



NEWSFLASH

Friday 19th January 2024

NEW LUNCHES

The children have been enjoying the new self-service pudding station, the bread stand and salad bar which has been designed to engage the children and encourage their choosing of healthy options. We have noticed a significant increase with nearly all children helping themselves to bread and salad, alongside the new freshly made main meals.



PTA NEWS

As you may remember, the Infants were gifted a panto from the PTA back in December. We are delighted to now be hosting two Junior Discos on Thursday 8th February - please look out for more details next week!

Please don't forget our Happy Bag donation day next Wednesday! As we mentioned in this morning's ParentMail, if you haven't received your bags or you need more, then you can use any other charity bags, bin bags or carriers.



Wishing you a lovely weekend, Your PTA 😊

CYCLE SURGERY – Friday 23rd February 2024

A grandfather to two of our pupils has kindly offered to host a Cycle Surgery (free of charge) here at school for us.



In his spare time Mike undertakes cycle maintenance and repairs. Also, he volunteers at the Surrey Bike Project in Guildford.

The aim of the Cycle Surgery is to check that the children's bicycles are safe and road worthy (e.g. checking brakes, tyres, gears etc and any minor adjustments and lubrication).

Mike will report if any parts are required and, depending on the timescale, will fit those parts on the day, or soon after the day. Please note that payment will only be required for any parts that may be needed.

Guildford Family Centre is a large family centre working across the whole Guildford Borough providing support to families with children 0-11 years old. They support families to find solutions to the parenting and relationship challenges they face and to grow in confidence to manage future difficulties.



They have 2 Family Support Worker posts available.

* Full time for 52 weeks a year and permanent - <https://guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk/.../family-support.../>

* Full-time temporary maternity cover post to start as soon as possible - <https://guildfordnsc.surrey.sch.uk/.../family-support.../>



SURREY CONNECT BUS SERVICE (THIS SERVICE CAN NOT BE USED FOR SCHOOL DROP-OFF AND PICK-UPS)

The connect service uses accessible minibuses, with journey bookings made on a first come first served basis. Their software cleverly groups customer demands together in real time.

When the booking is made with the "leave at" feature, the software takes your requested time and compares it with other customer requests in the area.

It then links them up to create single journeys that are convenient for a group of users at once, scheduling the pickup time within a window of 10 minutes before or 10 minutes after the preferred booking time.

Alternatively, if you need to be at your destination for a specific time, such as a train departure, you can use the "arrive at" feature. It will then dynamically generate options for you that will get you there and ensure you are never late.

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/buses-and-other-transport/community-transport/surrey-connect?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=Orlo#how

EARLY BIRDS & NIGHT OWLS

This week at Night Owls we have carried on with our artic animals theme and our focus has been on polar bears. The children had the opportunity to use water colours to create the northern lights with a polar bear silhouette on it. They could also use crayons to create a drawing and in our tuff tray area they could create a polar bear using cotton wool, giving them the opportunity to use a variety of resources. As you can see from our photos the results were amazing.



We have had a delivery of some new toys this week, these included a miniature air hockey table to go alongside our miniature snooker table. The older children, especially, love playing with these and love the competitiveness. We also received a giant noughts and crosses game and a giant snakes and ladders floor game.

While using the library this week, we introduced a reading buddy system where our year 4, 5 and 6 children listened to our infant children read. The younger children absolutely loved the opportunity to do this and were keen to volunteer themselves. It is something we plan to do on a regular basis with all the children.



Next week we will continue on with our artic animal theme.

BERTIE BOOS' NEWSFLASH

'The Weather Is Cold' by Bertie and Bertie

- It is not warm
- It is not hot
- It is COLD
- Brr! Brr!

- I need a hat
- I need mittens
- I need a coat
- I need boots

- Try to stay warm
- Try to stay safe
- Snuggle inside
- With a hot cocoa and game



Have a wonderful weekend and don't forget your warm hats, gloves and coats for next week.
Bertie and Bertie

FEBRUARY HALF TERM WORKSHOPS 2024

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PARENT EMPOWERMENT AROUND ANXIETY COURSE

A course for parents and carers of children with anxiety

The group will meet for four sessions each lasting 1.5 hours and will provide:

- Opportunities to talk about and develop strategies and tools for supporting children with anxiety including behavioural challenges
- Support for everyday parenting challenges
- Opportunities for parents to share their own experiences and learn from others

Parents will have 2 30 minute 1:1 sessions, one before the group starts and one after it finishes.

www.learningspace.org.uk



FIRST DAYS CHILDREN'S CHARITY

Heart Trail

10th-18th February

A family event at Lightwater Country Park this February half term

Purchase a map for £3 from Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café

Follow the trail around the lakes and take part in the Fitness Trail at the same time (approx 1km)

Find the letters that spell out the secret word

Learn fun facts about your heart and spot all the hanging crocheted hearts

Once completed, take the map back to Lightwater Adventure Golf or the Country Park Café and receive a sweet treat



Massive thanks to the Barkham Hookers for creating beautiful hearts for this trail.



www.firstdays.net



Free Parking



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