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Spring 1



**Value of the
Month**

**February
Love**

We've made it to the end of half-term which marks the halfway point in this academic year. It has been so lovely to see the children engaged in their learning, and the teaching staff have provided some wonderful experiences for them. It seems that the children are growing in confidence every day.

I am on the playground most days so please come and chat to me if you have any questions, concerns or positive feedback about school life – it's great to hear from you. I hope you all have a safe and happy half term.



PTA QUIZ

We had an amazing quiz night before half term and the PTA raised a whopping £1700.

As you may be aware, school budgets around the country are limited and so we are grateful for all the hard work our PTA put into fundraising across the year.



Safer Internet Day
2020 | Tuesday
11 February

Safer Internet Day

On February 11th the children took part in Safer Internet day.

Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity to have a conversation with children about using the internet safely, responsibly and positively. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, foster carer, aunt, uncle or older sibling – we can all play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time online! This year, the UK Safer Internet Centre is particularly focusing on celebrating the great things about being on line but also reminding ourselves about how to stay safe. "Your identity is what makes you...YOU. It's what makes you unique, or special. Parts of your identity might be similar to others, and parts might be different...and that's great". Do visit the safer internet website as there is some excellent advice for parents on how to talk to your child about this and keep them happy and safe online.
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>.



HELP NEEDED!

We are lucky enough to have several balance bikes which our Bears use on a regular basis. The time has come for them to have a bit of a service, pumping tyres and tightening of seats. If any parent(s) can spare some time to do this please let us know.

World Book Day



World Book day is nearly upon us. We will be celebrating it on Thursday 5th March. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character to help us celebrate.

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)



Schools can receive additional funding for pupils whose parents are in receipt of income-related benefits (including Income Support, Child Tax credits (so long as you don't also receive working tax credit), or income based Jobseekers Allowance). For any pupil entitled to Pupil Premium, the additional funding means that we are able to provide extra support in many ways, examples being extra learning support or to fund a place at an after-school activity club. If you think your child might be eligible for Pupil Premium, please contact the School Office who will respect

and deal with any enquiries in total confidence. Finding out if your child qualifies for Pupil Premium is a really straight forward and discrete process; we check online and only require the parent's surname, date of birth and national insurance number, you do not have to bring in proof of benefits any-more. Any pupil whose parent/s are employed by the Armed Forces are also entitled to additional funding (Services Personnel Pupil Premium) – do let us know if this relates to your child.

Amendments to Parking Enforcement in Guildford & Waverley



Until now, Guildford Borough Councils (GBC) enforcement officers in Guildford & Waverley have only issued a penalty charge notice (PCN) to vehicles which park illegally and have not moved when advised or if the motorist is not around. GBC enforcement officers can now issue a PCN if the motorist drives off before a ticket is issued. In this instance, the driver will get their notice through the post, even if an enforcement officer has only started writing out the PCN. Although GBC still intend to encourage motorists to move on, by adopting this practice

it's aim is to provide a stronger deterrent to motorists who park illegally with the expectation that they can avoid a penalty by moving their vehicles as soon as they see enforcement being carried out. This in turn should make the environment safer around our schools, particularly for children.

Year R

Bears have enjoyed constructing and sailing the boats they created before half term. Everyone sailed their boat on our water tray to see if they would float or sink. There was much excitement at these maiden voyages and most of the boats floated!



Year 1

Recently Year 1 had a morning learning about how to look after pets as part of their PSHE topic. Mrs Pearson bought in her canaries, Miss Cox bought in her dog and Mrs Nathan also bought in two rats! We got to ask lots of questions about how to look after these different animals and how being a pet owner is a big responsibility. Thank you to these adults who kindly took their pets in and gave us lots of information.

A big thank you to Mrs Bazley for visiting year 1 and doing big 'wake and shakes' with both classes. It was great to get our bodies moving and we especially loved the bubbles and disco lights!



Year 2

Year Two had a wonderful day finding out even more about The Titanic when Mrs Concanon from Godalming Museum joined them for the day. The children learnt many new facts about the ill fated ship and were able to ask many questions to further their understanding. The children explored luggage from The Titanic, making guesses at which class passengers the luggage belonged too. All children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up ready to board The Titanic. There was much excitement when the children explored sending S.O.S messages using Morse code! In the afternoon the children created some wonderful pieces of metal work, many contained an 'M' depicting Marconi, the company who owned The Titanic.



Dates for your Diary 2019-20

February

Tuesday	25th	Y1 Pancake Day Races FGB Meeting
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March

Wednesday	4th	PTA Sponsored Bounce
Thursday	5th	World Book Day
Mon- Fri	9th—13th	British Science Week
Mon—Fri	16th—20th	Book Fair
Thursday	19th	Mother's Day Event

April

Wednesday	1st	FGB Meeting
Friday	3rd	End of Spring Term

2019—2020 INSET DAYS

14th February, 20th April , 22nd May

Surrey County Council

The User Voice and Participation team at Surrey County Council are running a survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. We want to check in with Surrey children and young people and ask about their community, their health and happiness and give them a forum to have their voices heard. If successful we'll run this survey annually to consider the impact of service changes, the differences across the demographics and how the needs of our children may adapt.

Please share the links to the surveys far and wide and keep an eye on our social media feeds for links and updates.

We are printing easy read and paper versions, get in touch with our.voice@surreycc.gov.uk if an alternative version of the survey is needed.

Please see links below.

The OUR voice survey for Primary – 4-11 years

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey-primary/>

Football Mascot Competition

Pupils should not miss the opportunity to enter the Leasing.com #KickItToWinIt competition! To enter, all pupils need to do is get a family member or friend (18+) to share a short video of them scoring a goal. Goal scoring videos must be posted on Twitter and include the #KickItToWinIt hashtag within the caption Leasing.com welcome all goals and saves - it might be a scoring moment in training, on match day, having a kick about in the garden, at school or at the park. Whether it be a video that pupils have already got or they want to go out and record a goal to enter – everyone's goals are considered for the prize.

Entries will not be considered after the 29th February.

To find out more about the competition and read the T&Cs, head to Leasing.com's Twitter account or visit www.leasing.com/football/competition

The Prize:

- Nine entrants will be shortlisted, each winning regular tickets to the Leasing.com Trophy final at Wembley on 5th April 2020
- One lucky winner will be selected as Mascot at the Leasing.com final. Plus, get x2 VIP tickets to the Leasing.com Trophy final at Wembley, club merchandise* and a copy of the Football Manager 2020 PC game.

Not to mention the winner will get their hands on the Leasing.com trophy, allowing them to lease it and temporarily keep it at their home, local football club or school.

Childline

Childline is not just a phone call The Childline website has lots of valuable information, but one area I like is their 'Calm Zone'. The activities aim to help children feel better when they're feeling anxious, scared or sad. Although children could be encouraged to visit the website themselves, these are good techniques for adults to use with children. Ideas include: breathing exercises, a 'let it go' box and creating a 'sense drawer'. To find out more, visit the Childline website at <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

BBC Radio 2's 500 Words Competition

Radio 2 launched their short story-writing competition for children, in association with Oxford University Press. Entry to the competition is open to anyone who will be aged between 5 and 13 years on the 12th June 2020. Entrants must write a fictional entry form available at www.bbc.co.uk/500words - there are two age categories – ages 5 to 9 and 10 to 13. We have some brilliant story writers in school with amazing imaginations so perhaps it might be something your child would like to have a go at, especially with half-term coming up. Entry closes on Thursday 27th February 2020 at 8pm.

short story (no more than 500 words in length) and submit it via an online