



NEWS FLASH

Friday 12th February 2021

WELL DONE TO YOU

It has been a challenging time for us all, but together we have had a successful half term. Jo Freeman (external consultant) visited the school virtually on Wednesday and Thursday this week; she was extremely complimentary about the teaching and learning both at home and at school, and the progress she could see across all year groups. We would like to say a massive “*well done*” to all our children and families for their continued hard work, effort and support. You are amazing!



NOTE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

It is with great pleasure that Matt Woodruff our Chair of Governors, along with the rest of the Governing Body would like to welcome two new governors. Lia Campbell, our new Parent Governor and Ian McGraw, our new Co-opted Governor.

UNIFORM



With the hope that all children will be coming back at some point after half term, we would like to get the children who are currently in school back into wearing their normal school uniform. To remind you, our uniform is:

Boys Uniform	Girls Uniform	PE Kit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sensible black shoes – not trainers. (Boots are not suitable for school). *Grey trousers (long or short). *Light blue polo shirt / shirt. *Scarlet v-neck sweater or sweatshirt. *Grey or black socks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Sensible black shoes – not trainers. (Boots are not suitable for school). Winter *Medium or mid grey pinafore dress or skirt or mid grey shorts or trousers of approved design. *Light blue blouse or polo shirt. *Scarlet v-neck sweater, cardigan or sweatshirt. *Black or grey tights or socks (either short or long). Summer *Pale blue gingham dress. *White socks with the summer dresses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Red shorts. *White Worplesdon T-shirt. *Plimsolls. *Trainers for outdoor games lessons. *Grey tracksuit for outdoor games lessons.

We understand that children may have grown out of their school shoes; if children need to wear trainers for the first couple of weeks after half term whilst new school shoes are purchased then we fully understand.

PE DAYS

Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Monday and Wednesday
Year 6	Tuesday and Wednesday

With children back in uniform, we thought it would be helpful to remind you of your child’s PE days. Please make sure children come in warm PE uniform.

SUPPORT FOR DYSLEXIA

At Helen Arkell, they are passionate about removing barriers to learning and life, such as dyslexia. They want to promote unsung skills and champion new ways of approaching life. They give people the tools they need to learn in their own way. They train dedicated professionals to inspire people to love learning. They help parents to nurture their children and employers to support their staff.



Together they inspire people to believe in themselves, achieve their goals and succeed on their own terms.

Thanks to the generosity of National Lottery Awards for All, there are FREE spaces available on this course for people from lower-income backgrounds. Please them for details on how to apply for your free place.

<https://www.helenarkell.org.uk/news/new-dates-help-course-for-parents-online.php>

FUN IDEAS FOR HALF TERM:

CBBC IS ON YOUTUBE – ENTERTAINMENT FOR HALF TERM AND OUTSIDE OF HOME-SCHOOLING HOURS



CBBC are uploading videos to YouTube daily that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have all the top CBBC brands on there, with a wide range of genres from factual shows, news, dramas, comedy to entertainment. Programmes like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround, The Next Step, Saturday Mash-Up, Operation Ouch, the Playlist, the Dumping Ground, Heirs of the Night and Jamie Johnson. They are also welcoming back Dani Harmer in the brilliant new programme My Mum Tracy Beaker.

VIRTUAL SOCCER SCHOOL FEBRUARY HALF TERM

VIRTUAL COURSES AVAILABLE AT:

www.chelseasoccerschools.co.uk

- VIRTUAL SOCCER SCHOOL – 4 DAY COURSE
(15th February – 18th February)
Course Code: VSS-01-S-3
- VIRTUAL SOCCER SCHOOL – SHOOTING SPECIFIC
(Friday 19th February – Must have access to a goal)
Course Code: VSS-01-S-1
Invitation Code: VSSDAY
- VIRTUAL SOCCER SCHOOL – GOALKEEPING SPECIFIC
(Friday 19th February)
Course Code: VSS-01-S-2
Invitation Code: VSSDAY



Feb – March 2021: Information Flyer for Families

Appeer Community Interest Company was set up to benefit girls and women with an **Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and other neurodiverse conditions** and those around them (including their families and professionals). We offer **peer group activities** and social interest-based sessions for **autistic girls and young women** and their **parents/carers**. Currently these are online due to the pandemic, but we also run real life groups and events in Surrey and beyond.

Teens - Making Connections We are currently hosting online workshops for autistic teenage girls in Surrey – Sessions open for bookings include: *Drama "A Play in a Day" *Digital Art Workshop *Gaming with Jellytree Productions *Video Editing *Yoga Course (12 years +). [Click to book!](#) We know how hard it is to find support for our teens and look forward to providing a space for them to connect and share interests. All sessions are delivered by experts and facilitated by our staff.



Younger Girls Online Sessions We have lots going on in Feb and March for the 7-12 year old girls. Sessions include: *Forest School Flowers & Weaving Session *Animation Workshop *Valentine cupcakes *Animals and pets *Collections *Miniature Gardening and Rock Painting [Click to book!](#) All sessions are facilitated by our staff.



Tech Tuesdays - We have been working with Overworld Studios to offer their popular Minecraft Build Challenges for autistic girls aged 7-16 from Surrey and surrounding areas and their siblings to enjoy every Tuesday and Wednesday. [Click to book!](#)



Online Parent/Carer Sessions Appeer offers support to parents and carers - we are running a programme of talks and social support groups on Zoom during the pandemic. Our upcoming parent/carers sessions include: **Suicide Awareness** on 29th January at 10am and **Sleep** on February 23rd at 10am. [Click to book!](#) Coming soon: a talk from a barrister. We record all sessions so if you cannot make the "live" time please book on anyway and we will send you the video and resources after the event.

We are trying to get funding to set up a formal parent/carers course – have your say about the content and format [here](#)

Please email us to join our mailing list – jo@appeer.org.uk

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Have a great (& safe) half term break 😊