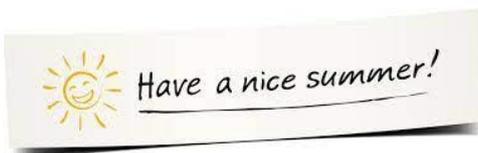




NEWS FLASH

Friday 14th July 2023



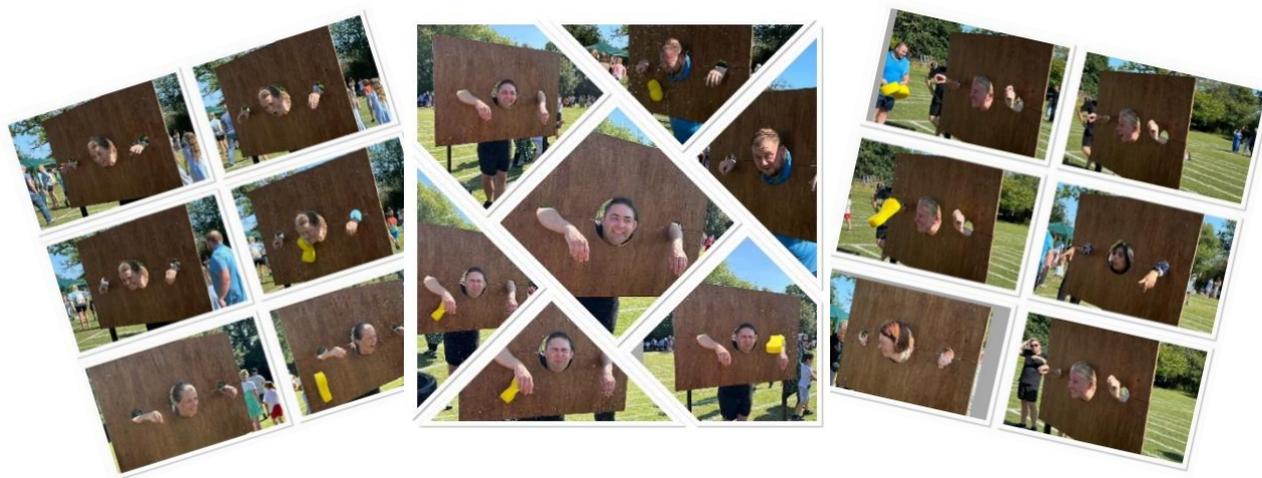
REMINDER – Finishing times for next Friday, 21st July 2023...

The Haven	1.15pm
Infant Children (Reception, Year 1 and 2)	1.30pm
Junior Children (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6)	1.40pm

Children will return for the Autumn term on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

PTA – SUMMER FAIR

The PTA would like to thank not only all our wonderful families for supporting this year's Summer Fair, but the many staff and children who made it happen, without you all these events would not be possible. The 'Soak the Teacher' stall made £180.00 alone 😊. The final total will be shared next week.



STAFFING NEWS

Many of you will know the wonderful Mrs Fuentes who is currently a teaching assistant in Nightingales Class. For personal reasons, Mrs Fuentes has requested that she step down from her role for the next academic year and instead, she would like to go on our bank staff (who are staff we will contact when we need to cover staff absence). We are delighted that Mrs Fuentes wants to remain as part of the Worpleston team and we look forward to her coming back onto the permanent staffing team in September 2024.

SAFEGUARDING

As you know, every child's safety is our priority every day. Whilst there are many systems and processes involved in our Safeguarding, one aspect is our fire drill, lockdown drill and whole school evacuation. Throughout the year, we have led successful termly drills for our fire procedure and lockdown procedure. We now need to practise our full evacuation procedure. We hope we would never need to use this however an example would be if there was a gas leak and we needed to evacuate the site, all staff would walk the children down to the FLGCA Community Centre on Fairlands. Once there, we would work with services to evaluate the situation and decide on next steps (e.g. whether safe to return after some time or whether we would need to call parents to collect). On Monday 17th July, we will be practising this evacuation which will involve all children walking down to the FLGCA Community Centre then back again. Mrs O'Brien has shared this in assembly with the children today and we have attached a social story that has been read to the children in class today and will be re-read on Monday.

UNIFORM

We are delighted to inform you that after an overwhelming response from parents to change our P.E. uniform, we will be changing our uniform to:

- A red t-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Navy hoodie
- Navy tracksuit bottoms

We politely request that all parents aim for this to be in place by September 2024. We are mindful that there are parents who would like to move towards this new uniform earlier than September 2024; Mrs O'Brien with the support of governors continue to work with suppliers to achieve this goal and we will ensure that a final update is given by the end of term.

Also, we would like to remind you of the importance of maintaining our high expectations of school uniform. With this in mind, we would be grateful for parents and carers to ensure their children:

- Tuck their shirts in
- Wear the correct sock colour – Boys/grey and girls/grey or white
- Have the correct skirt length - skirt lengths are becoming shorter, skirts must be to the knee)
- Do not wear nail varnish, fake nails or temporary tattoos
- Have hair tied up where it is beyond shoulder length
- Do not have tramlines cut into their hair

YEAR 6 REPORTS

The children have had another great year and you will be able to read about their individual successes in their end of year reports on Tuesday 18th July. On reading the children's reports, I was struck by the values that they are clearly living by each day – resilience, independence, teamwork, curiosity and empathy to name a few. I am mindful that whilst we support your children to apply these values at school, at home, online and in the community, it is your hard work as parents and carers that make it happen. Thank you for everything you do for your children and for your support of the staff at Worplesdon; it is greatly appreciated.



BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

Message from Bertie E-S...

Last week I had a very busy week. I had three firsts that week. I attended an assembly, I have done a playground duty and I have also been on the gate in the morning. I loved seeing everyone coming into school with a big smile on their face. I have also been busy supporting children across the school working with children from Reception all the way up to year 6. I liked popping into the hall to watch the year 6 children rehearsing for their performance and was really impressed with how well they have all done. A big Bertie shout out to the children in Y6 for their fabulous production of Peter Pan.

Pawsitive quotes to you Year 6 from us...

- The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. There are no mistakes, only opportunities.
- Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined.
- Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.
- Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

We will miss you so much during the Summer break xx

ROCK BAND CLUB

Guildford Rock School have spaces available next term both for **music instrument lessons (drums and guitar)** and for after school **Rock Band Club (keyboard, vocals, guitar and bass)?**

For guitar and drum lessons:

<https://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/enrol> / admin@rockandpopfoundation.com

For after school Rock Band Club:

<https://www.guildfordrockschool.com/rockbandclub> / contact@guildfordrockschool.com





WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at night owls the children have been making octopus windsocks by colouring their own octopus' templates, then sticking them together and attaching crepe streamers as tentacles. They also had the opportunity to decorate a cupcake into the shape of a fish using icing, chocolate buttons, skittles and edible eyes. It was hard to stop them eating them long enough for them to take them home to show their parents/carers. Some children also made crabs out of oranges as well.



Outside the children had great fun playing with our new giant bubble wands. Our tuff tray was filled up with soapy water and they all took fantastic joy in creating loads of bubbles which they then chased around the playground while trying to pop them. It's amazing how much enjoyment can be had just from playing with some soapy water, even if they did end up a bit wet!

Next week we will be holding a film night for the children and having our end of term party, it's hard to believe we only have one week left to go!

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS RUN BY SURREY SCORCHER PLAY AND TEAM GB PLAYER ANDREW LAWRENCE
Please see link below for details and prices.

<https://forms.pabbly.com/form/share/gaFK-72259070?>









Information Flyer for Schools & Families- Summer Holidays 2023

At Appeer everyone "fits in". We offer a place where autistic girls and women can meet like-minded peers and truly be themselves. Based in Surrey we provide online and in-person Sessions and Programmes which support A POSITIVE PEER APPROACH through which we connect autistic girls and their parents/carers through sharing interests and receiving support.

Autistic Girls - We offer both online and in-person sessions for autistic girls aged 7 -12. These are facilitated by our specialist staff and lead by Kris our Girls Programme Manager. Our Zoom Sessions include Minecraft and Roblox sessions which offer the girls a valuable chance to connect by sharing tips and building together. Click the images below to book.



Roblox
Online Session



Minecraft
Online Session

Parents & Carers - We aim to facilitate a session for the parents and carers within all the Girls and Teen Sessions. This is usually a coffee and a chat with access to a quiet space if required. Our Parent/Carer Facilitators are always on hand to offer a listening ear, share their experiences or give advice. We also host a variety of expert talks when appropriate. This summer to complement our [Teens Exploring Work Programme](#) Rachel Pearson from [AS Mentoring](#) will be giving a talk all about preparing your autistic daughter for university or the workplace. Click the image to book.



Autistic Teenage Girls -We know how hard it is to find support for autistic teenage girls, so we aim to provide a space for them to connect. We help our teens access activities with a "challenge through choice" approach. We have spaces left on a couple of Ad Hoc Summer Activities, see below. We also run our popular mentoring and work experience programme during the summer holidays. It's a great opportunity for those over 15 to explore their autism, listen to autistic women talk about their careers, practice advocating for themselves and explore the workplace by planning and delivering activities for our younger attendees. Click the images below to find out more or to book:



Supported
Paddle Boarding
Session



Mane Chance
Sanctuary



TEX
Teens Exploring
Work Programme

Weekday Groups (a Surrey County Council-approved Alternative Provision)

We offer 3 hour weekly group Sessions for autistic girls aged 9-12 and 13-18. The girls connect whilst enjoying a range of activities in a low-pressure setting, underpinned with a wellbeing-promotion foundation. The Programme is designed to support autistic girls who may not be in full time education, including those who are home educated and/or have EOTAS or limited other weekday support via EHCPs. Funding can be provided by school, local authority, or family. Refer now as places are limited.



Find out more or apply - <https://apeer.org.uk/weekday-groups>

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