



### *Important Notice!*

School finishes at 1.10pm on Friday 5th April. Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April. Have a lovely Easter!

### *Headteacher's Message*

It is with great sadness that I must inform you that after 22 years of working at our school, Mrs Welfare has resigned and leaves our school at the end of term. We would like to wish her all the very best in her future ventures and we will miss her very much.

On a sunnier note, thank you to all the mums and grandmothers who came to our Mother's Day Assembly today. The children always work very hard in rehearsals and we hope you enjoyed their performance.

Also, a big thank you to Mrs Elston who has been doing a wonderful job making our gardens look all bright and spring-like!

*Have a lovely weekend.*  
*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *Easter Reading Challenge*

Early next week we will be sending each of the children home with a book mark. We would like to set the children a challenge to read as much as they can over the Easter break.

The challenge is for your child to read to you at least 10 times over Easter. Each time your child reads to you, please put the date and your signature on the back of the book mark and return it to school before 24th April. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on the book mark.

All the children who return their book mark signed 10 times will be awarded with extra playtime on a date to be determined.

Please note that entry to the challenge will only be accepted on the bookmark and not through use of the Reading Record or an email etc. We will be launching this challenge in assembly next week so the children will be excited about reading over the holiday.

### *Easter Bunny Basket*

If your child has not yet finished their Easter Bunny Basket, please bring it into school on Monday in order to be entered into the competition.

If your child brings it in after this date they can still use it to bring home their eggs that we are hoping the Easter Bunny might leave for them on the last day of term!

### *Easter Activity Book*

At the end of term we will be sending home an Easter Activity Book for the children to enjoy.

We would like to encourage as many children to complete their book as possible, so any that are returned on 23rd April will be entered into a Lucky Dip for a small prize. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly marked on the book if they would like to enter the competition.

### *Easter Raffle*

If you would like to enter our Easter Egg Raffle this year, to be in with a chance of winning our lovely Easter goodies, please return your form to school with the payment on/before 4th April. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

Surrey and Hants Property Agents have very generously donated a beautiful Thorntons Egg for us to raffle and and thank you also to Sainsbury's, Premier in Tongham and One Stop in Ash for their generous donations towards our hampers. Pictures of the prizes can be found on the PTA Facebook page.

There are plenty of copies of the letter in our reception area. You are more than welcome to enter more than once if you choose.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 1st April we will be on **Week 3** of the dinner menu.

### *Year One Spring Celebration Day*

On 1st April children from Ruby and Diamond Classes are welcome to come to school dressed in spring colours. These could be any colour/s that they feel represents spring. This is a non school uniform day for children that take part.

### *Miller's Ark Mobile Farm Visit*

On Monday 1st April, Miller's Ark Mobile Farm will be visiting Year R and Year One and the children will be spending some time with a variety of farm animals. Obviously we will ensure that they wash their hands thoroughly after the visit, but we will also be sending home an information leaflet after the visit which we would ask that parents read carefully.

Please ensure that your child has a warm coat with them on Monday as they will be spending some time outside. A pair of named wellies would also be beneficial.

### *Legoland Reminder*

Just to remind our Year Two parents that we will be going to Legoland on Monday 1st April. The coach will be leaving school at 9.15am and will return to school at 4pm.

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat with them, their lunch if you have not ordered a school packed lunch, enough drink for the full day and they wear comfortably fitting shoes (trainers are acceptable).

Please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not include nuts or any nut based products (such as Nutella), fizzy drinks or sweets.

If you are helping on the trip, please wait in the Staff Room after dropping your child off. A member of staff will then come in and run through the details for the day.

### *Parents' Forum*

On May 1st from 2.30-3.00pm, we will be holding a Parents Forum with Mrs Cawson and Mrs Wall. This is an opportunity for parents to come along and share their views on a range of topics. This time we will be covering:

- How to increase the uptake on school dinners
- What stops parents helping their children at home
- The Government has issued some guidance on activities children should experience at certain ages—what do parents think?
- Safety—we will share our current curriculum and would value parents' views
- Suggestions for future meetings

Please let the school office know if you would like to attend this Forum so that we have an idea of numbers.

### *Mother's Day Tea Towels*

The Mother's Day tea towels have now been sent home. We hope you enjoy them! We do have a few spare for sale, so if you would like one please speak to the office.

### *Mother's Day Raffle*

The Co-op have very kindly donated a Mother's Day Hamper for our school to raffle off (the Junior School is no longer participating). The first prize is worth £75, the 2nd prize is a cuddly toy and chocolates and the 3rd prize is a bouquet of flowers. The Hamper is on display at the Co-op at the moment.

If you would like to be in with a chance of winning one of these lovely prizes, please return your slip to school before 3pm on Friday 29th March.

Tickets are priced at 50p each and further copies of the raffle entry letters can be found in the reception area.

### *ICT Questionnaire*

We have sent home an ICT Questionnaire for parents to complete and return. Please could we ask for the completed Questionnaire to be returned to school on or before Monday 1st April.

Thank you for your support.

### *AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS*

#### *Chelsea Football Club (External provider)*

Chelsea Football Club has now finished for the Spring Term. An email has been sent home about joining instructions for the Summer Term.

#### *Cricket Club (External provider)*

A letter has been sent home regarding a new Club that will be running after the Easter holiday. The club will run on Thursdays, starting on 25th April and it runs from 3-4pm. Please note that this is open to all children from 5 years old upwards.

#### *Choir Club*

Choir Club for Year One and Year Two is held every Tuesday from 3pm-3.45pm.

Year R have been invited to join after the Spring break. Parents will be notified today if their child has been allocated a space. This club is now full unfortunately.

Choir Club starts up again on Tuesday 23rd April.

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Spring Term 2</b>	
1st April	Year Two Trip to Legoland	4.00pm return
1st April	Year One Spring Celebration Day	
1st April	Miller's Ark Visit to School for Year R and Year One	
5th April	End of term	1.10pm finish
	<b>Summer Term</b>	
23rd April	Back to school	8.45am
26th April	Mufti for Garden Toys	
29th April—10th May	Living Eggs in school (more information to follow)	
1st May	Parent's Forum (please let the office know if you wish to attend)	2.30pm
10th May	Mufti Day for Bottles	
11th May	Walsh Memorial Summer Fair	12.00-3.00pm
13th May	Class Photos (for those who have signed consent forms)	
3rd June	INSET Day—School closed for children	All day
12th June	Year R trip to the Basingstoke Canal Centre	9.00am-3.00pm
14th June	Father's Day Celebration (for Dads and Grandads only)	TBA
27th June	Year One trip to Alice Holt	9.00am-3.00pm
28th June	St Peter's Day Family Picnic (more information to follow)	12.00pm
12th July	Sports Day (Timings to be advised)	
22nd July	Year Two Leaver's Assembly	2.00pm
24th July	End of term	1.10pm finish

Dates for your Diary