

Another week that has seen some glorious Autumn sunshine. As we head towards the midterm holiday we look forward to our ever-popular Country Fair on Friday, October 19th, the culmination of Eco Week. Details are given below. We have invited our MP to attend as he did last year, the Environment Minister, Michael Gove. We hope many grandparents will come, and parents may also visit later in the afternoon. More details will be given next week.

Our OSCAR visitors from India arrive on Wednesday. Look out for the collection boxes on the drive next week and please be ready to off load some loose change. The girls will perform at Assembly on Thursday 11th October, parents are welcome.

Eco Week - w/c Monday 15th October

We are looking forward to our Eco Week when the children will have opportunities in their lessons to study the beautiful environment that surrounds them every day. Our focus this year will be on food chains and identifying native English species such as the Oak, Holly or Rowan trees. Some classes will take part in garden workshops with our horticulturalist, Mrs Buckler. Drama workshops with Mrs Hiles will explore the impact of plastics on our world.

Please encourage your children to get out into the garden at half term and explore. There will be a project/competition for them to take part in to give a focus. Look out for more details. Parents can also take part, for example, by turning their engines off as they park on the drive to avoid polluting the air and talking to the children about recycling at home.

Thank you for your support! *Anne Easeman*

Grandparents' Afternoon and Country Fair – Friday 19th October – 1345 to 1700

Grandparents are invited to arrive between 1330 and 1400. We suggest they begin with a tour of the school with their grandchildren so with this in mind, please make sure all grandparents of children in Pre-School, Pre-Prep and Years 3 and 4 know to go directly to their grandchild's classroom. Senior pupils will be on hand to point them in the right direction. Guests of older pupils can wait for the children on the drive. Parking will be on the fields, and tea and coffee will be served in The Lighthouse from 1400.

Please bring lots of money to spend as we are raising funds for several worthwhile charities. As in previous years, there will be a good range of produce and products to buy, including fresh meat from South Battsborough Farm, local honey, home-made chutneys, flowers, outdoor sculptures and many other products for the home and garden. There will be plenty of wildlife

DIARY REMINDERS

OCTOBER

Tuesday 9th

0835 Assembly guest speaker: Carolyn Mayling – Rosie's Rainbow Fund
0840 Learning Support Coffee Morning
1700 Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 11th

0835 OSCAR Foundation Assembly
1700 Years 3 & 4 Parents' Meetings

Friday 12th

1900 Year 8 present 'Aladdin'

Monday 15th

Eco Week

Tuesday 16th

0835 3KD Assembly

Thursday 18th

0835 4KF Assembly
0930 Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Friday 19th

Country Fair & Grandparents' Afternoon

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 7th

1900 Senior Performance Club present 'Cinders'

Friday 9th

Last day to return the Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes

Tuesday 13th

0835 8AM Assembly

Thursday 15th

0835 5CG Assembly

Monday 19th

1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Tuesday 20th

0835 4MC Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

Thursday 22nd

0835 7LR Assembly
1800 Years 5 & 6 Parents' Meetings

with the petting farm (sheep, ducks, goats etc.), a display of birds of prey and some stalls run by the children.

Important: all guests are reminded that this is an outdoor event. Whilst the forecast is currently good, in previous years we have been unfortunate enough to have experienced very poor weather. Please dress for the conditions (coats and boots may well be required) and be aware that access may be difficult across muddy fields.

The Fair closes at approximately 1700, but children are free to leave before that. They should 'sign out' with their class teachers once they are in the care of their guests or their parents.

Assembly Guest Speaker - Tuesday 9th October

We look forward to welcoming Carolyn Mayling of Rosie's Rainbow Fund, which supports sick and disabled children in hospital, school and in the community. All welcome in New Hall at 0835.

Aladdin - Friday 12th October at 1900

On the day of the show, it is expected that the cast and crew will remain in school for supper and refreshments and to prepare for their evening performance. Parents are invited to enjoy a drink in the Lighthouse from 1830, the doors to New Hall will open at 1850.

Music

Informal Concerts

Our next Informal Concert is on Friday 9th November and will be for Pianists only. Please get in contact with Miss Post by Tuesday 6th if your child learns outside of school and would like to play.

We also have our Remembrance service on 9th November, at which the Choristers' will be singing.

Sport

The boys and girls have enjoyed the weather playing a large number of fixtures and taking part in some excellent coaching this term. The girls in Years 7 and 8 started a 3-week programme of cricket coaching headed up by Miss Gabby Dunnage (ex-pupil and staff member) who is now co-ordinating the Surrey Cricket Foundation with the aim of developing girls cricket in the community.

On Wednesday the Senior boys played in the OSCAR Foundation Tournament. This was a great event ahead of the OSCAR girls visiting next week. Thank you to those parents who made donations during the afternoon and ordered OSCAR T-shirts. The OSCAR collection buckets will be on the driveway next week, please donate any of your loose change during drop-off and pick-up. Boys and girls are allowed to wear and play their matches in their OSCAR T-shirts next Wednesday to help raise awareness.

12 schools and 30 teams took part in the very successful Hall Grove Hockey Tournaments for Years 4 to 8. The girls were exposed to some very fast and furious hockey and learned they need to be more feisty and determined on the pitch.

Well done to the Sailing crews of Oscar Fry, James Woolcock and Kaitlyn Wyatt and Jemima Fry who finished fourth and fifth respectively in the IAPS inland regatta.

October Half Term Camps

For details of other half term camps, please click on the OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS link in the right-hand column of the previous page.

ABSENCES

If your child is unwell please
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TERM DATES

Autumn Term 2018

3rd September – 14th December
Half Term:
20th October – 4th November

Spring Term 2019

7th January – 29th March
Half Term:
16th – 24th February

Summer Term 2019

24th April – 12th July
Half Term:
25th May – 2nd June

NEWSLETTER ATTACHMENTS

SENIOR SCHOOL OPEN MORNINGS

OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS

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Operation Christmas Child Samaritan's Purse

Leaflets were sent home this week with your child. If you would like to take part in this worthwhile project, please bring your filled shoe boxes to the School Office by **Friday 9th November**. Please include a donation (a suggested £5 donation per box), which covers shipping, transportation, distribution and promotion. Cheques should be made out to Samaritan's Purse. Alternatively, you can pay online which makes the processing easier and cheaper, leaving more money to go directly to helping children. Please visit www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk to make your donation.

Woofmas Ball in aid of Battersea Cats & Dogs Home, Windsor

Saturday 17th November at The Runnymede on Thames Hotel.

Please see attached flyer for further information.