

# NEWSFLASH

# Friday 10th November 2023



## **REMEMBRANCE**

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

We unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from United

Kingdom and the Commonwealth. We will remember them.

- We remember the sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from United Kingdom and the Commonwealth
- We pay tribute to the special contribution of families and of the emergency services
- We acknowledge innocent civilians who have lost their lives in conflict and acts of terrorism

Today, as a school we all joined together at 11.00am. We held a one minute silence and Eleanor (Year 6) played the 'Last Post' to mark the end of the silence. We were so proud of how well all the children conducted themselves. Also, a massive "**well done**" to Eleanor.



#### PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

At the beginning of this week, primary, infant and junior school admissions opened for 2024 school

places. To help parents and carers with the process of choosing a school for their child, Surrey County Council has put together some guidance and top tips on researching schools and completing the admissions process; <a href="Primary school">Primary school</a> admissions are now open. Admissions close on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### **ANTI BULLYING WEEK**

Next week is Anti Bullying Week. As a school, we will be ensuring that we continue educating the children about bullying and the impact that words and actions can have on our friends and peers. The theme of the week is 'Make A Noise About Bullying.' This theme is encouraging children to feel empowered about speaking out about actions and conversations which they feel is bullying behaviour. In line with this, we will be doing the following:



- Educating the children through assembly and lessons about ensuring they understand the impact words and actions have and how to ensure they are not acting as bystanders in any situation
- Asking children to come in wearing odd socks from Monday. We are encouraging all children and staff
  to come in wearing odd socks in solidarity with the campaign. They can do this all week to show
  support for the anti-bullying alliance

Thank you for your ongoing support.

#### LUNCHTIME

As you know, this week we ran two trial days which involved all children eating their lunch in the hall. The feedback that we have received from children, staff and parents has been overwhelmingly positive however, there are some adjustments that need to be made. We will spend time next week making these adjustments and plan for the dining hall to be available to all year group the week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> November.



## **CAKE SALE**

Six of our Year 5 girls are holding a cake sale on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to raise money for the 'Make a Wish UK' children's charity. The cake sale will be held outside the school office at 3.20pm. The girls would be really grateful for any support you are able to offer with donations and buying cakes. As always, thank you for your continued support.

#### CHARITABLE FUNDRAISING EVENTS...

• **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** is Children in Need Day. Children are invited to come into school in mufti, dressed in yellow or as Pudsey.

We are asking that you contribute to our JustGiving

Page to support this amazing cause if you are able to. Thank you so much for your ongoing

support.

Please click on the link below to donate: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/5n84mczu">https://tinyurl.com/5n84mczu</a>

• Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Phyllis Tuckwell is looking for local schools to take part in its Reindeer and Elf Runs this Christmas, which raise money to help fund the hospice care which it provides to local patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness such as cancer. Our School Council have decided they would like this to be our sponsored event, more information to follow.





#### WEEKLY UPDATE FOR EARLY BIRDS AND NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have been focusing on Remembrance Day and Dwali, the festival of light. The children have had the opportunity to make poppy pictures for Remembrance Day and for Diwali they have created rangoli designs on paper plates using coloured paper shapes. As you can see from our pictures they look fantastic.

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Due to the darker evenings and weather restrictions we have reintroduced our gaming area at Night Owls. We have a wii which the children are allowed to play on. We do restrict the time to 15 minutes per child so they are not having too much screen time. The children also have access to chrome books which they can use to play CBBC games on, purple mash, times table rockstars or to complete their homework. If they are completing homework tasks they are given enough allocated time to complete these.

Please can I remind parents of children attending our extended day facilities that we have a mobile phone that you can contact club staff on. The number is 07857 852603. You can use this number to notify staff if you are going to be late collecting your child or if there may be a change to who is picking your child up at the last minute. You can also use this number to book emergency places at Early Birds, for that morning, if needed, providing space is available.

Next week we will be looking at Anti-bullying week and Children in Need.

# BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

We have some exciting news to share with you this week. On Monday we spent two hours with our trainer Nic from Canine assisted learning, who assessed us on everything we have learnt so far, including seeing us working with your small human beings, walking the school and so much more. She was thrilled at our achievements and progress made and has signed us off as School Therapy dogs, no longer in training. We are super proud of ourselves and wanted to thank you all for your help, support, kindness and respect. It would have been impossible for us to achieve this without you!



Have a fabulous weekend. Bertie and Bertie xx

#### **PARKING**

It is important for us all to remember that this is a residential community and we would like to urge all our parents and carers to park respectfully when dropping off and picking up their children. Can we urge to you to consider the following:



- Please park within legally approved parking zones around the school
- *Please* do not obstruct residents' driveways
- Please do not make rude comments to residents

Our leadership team will be out and about to ensure that the drop off and pick up times run as smoothly as possible so do please come and speak to us if you have any concerns. Thank you.



#### DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Please can we remind you that it is school policy that NO dogs are allowed on school grounds, whether this be on a lead or being carried. They must not be tied up on school fences unattended either.

We fully understand that some families walk their dog to school when dropping off/picking up. If this is the case we ask that adults do not congregate with their dog (however friendly they may be 3), as we have a number of families who feel intimidated. Thank you for your support.

#### JOB VACANCY

### If you know anyone who is interested...

Hi,

I was wondering if you can help. I am looking for a Learning Support Assistant (LSA) to work with my 7 year old son who used to attend Worplesdon Primary School but now he is at home with a package of support around him. He has special educational needs including autism, ADHD and demand avoidance. Excitingly, he is starting to learn to read, use maths and improve his attention through play.

We live in Ash Green near Guildford.

I can pay £15 per hour. The LSA will be part of a team of professionals helping my son and it will be a great experience and learning opportunity. She/he will have guidance from Speech & Language, Occupational Therapy and professionals designing a curriculum for him.

I look forward hearing from you,

Kind regards,

Alba Hulse Mob. 07960 872705





# Sat 16 - Sun 24 December

It is Christmas Eve and Santa is finishing off his final preparations! He is checking his list before he hops aboard his trusty sleigh. But just before he takes flight into the night sky to deliver his presents, he discovers that his sleigh has broken down! Can you help Santa fix his sleigh? Time is running out and there are problems to solve and presents to deliver!

For more information visit glive.co.uk







