

Headlines

20th September 2024



Dear Parents

Another busy week!

Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good

Attendance is a hot topic with the DfE and Government at the moment. Guidance has been changed, letters have been formalised, new absence codes have been added and the role of the school and the local authority have changed. The new rules mean that all schools/Local Authorities must consider giving a penalty notice to a parent when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons within a 10 school week period, and support to help the child be in school is not appropriate. This is generally when a holiday has been arranged during term-time. Please do not hesitate to discuss attendance or absence with me, Mrs Pirie or Mrs Hall to establish if there is any support we can give you. Government Guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>, the school policy can be found here:

<https://ongarplace.ovw2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=32>

Guitars

Before we purchase any additional guitars to support our music teaching we wondered if anyone had a guitar at home that they no longer use that they would be willing to donate to the school? If you have please let the office or Mrs Meyer know. Thank you



PINS project

Please see the letter that has been sent out inviting all parents to attend a Parent Carer Participation Group meeting in school on **Monday 7 October at 11.15- 12 midday to introduce the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)** programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs.

Reading: Sorry for any confusion last week– the comment ‘We are not using Reading diaries to record what children are reading’ only refers to KS2.

Reminders

If your child is in Year 6 please ensure you put the application in for their secondary place by 31st October 2024 <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary>

School Dates. Here are some of the dates that we have already agreed for this term.

	Date	Time
High Ashurst Parents	26/09/24	15:30 - 16:00
Perform Workshop YR-3	30/09/24	09:00 - 11:00
PTFA Meeting	30/09/24	19:30 - 21:00
Feeling Good Week	07/10/24	
PINS parent info meeting	07/10/24	11:15 - 12:00
ROH Alice Ballet Y3/4	08/10/24	
Prospective Parents Tour	10/10/24	09:15 - 10:00
Y5/6 Globe Theatre	11/10/24	08:30 - 09:00
Harvest Assembly Yr, Y1, Y2	17/10/24	14:30 - 15:00
Bikeability Level 2 Year 6	21-25/10/24	
School Photos Independent	22/10/24	08:30 - 13:00
Parents Evenings	22/10/24	15:40 - 18:30
Eikon - High 5 Parent Coffee morning	24/10/24	09:00 - 10:00
Parents Evening	24/10/24	15:40 - 18:30
Start of Spring Term	06/01/25	08:50

House Captains

As promised we had our House Captain elections this week. On Thursday all the Year 6 children who had put themselves forward for the role met with their houses. They read out or performed their speeches to the member of the house and everyone from Year 1 – 6 got an opportunity to vote democratically for the two children they would like to represent them this year. All of the teachers who were supervising the meetings were very impressed with the speeches and the children’s attitudes. I was particularly pleased to see we also had a poster campaign in place as well!

Like last week any of the children who put themselves forward could have taken the role – such is the quality of our current Year 6. Well done to everyone.

Many congratulations to the children who were voted in:

Runnymede – **James and Ben**
Brooklands – **Grayson and Molly**
Painshill – **Barney and Elly-Ann**
Wisley – **Sienna- Rose and Levi**

