

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

240th anniversary

Dear parents and carers,

With the excitement of the 240th anniversary and a fabulous fireworks night slowly fading, we have returned to a more normal week this week... well, until infant classes starting rehearsing for Christmas that is!

The PTA are also daring to think glitter and sparkles as they begin to plan the Christmas Fair on December 2nd. Please look out for emails and Facebook messages regarding help, support or donations. This is our first Christmas Fair for some years and we would love it to be an occasion to remember!

This morning in school, we hosted a visit from our local MP for East Surrey – Claire Coutinho. Quite apart from any party political beliefs or current new events, which so often overshadow the point of an MP as a local representative, this visit was really valuable to help school council learn about the importance of having a voice and representation. The older members of the council

accompanied Claire on a tour of the school before a Q&A session with the whole group. They had thought of some excellent questions to ask including “what are you passionate



about?” and “what would you like to change in your role?” Thank you to Claire and her team for taking the time to visit us and to Miss Sowerby for organising the visit. The councillors were fantastic ambassadors for the school and spoke very confidently- well done to all of them. We are hoping that the School Council will get the opportunity to visit Westminster in return- how exciting!

Finally, do please have a look at the dates list for Christmas events and add them to your diaries! Don't forget also that there will be a meeting for any parents wishing to meet the CEO of the Tandridge Learning Trust – Rebecca Plaskitt – or ask questions about the consultation on **Tuesday at 6pm** in school. In order to plan seating, we would be grateful if you could respond to this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/gyMgEBSizS> if you are planning to come.

Have a great weekend,
Mr Hogan-Fleming and Mrs Sims

Term Dates

17th November Children in Need - Pyjama Day - Minimum suggested donation £2
1st December Jaguars Class Assembly - 9 am
2nd December Christmas Fair
23rd November PTA Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Filled Bottles (alcohol or soft drink) for the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair
30th November PTA Non-Uniform Day in Exchange for Sweets for the Christmas Fair
7th December Whole School Pantomime - £3.50 per child
11th December Infant Nativity - 5 pm
12th December Infant Nativity - 9.15 am
12th December Junior Christmas Celebration - 2 pm
12th December Infant Christmas Parties
12th December Junior Christmas Celebration 6 pm
14th December Junior Christmas Parties
15th December Last Day of Term - 1.20 pm
2nd January Back to School



Visiting Author

KS1 were lucky enough on Wednesday to have a visit from Anna Houston, the author of Good Boy Rags.

She read her book and talked about the inspiration she took from her pet dog. She generously gave us a signed copy of her book for the school library and is hoping to return next spring when her second book from the series is completed.

Should any of the children wish to have their own copy, you are able to purchase from

<https://coles-books.co.uk/good-boy-rags-by-a-m-houston>



November's Wilder Schools News!

This year, as part of the [Wilder Schools](#) programme, [Surrey Wildlife Trust](#) are joining us to help students improve their school grounds for nature and take more of their learning outdoors.

Surrey's wildlife is in decline, but by taking some simple actions at home, we can all help create a Nature Recovery Network across the county.

Action for Nature – Make a Splash!

[Ponds can be home to an interesting range of wildlife](#), and even a small one made from a suitable container can attract animals including damsel and dragonflies, frogs and newts. Any pond can become a feeding ground for birds, hedgehogs and bats - the best natural garden pest controllers - and your pond needn't be big.

A washing-up bowl, a large plant pot, or a disused sink could all be repurposed as ponds, providing you make sure creatures can get in and out.

If you don't have your own outdoor space at home, why not [help the environment by watching what you wash away?](#)

Some of our favourite washing-up liquids and cleaning products can be harmful to wildlife with long-lasting effects. Brands like Ecover, Method, Bio-D and some supermarket own-brands have good products made from natural and environmentally-friendly ingredients. Using eco-friendly detergents in your clothes wash is also a great way to watch what you're putting into rivers and seas, keeping water clean for wildlife."



More photos from last week's celebrations!

A video of the performances from the afternoon is now available to watch via an unlisted link which will be sent home via email. As always, this is shared for the enjoyment of children's families only and must not be shared either wholly or partly on social media of any kind. Thank you for your continued support which is what allows us to share lovely moments like this with you!

A few more photos from the day are below. What a great day!





Values Champion

Well done to the following children who have received certificates this week:

- Lily for Compassion - Geckos
- Sophia for Challenge & Creativity - Monkeys
- Amy for Challenge - Leopards
- Frank for Creativity - Pandas
- Rebecca for Challenge - Toucans
- Brandon for Compassion & Challenge - Macaws
- Freddie for Curiosity & Challenge - Jaguars

Well done!



Mathletics							
Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Emerald	Diamond	Epic	Legend
Monkeys Lexi II Eloise V Leopards Oliver V Marietta IV Pandas Frank III Lily IV Poppy III Eloise V	Toucans Mickey IV Maddie III Jaguars Poppy I Joshua V	Monkeys Fionn I Imogen II Holly IV Seb W IV Leopards Audrey II Florence II Jasmine IV Jack II Billy IV Naya III Oscar I Elsie I Freya II Pandas Alina III Hattie I Freddie II Darcie V Finlay V	Toucans Jack III Bella I Florence IV Macaws Alisha III Jenson III Seb F I Jaguars Tegan IV	Leopards William I Toucans Evan I Jaguars Ayla I			

Mathletics: Monday, 30th October - Sunday, 5th November

Attendance								
Attendance this week:	Geckos: 94%	Monkeys: 92%	Leopards: 98%	Pandas: 95%	Toucans: 94%	Macaws: 96%	Jaguars: 82%	Whole School: 93%

