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Reading at home

Whilst we teach reading in school every day through many curriculum areas, we know from research and our own experience the children who make the most progress are those who practise reading at home, ideally 4 or 5 times a week. This need not take long, starting at 5 - 10 minutes in Reception and building to 15 minutes in Year 2. Please take the time to sign your name in your child's communication book, ideally alongside the date so we can see how much reading your child is doing and match this to their progress. Thank you for your continued support with this.

E-Safety and social media

As adults, we are often a few steps behind children in learning about new and exciting technology, which means we can be unknowingly placing children at risk of harm. Net-Aware is a fantastic website, created by the NSPCC, which can tell you if a website, app or game is suitable for your child. It provides you with a general explanation of what the product is and whether there are any age restrictions attached, as well as what risks it poses. We would like to encourage you to take a look so that you can stay up to date in today's ever-changing digital world. <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Arts Fortnight

We are basing our Arts fortnight around a local artist, a very local artist; it is none other than one of our Parents Mrs Hannah Bruce, who uses nature as an inspiration for her work. She will be coming in and sharing her art pieces as well as giving each class a workshop during the fortnight – we are all very excited and more details will follow in a couple of weeks.

Roxy Adams (one of the school's Teaching Assistants)

Roxy successfully completed the Brighton Marathon on April 15th! Horray! She has managed to raise £820 towards buying new books for the library. We have included the link below if anyone else would like to contribute.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ruksana-adams?utm_id=2&utm_term=dYddr5GvW

Both she and we would like to thank you all for your support.



Partnership working

It's almost that time of year when we begin to gather final evidence to make end of year judgements about your children's achievements during the year. This includes a process of moderation of the learning in school and across schools. We have met with and will continue to meet with the other SWAN schools, the Woking Schools Learning Partnership and Surrey, to moderate writing and mathematics. This year Liz Emslie worked alongside other English Leaders to create a portfolio for schools in Woking to use to aid them in their moderation.

Parking

The roadworks outside the school have now finished and we are very aware that cars are going faster again. Please can we remind all parents to take care when driving and parking around the school. Neighbours from Lych Way and Church Hill have mentioned that people are parking right on the double yellow lines on the corner and stopping residents of Lych Way exiting onto Church Hill safely. Please park considerately and safely. Many thanks

Academic dates for 2018 – 2019

On our website are the term dates for the next academic year, which include some of our INSET dates. The year's 'dates and events' will not be sent home until July. This will hopefully make booking holidays easier and reduce the number of holidays we have during term time. 😊

Governor Update

One of our Governors joined the 50+ parents at our Curriculum day in March and then spent some time in the classrooms, this enabled her to be able to challenge us during Children and Learning committee meetings and Full Governing Body Meetings to ensure our policy and practise match.

Funding Update

This month we have had another couple of parent join our monthly payments. A one off payment of £1000 from one family as well as another £500 from The Cricketers Quiz night, all of which is fantastic and helping us to maintain the levels of support from donations to our school. Our thanks go to them for their continued support.

Warmest wishes

Elaine Cooper