime quiz club each Friday to prepare for the competition. Good luck to those children involved! So as not to disappoint the Year 6's, they have been invited to attend the club despite not being able to attend the heat.

LADIES MEDITATION

The next meditation with Fr. George will be held on **Friday 7 June** at **8.50am**. The talk is about 'The Holy Spirit'. All mums, aunties and grannies are welcome.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

The Reception class assembly is on **Thursday 13 June** at **8.50am**, and all parents are welcome to come along.

EARLY YEARS NEWS

Reception

This half term we have been learning about Creatures. We are lucky enough to have live caterpillars in our classroom! We have been learning all about how they grow and their life cycle. This linked in perfectly with our text 'The Hungry Caterpillar'. The caterpillars have already made their chrysalises and we have moved them into their special butterfly house. We can't wait to see them transform into beautiful butterflies... watch this space!

Nursery

The children have been enjoying our topic on Fairy Tales and have made Gingerbread Man pattern tracings, Jack's Beanstalk life cycles, the 3 Little Pigs paintings and designed a royal wedding dress. We have also been practicing our letters and to sing counting songs to 20.

Early Years Awards for last week

Reception

Star

Eliza Davis for excellent independent writing in her
'Very Hungry Caterpillar Book'

Daniel Ston for brilliant progress in reading

Nursery

Star

Hannah Shaw for her tidiness

Playtime

Abraham Gylmah

Well done children!



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, PURLEY – BOOGIE & BALTI NIGHT

Fr Matthew's live band is back! St John the Baptist Church will be holding a 'Boogie & Balti Night' on **Saturday 15 June** starting at **7pm**. Please contact Melanie Corbett on 07956 821365 for information and tickets.