



Newsletter No. 17

7th July 2017

Topic: *The Secret Garden*

Focus Value: *Self-discipline*

Yellow app warning

Following some information from a parent, we advise you to check your children's phones. There is an app called "Yellow". Please make sure you remove this app from their phone, as it poses a potentially very serious safeguarding risk to children. Please contact the office if you would like further information.



Summer Production

"*Eureka!*" will be performed by KS2 children next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Tickets are now available from the school office.



Short Reports

All reports went out on Friday 7th July.

There will be an Open Classroom for all parents and carers on **Monday 10th July from 3.20 to 4.15.** You are warmly invited to pop in to see your child's work and to have an informal chat with class teachers about your child's report.



If you would like a private meeting to discuss your child's progress, please contact the teacher directly by telephone, on the playground or via email, to make a mutually convenient appointment.

Events and Sport

Bletchingley Village Fair

We were unsure whether we would manage to make it to the fair this year due to lots of other events going on, but thanks to the enthusiasm of some of our youngest children, we did! Well over thirty children, the majority of whom are in Squirrel Class, turned up to rehearsals every day and turned up at the fair, where they danced and behaved beautifully. We managed to plait and unplait the ribbons without a hitch! The Fair Committee wrote afterwards that "it would not have been the same without you!" so we are delighted that we were able to get there. Congratulations to all the children who performed, and many thanks to parents and carers for supporting this event.



Coppice Lea

A number of children from Years 4 and 5 went to Coppice Lea last week to entertain the residents. They willingly gave up their own time to rehearse and practise in order to perform to a high standard. The elderly ladies and gentlemen had a great time and congratulated the children on their singing, country- and maypole-dancing and their wonderful behaviour. This is a real act of citizenship and we are very proud of all the children who took part.

District Sports

Pupils went to compete in the field events for District Sport last Monday. All the children did their very best in the events they were competing in and we came in at 6th place out of nine schools. Everyone was a great representative for the school and they cheered each other on throughout each event. Well done to them all!



Football

Last Thursday, Years 3 and 4s came together on the school field to compete against 3 other neighbouring schools for a Football Competition. Our team of 10 boys worked really hard to pass the ball, aim for their targets and defend the goal. Thankfully, all their hard work played off and they were award Second Place! Well done, boys.

Sports Day

A super successful and sunny day! The children worked really well to complete all of their events yesterday. It was amazing to see them cheering each other on and have the older ones modelling and helping the younger children. Thank you to Mr Ward and Mr Allen for setting up all the equipment, especially the shade stops! Thank you to all the staff who helped to organise, co-ordinate and run the event. A finally thank you to all the parents who turned up; the children love being cheered on when they're running! Congratulations to Red Team who are the victors for another year.



Trips and Residential

Nower Wood: Squirrel Class

Squirrel Class were amazingly behaved on their trip to Nower Wood on Tuesday. The year one children had to identify different types of tree based on their leaves and bark, crafted a Stick Man story stick using sticks they found, created very interesting stories using items they found in the woods! "My favourite was making the Stick Man because he got to wear a pink hat!" – **Freya and Mrs Kilcoyne**



Fox Class Campfire Evening

Fox class had an amazing time on Friday 30th at their camp fire evening. We started the evening with some team games, hunt the ball and parachute games. We danced our way to the camp fire and were met by Mr.Ward and Mrs. Small who were stars at entertaining the children. They helped them to make smores and we all learned some new songs and stories. We finished off with tattoos and a storm of bubbles to round the evening off! **Mrs Scott and Mrs Perera**

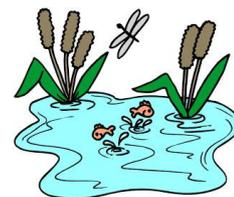


Ruby Class Sleepover

Ruby Class had a wonderful time at their school sleepover. They all enjoyed joining a samba drum workshop before making their own pizza for dinner. After dinner they had a camp fire and ate s'mores while Mr Ward involved everyone with camp fire songs. After a hot chocolate they snuggled down to watch a movie and go to sleep. They all had a great time! **Miss Ballantyne**

Bay Pond: Otter Class

Otter class have enjoyed a day at Godstone's Bay Pond last week. The day started with the children playing a game which introduced them to the concept of camouflage in nature. The children then explored life through the eyes of a slug using some specially adapted 'slug spectacles'. During grass beating, log rolling, meadow walking and woodland exploration the children found and sorted a range of mini beasts. During the afternoon, the children spent time dipping in the pond and then admiring their 'catches' through the digital microscope. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful resource on the doorstep and are also grateful to the Bletchingley Grammar Trust for their financial support in sponsoring this trip.



To link with our current topic 'Our Secret Garden' the children have also begun work with local artist, Ms Sumner. They have used a pinch pot technique to model clay into a model of a much-loved British Mammal, the hedgehog. We are now eagerly awaiting the results of the firing in the kiln! **Miss Vigar**

Piano

One of our ex-parents has a piano available free to anyone who can collect it at their own cost. Please contact the office if you are interested.



Attendance

Diamond Class won the attendance award for last week with 98.4%. Well done to them!

Attendance Survey:

Thanks to all those who responded. If you left your name to help review the attendance policy, we will be in touch early in the new term.



Term Dates and Holidays 2017 – 2018

Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th September to Wednesday 20th December
Half term: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October
Children return Tuesday 31st October

Spring Term 2018

Thursday 4th January to Thursday 29th March
Half term: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April to Friday 20th July
Half term: Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Inset Days 2017 to 2018

Monday 4th September 2017
Monday 30th October 2017
Thursday 21st December 2017
Friday 4th May 2018 (giving families a long weekend with Bank Holiday Monday 7th May)
Monday 4th June 2018

Coming Up...

July

10th Summer Production dress rehearsal 1.15
11th Summer Production 7pm
12th Summer Production 7pm
13th Year 6 Pottery Day
14th FOBS BBQ and Summer Fete
18th Class Swap morning
19th Leavers' assembly 1.30 Year 6 parents invited
20th Thank you and celebration assembly
21st Final assembly 1 pm – all welcome

