

Headlines

30th April 2021



Dear Parents

It has been lovely to be able to reopen the swimming pool this week. The children have been very excited. Mrs Mount and Mrs Brill were very pleased on Thursday morning with Chestnuts excellent attitude to swimming and their ability to change and listen to Jess the instructor. They were even able to give me a wave and a smile when I went to see them.

Thank you to all the adults who volunteered to help. If you would like to help in another area of the school – hearing readers etc then please get in touch with your child's class teacher or the office. You will need to have a DBS from the school, a portable DBS or be prepared to fill in the DBS check form.

Don't forget it is a bank holiday on Monday and so school will be closed! We'll see everyone back on Tuesday at the normal time. Have a good long weekend, Mrs Good

PE days – wear kit

Y3 Monday
Y4 Tuesday
Y5 Tuesday and Thursday
Y6 Monday and Friday

Year R, Year 1, Year 2 should bring their kit into school in a bag as usual. They will get changed at school.

Swimming days:

YR Thursday am
Y1 Wednesday am
Y2 Tuesday pm
Y3 Thursday pm
Y4 Wednesday pm
Y5 Monday pm (aerobics)

Cricket @Ongar

It has been lovely to be able to be part of the cricket sessions with Years 1, 2 and 3 over the last couple of weeks. We have been lucky to have Rhianna Southby, wicketkeeper for Surrey CCC, leading the sessions. The children have been fantastic listeners and this has really helped them improve their skills. The first week the children learnt some fielding skills including catching. This week they practised some batting techniques. Next week the children will learn how to bowl - I have been trying to do this for the last 40 years so I hope the children are more successful than me! – Mr Good

Thank you to parents who have already volunteered to help. We could still do with some extra help from parents with a DBS check or who are willing to have a DBS check.

Self Testing

Don't forget that families can either order or pick up self-testing rapid kits. Details are at:

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



Visitors

This week we were able to invite the parents and children who are starting in September for a tour of the classrooms, after school. We are very excited to meet some of our new (and old!) families and welcome them into school, at last.



Year 4 have been very busy already this term. I've seen some fantastic collage work that showed the children's experimental side! I also saw two pieces of writing from Isaac and Jesse based on the class book. I was very impressed with the vocabulary ...

'I've decided I'm going to light up my world with satisfaction, rather than having despondent feelings flowing through me. I have had a breath-taking idea that is finally finished, but will be extended in the future. This new idea that I have created could predict the rest of my future.' Isaac

'This has been a grand wonder, constructing a wondrous land of tin. In my eyes if there is an opportunity I will take it. Even though I have created a metallic world this feeling that I'll never have a human companion still haunts me – like a never ending nightmare.' Jesse

Well done Year 4!!



Well done to the lovely Eleanor. She has had her beautiful long hair cut off and will be donating it to charity! You should be very proud of yourself – we are!