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Headteacher's News

Our aim is always to get every child to achieve their full potential; our motto is 'Learning For Life'. The value of the education we provide for your child can not just be measured by tests in only three subjects (reading writing and maths) but in nurturing their talents, interests and curiosity in a broad range of subjects and activities covering science, art, design technology, music, computing and sport etc. We also teach them useful life skills which will stand them in good stead for the future.

You may have read the report about the ranking of our school in Get Surrey's recent item on 2020 Real Schools Guide.

This ranking is based on 2019's Year 6 SATs results which, like all tests, are only part of the picture when judging a school's performance or a pupil's success. The data reported on to determine this ranking does not acknowledge that we are one of only eight schools in Surrey with a specialist learning centre for children with additional needs; our Harbour Centre which is a much valued and important part of our community. Children in the Harbour Centre do not sit tests but their numbers are included when calculating the percentage of those achieving the expected standard.

We always compare the difference between a test result and the continuing assessment by teachers of a pupil's progress and achievement with the difference between having a photo taken at one point in time and an ongoing video recording of a child's school life. In a photo, no matter how clean the uniform or how neatly hair is brushed, the child might have their eyes closed as the picture is taken; a photo can't show their strengths, talents or achievements. In a video you can see how the child is progressing and what they can achieve over time.

Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 can find out more about the children's learning at the fab finishes on Friday 14 February from 2.15pm. Please join us if you can. The children are very excited to share what they have learnt so far this year with you all. Parents of children in Reception classes are invited to celebrate 100 days of learning on Friday 6 March at 9am. I look forward to seeing you.

Mrs A Peart

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Upcoming Events

- PTA Superheroes Spring Discos
- Parent workshops
- Book Week - Theme is 'Under the Sea'

Look out for more information on these events in this and future newsletters

Runnymede BC are offering parents a free online safety talk at The Hythe Centre on Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 09:30am. Sign up at the link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/egham-runnymede-council-online-safety-talk-for-parents-registration-91119746615>

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR CURRICULUM - COMPUTING

Computing is used across the curriculum, in English, History, Science, Art etc guided by the Cornerstones scheme. This provides a variety of opportunities for children to explore the different aspects of computing such as algorithms, data storage and using the internet safely. The school also subscribes to a programme from Purple Mash which helps us plan and easily use technology in any subject.



Safer Internet day is celebrated globally every year. It is a day to get everyone talking about how to help children be happy, healthy and creative in all that they do online. This year's theme is 'Free to Be', exploring online identity.

Purple Mash Safer Internet Day activities were used in every class this week to teach the children the vital importance of online safety.

In Reception, children invented and made i-pad games, Year 1 heard a story about being safe on the internet and learnt how to log on and off safely, Year 3 are currently doing coding in class which is proving very successful and popular and they will be moving onto a unit on online safety next half term.



THE SPOTLIGHT NEXT TIME WILL BE ON READING

Outgrown Dressing-Up Costume Sale

after school on
Tuesday 25th February



Coming up on **Thursday 5th March** is **World Book Day** where the children can dress up as their favourite book character, organised by the school. In support of this we are running an outgrown dressing up costume sale after school on **Tuesday 25th February**.

If you have any dressing up costumes to donate, please leave them outside the school office by **9am on Monday 24th February**. Thank you in advance!

Find us on Facebook @Friends of the Hythe. Organised by the PTA, Registered Charity 1033604.

HELP US STOP THE SPREAD OF FLU & VOMITING BUGS & OTHER VIRUSES

**Catch it.
Bin it.
Kill it.**

NHS

HELP US
HELP YOU
STOP THE SPREAD OF FLU

Stop the spread of flu germs.
Use a tissue and wash your hands thoroughly.

LOVE READING!



When I was a child, my favourite book was Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. It opened up a whole new world for me to explore and engaged my imagination immediately while sweeping me off to a magical land! I'm still waiting for my letter from Hogwarts! Mr Brain –
Year 3 Teacher

☆☆ Amazing attendance ☆☆

Congratulations to:

Year 3 Dragonflies with **99.7 %** attendance for week ending 31 January

And to:

Reception Ladybirds with **97.9 %** attendance for week ending 7 February

Attendance Bee says to get the best out of school you need to:

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BEE PREPARED

Term dates and Events

Spring Term 2020	Mon 6 January to Friday 3 April Half term: Mon 17 to Fri 21 February
Superhero discos & Parent workshop - Reading & Phonics	Thurs 13 February Rec, Years 1 & 2: 5 to 6pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6: 6.15 to 7.15pm
PTA Costume Sale	Tues 25 February 3pm in Canteen
Book Week	Mon 2- Fri 6 March Theme is 'Under the Sea'
Dress up as favourite book character on:	Thurs 5 March
Summer Term 2020	Mon 20 April to Tues 21 July Fri 8 May is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed that day Half term: Mon 25 May to Friday 29 May INSET day 22 July 2020
Autumn Term 2020	INSET day Tues 1 September Wed 2 September to Thurs 17 December INSET day Fri 23 October Half term Mon 26 - Fri 30 October INSET day Fri 18 December

Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Shows

USBs containing the videos of the children's shows are now available to buy via SCOPAY at £7 each.

The deadline for orders is Tuesday 25 February 2020. Please let the office know if you need help with this.

Class Assemblies at 9am

Spring Term 2020		
Year Group	Topic	Date
1 Squirrels	Be yourself	Thurs 12 March
5 Kingfishers	Be yourself	Thurs 19 March

Fab Finish celebrations

Year Group	Date & time
Years 1 - 6	Fri 14 February 2.15pm
Reception classes celebrating 100 days at school	Fri 6 March 9am
All classes	Fri 15 May 2.15pm

Assemblies are held in the school hall and Fab Finish celebrations are held in your child's classroom. Family and friends are invited to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

If you would like to get in touch with us; all our contact details are on the front page of this newsletter.