

Newsletter

JANUARY 2019



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24/1	Rabbit Class Assembly
31/1	Hedgehog Class Assembly
1/2	WISPA Pyjama Party
6/2	Badger Class Assembly
7/2	Y1 Space Workshop
8/2	Badger Class Cake Sale
11-15/2	Book Fair
13/2	WISPA Committee Meeting 7.00pm
14/2	Woodpecker Class Assembly
15/2	Break for Half-Term 3.15pm
18-22/2	SCL Holiday Club
25/2	School Opens 8.50am
1/3	Staff Cake Sale 3.15pm
4/3	Book Week
5/3	Come and read with your child 9.00-9.30am
6/3	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.30pm crèche available
7/3	Author Visit
7/3	Parent Consultations 4.00-7.30pm crèche available
8/3	Dress up as a Book Charac- ter
9/3	WISPA Disco's

Book Fair 11th -15th February

READING

Reading is an extremely important life skill. Many people read for pleasure and it is key to finding out information. Children who are unable to read at an age appropriate level can often have difficulties accessing the rest of the curriculum. This is why we think it should be such a focus at school and at home. We know that children who read regularly at home generally make much better progress than children who don't, and it really doesn't take that long.

We are asking all children to read at home at least four times a week; it only takes about 5-10 minutes at a time. Could we ask though that the adult who hears them read is 'present' to help work out the tricky bits and ask questions about what is happening. Could we also ask you to sign the reading diary. We give out rewards for reading at home but no signature means no reward.

Many thanks for your support.



Safer Internet Day

It's Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February. At Westfields Infant School we work with the children throughout the year to teach them about e-safety. We will be complementing this by doing some extra activities to support safe internet use in support of Safer Internet Day. In the UK Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre and they have a wide range of information for parents to promote the safe use of technology which can be found at www.saferinternetday.org.uk



HEDGEHOG CLASS CAKE SALE

Change of Date

The cake sale will now take place on
Friday 17th May 2019

Thank you for your donations to Water Aid at the Christmas Performances. We raised £266.16.

Positive Behaviour Policy

We have recently reviewed and updated our Positive Behaviour Policy and have slightly changed our 'peg system'. In all year groups children can move up to the rainbow as previously and will be awarded a rainbow sticker by their teacher. For exceptional reasons the children can now move up to a shooting star and a sticker will be awarded by Mrs Teague.

Governors Report

The school aims to achieve value for money in buying the goods and services we need. I carried out an internal control check last term to look at the school's procurement processes, and its' compliance with the legal requirements of the Education Authority.

I found a transparent and very well organised system which followed the legal requirement but in addition took into account the overall costs and suitability for the school.

In the contracts I examined, at least 3 quotations had been received or the school was able to take advantage of prices and terms negotiated by the Education Authority. I was very impressed.

Jon Mortimer

Yateley, Darby Green, Frogmore Neighbourhood Plan (YDFNP)

Following the views provided by those who completed the public questionnaire last Summer, the steering group has set up the following sub-groups:

- Housing and Development
- Getting Around
- Open Space and Wildlife
- Community and Leisure
- Business and Regenerations

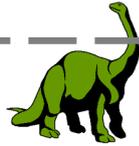
Find out more and get involved by looking at our website www.ydf-np.org.uk where you can also link to our Facebook page.



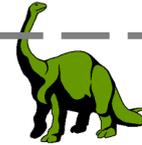
NSPCC **Speak out.
Stay safe.**

The NSPCC have led their 'Speak out. Stay safe.' assembly, which gave the children some clear information about how to stay safe from abuse and neglect. The information was given in a very child friendly way and as a follow up the teachers will be doing some additional work in class.

What are we learning?



Year R



It is hard to believe that Year R have been in school for a whole term already and what a busy term it was. I hope you had the opportunity to come and see the Nativity Play in December because I am sure you were as proud of the children as we were - their confidence has certainly grown. We learnt all about the traditions of Christmas and enjoyed lots of craft activities and glitter!

When we came back to school in the New Year we discovered something very exciting in the playground - there are some GIANT eggs! We have been thinking about some of the creatures which may be in the eggs but then had a letter from a 'scientist' who said they had been doing tests and believe the eggs to be dinosaur eggs - how eggciting! We are now finding out all about dinosaurs wondering which type is in the egg. In our role as palaeontologists we are learning lots of facts and some very tricky words.

In phonics we have been learning some new phonemes, some digraphs and trigraphs! In maths we have been working with numbers up to 20 and learning how to find the total of 2 amounts by adding them together.

Year 1

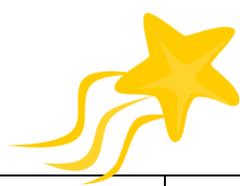
We've had an exciting discovery from the 'World Space Company'. Outside, we found a mystery object, which the children have concluded must be from a space ship! With the object, there was a bag with materials and a letter inside. In English we have been writing about our discovery as well as writing facts about the history of space travel. As part of our science work we have been finding out about the materials from the bag and their uses. In maths we enjoyed going on a 3D shape hunt which helped us learn to recognise and name the 3D shapes.



Year 2

We have started our new topic called Once Upon a Time. This week we received a voicemail message from a giant who was very sad. He said that people think giants are bad characters and has asked us to find evidence that giants aren't always bad. We read Jack and the Beanstalk, watched a clip from the BFG and read Kipper and the Giant. In maths we have been learning to name and describe 3D shapes using the vocabulary vertices, edges and faces. In our science session, we explored seeds and discussed what seeds need to help them grow.

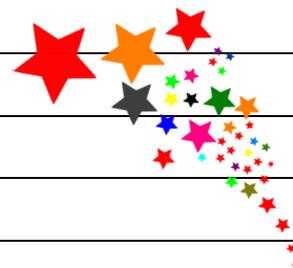




Congratulations



Name	Achievement
Thomas Welch	Stage 3 Swimming Award
Lottie Nicholls	25m Swimming Award
Carissa Hickey	10m Swimming Award
Jessica Lindsay	4th place in trampoline competition
Emily Walker	Level 1—foals/horse riding rosette
Lilli Ray	Stanley 5 Swimming Award and 5m badge
Phoebe Long	Moved to level 3 swimming
Eddie Sutton	Football—player of the match
Zaki Ben-Romdhane	Judo trophy for great work this term
Molly Gowers	Bronze Swimming Badge
Rosie Gallagher	Stage 4 Swimming Award
Dexter Hudson	ASA Stage 1 Swimming Award
Aliza Ward	10m Swimming Award
Jorja Ford	IDTA turquoise ballet rosette
Emmy Allen	Clownfish Stage 2 Swimming Award
Curtis Ward	25m Swimming Award
Sienna Slater-Ive	Level 4 Gymnastics / Stage 4 Swimming Awards
Harley Goble	2nd in Karate Competition
George Ednie	Winter Reading Challenge
Ben Ednie	Winter Reading Challenge
Alissia Joyce	Gymnastics Proficiency Award Level 7
Aleks Strudwick	Stanley 4 Swimming Certificate
Jasper White	Stage 1 Learn to Swim Award
Leon Grey	Stanley Stage 2 Swimming Award
Eddie Sutton	Football Player of the Match
Jessica Parsons	Record of Achievement at Stagecoach—1 year award
Tommy Lenan	Achievement Award in Swimming
Sam Clark	Trophy for playing in goal and he was Captain
Carissa Hickey	Level 4 Gymnastics and 10m Swimming Award
Lorenzo Scully	Player of the Match



Time Out For Parents



The Early Years

Sessions for anyone parenting children under five

Date

Every Tuesday, 9.45 - 11.45 am
5th February to 12th March 2019

Venue

Church on the Heath, The Key, Elvetham Heath, GU51
1HA

Book online

visit www.churchontheheath.org.uk

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 **positive**parenting

Common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help
you to engage with your children and boost your relationship

