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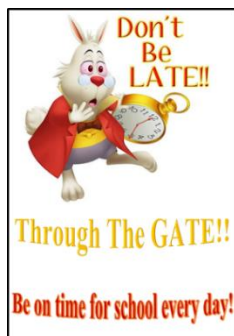
Friday 24th February 2023



Welcome back, we hope you've all had a relaxing, well deserved half term break and are looking forward to the half term ahead.

PARENTS CONSULTATION MEETINGS

Parents Consultation Meetings will be taking place on Wednesday 8th (3.30pm-6.30pm) and Thursday 9th March (4.30pm-7.30pm). You will be able to book your appointments from 6.00pm on Wednesday 1st March via your ParentMail account.



REMINDER - SCHOOL DAY TIMINGS

We would like to remind you of the school day timings. Unfortunately, there appears to be an increasing number of children who are being dropped off and/or picked up late. If your child has a valid reason for being late please call the School Office to notify them of the reason e.g. medical appointment. Also, if you are going to be late picking up, please inform the School Office ASAP so class teachers can be made aware - no children should be left waiting in the School Office. If children are left waiting, this may result in them being taken to After School Club where they can be supervised safely (which will incur a charge).

- Infant children (Reception, Year 1 and 2) - 8.40am (8.50am registration) to 3.10pm
- Junior children (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) - 8.50am (9.00am registration) to 3.20pm

WORLD BOOK DAY

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be holding a second-hand book sale on Thursday 2nd March. We hope to use the proceeds to support the purchase of new books for your children to enjoy in their class libraries. Therefore, we are asking for donations of:

- Children's books that your family has enjoyed and have now grown out of
- Adult books that you have enjoyed but that need a new home



Please could these be sent directly to your child's class teacher between Monday 27th February and Wednesday 1st March. Our Year 6 librarians will then collect, organise them and help to run the sale on Thursday 2nd March.

With the cost of living in mind, we will be adopting an approach of "pay what you can afford" - the most important part of this day is to spread the joy of reading as much as possible! We will only be able to accept cash on the day.

As always, the children are welcome and encouraged to come in dressed up as their favourite book character. Please note, this is NOT a mufti day. If your child does not want to dress up as a book character they should come wearing their school uniform.

The day will be consisting of many engaging activities linked to books, we look forward to celebrating this with the children and continuing to develop their love of reading!

Attendance Matters



EVERY DAY COUNTS

As you may remember, the week before half term we informed you that our whole school attendance was 94.6% (against our target of 96.1%). This week, attendance has gone up and is 94.7%. Reception continue to have the best attendance and Year 5 the worst. Please support your child to have exemplary attendance so that they do not miss learning time and social time with their friends.

BERTIE BOOS

Another great week, what a positive impact these dogs are having on the children. We are now beginning to see all the hard work paying off, it makes us all so proud. Bertie O'B has been listening to stories being read and even sat quietly in today's assembly ... "Good boy Bertie". Bertie Earl-Smith has been supporting individual children to support their emotional regulation.



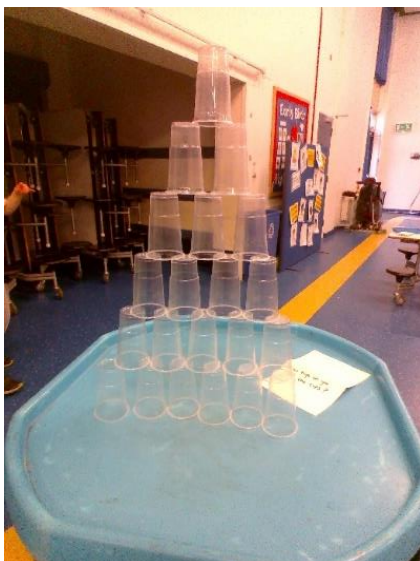
WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS


This week has been a busy week at Early Birds and Night Owls. The children loved celebrating Pancake day and enjoyed having pancakes for their breakfast on Tuesday morning. They had the option of lemon juice, squirty cream, syrup and bananas as toppings. I think given the chance they would love the option of this every day!

Our activities this week have been centred around being detectives. In our role play area, they had coloured inks to take fingerprints, wanted posters to make (which you can see in the photo below), creating their own clues and answers and using magnifying glasses. In our craft area we had a Creation Station rather than a Police Station. The children were allowed to use their own imagination and create whatever they wanted using all our crafting materials. The results were great! For the older children we challenged them to an escape room. They had 7 challenges including arranging letters on balloons to make a word, given numbers of the alphabet to make words, making a cut-up picture of a piece of equipment in the school and counting how many birds there are in the school (they eventually realised this was the classroom names). They all thoroughly enjoyed this and had a great time. The teamwork was amazing and lovely to watch.

Our stem challenge this week was balancing plastic cups to see how many they could balance on top of each other before it fell over. Their balancing skills were brilliant as you can see from our photo.

Next week we will be focusing on Book Week.



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Easter Holiday Playscheme

Guildford Grove Primary School, 266 Southway, Guildford, GU2 8YD
(places available for children with mild SEN)

for ALL children currently in years 1-6 living in Park Barn/Stoke/Westborough ward

Monday 3rd April – Thursday 6th April 2023

9.00am to 4.30pm

£40 per child for 4 days (including a two-course cooked lunch!)

Spaces are limited - final booking date: Friday 10th March 2023 5pm

Lots of fun activities, arts and crafts, games, sports, indoor/outdoor space to play and an Easter Egg hunt!



For more information: please contact our administrator on 07729 878964
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