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15<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## Newsletter 8

**Whole school attendance to date this year 94.18%**

### Our value this half-term is **Thanks.**

*Chronicles 29:13*

*Now, our God, we give you  
thanks and praise your glorious  
name.*



**We are thankful for  
what we have and will  
look after our world.**

Dear Parents,

We are now in the middle of the season of Lent, and hopefully many of you are participating in our 'Acts of Kindness' activities that we are sending home. We are reminding the children that every small act can make a big difference.

We are also taking the time to be thankful and appreciating what we have and the world we live in.

Your children have today

been counting the times they have said thank you, remembering who they said it to and noticing how it made them feel. Please can you carry on noticing this and talking about this at home.

### Visit to Sutton Synagogue

Our Year 1 children had the pleasure of visiting one of the most beautiful Synagogues in the London area, serving the Jewish communities of London and Surrey, to learn more about this place of worship. They thoroughly enjoyed their time there and were incredibly respectful and interested in what they saw and heard. We were very proud. Thank you to Mrs Priestley for organising the trip once again with our partner school.

Year 1 also had the pleasure of going out and about to visit another local school, The Weald, to take part in an Infant Multi-skills festival, learning new football, golf and rugby skills. Yet again they were amazing and had a great time learning new P.E skills.



### The Henry Smith Charity.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Martin Gilpin to our worship last week. He was able to tell the children more about Henry Smith and the good deeds he did. The children may even have talked to you about him at home. I just wanted to remind our families about this potential source of support.

For example you may need:

- Taxis from and to hospital
- Purchase of essential white goods
- School uniform costs
- Fuel bills
- Support for children with special educational needs
- Council tax payments
- Student resources

Henry Smith is a national charity that provides a helping hand for families across the country, including those who live in the parish of Newdigate. It is as simple as a phone call or email to Martin Gilpin (01306 631485, [martin.gilpin@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.gilpin@btinternet.com)). Complete discretion is

guaranteed. The money is sat waiting to be used so let's make sure we don't waste it!

### Attendance.

We have noticed that our attendance levels continue to be affected by winter illness to some degree, which is to be expected. As always maintaining good hand and respiratory hygiene is the key to keeping them at bay, so please keep reminding your children to wash hands thoroughly and regularly and catch sneezes in tissues and then bin them.

### The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)



On March 6<sup>th</sup> we welcomed members of the Newdigate Horticultural Society to our school and had a great time out and about being at one with nature. We now have our very own 'Queen's Canopy' to honour Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Our thanks go to all involved and to Miss Langthorne for her work organising the event and bringing the school and the horticultural society together.



Newdigate horticultural society would like the children to draw a picture of one of the trees/all three of the trees. They will need to write their name and age on the back and return it to school by the 24th. The pictures will be judged in their Spring Show on the 25<sup>th</sup> March.

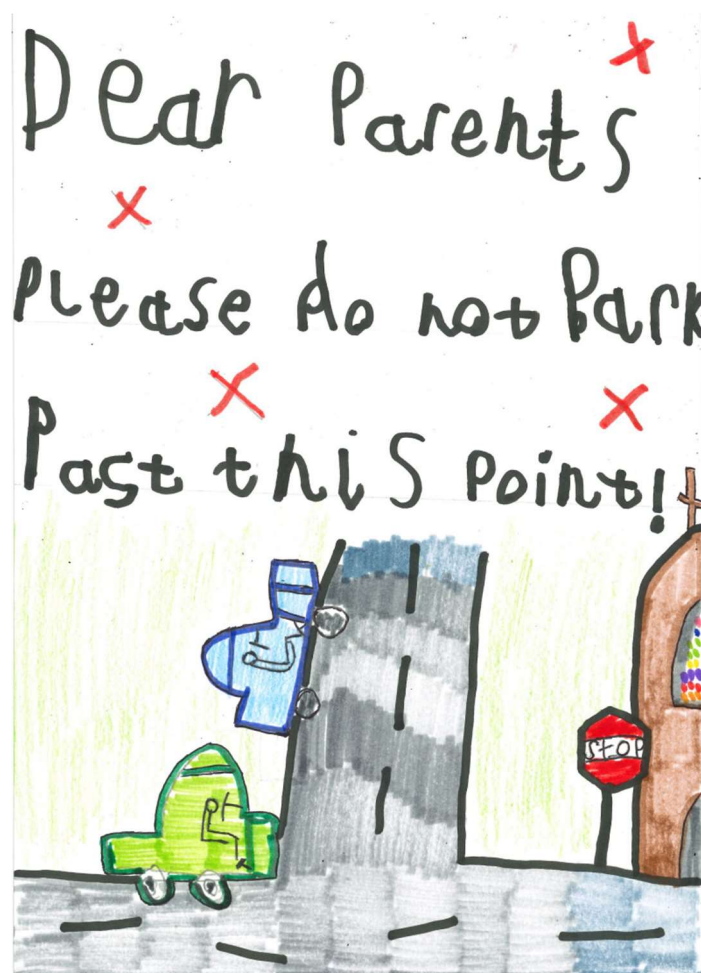
Thank you to those who attended our year 1 **Phonics Drop-In Workshop** and our **Reading Café**. We hope you found them useful and they gave you a flavour of how we approach reading in our school.

Don't forget to join us for our up-coming Easter events, it is always lovely to celebrate this important

**Have a wonderful weekend!**

Mrs Paula Bliss

Poster by Jett Baldwin just to remind you how important it is to stay safe by parking in the right place!



# PARENTING PUZZLE

Wednesday 19th April - 28th June  
(no session during half term - 31st May)

7.30pm - 9.30pm

Mole Valley Family Centre  
Goodwyns Road  
Dorking  
RH4 2LR



Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – and the Parenting Puzzle provides them

The Parenting Puzzle is a 10 week course run by the Mole Valley Family Centre, Dorking Schools Partnership and Home-Start East Surrey that encourages parents to enjoy bringing up their child and get the best out of family life. It is fun and informal.

**£30**

Payable before the start of the course  
A reduced rate is available for any family on income related benefits  
Course manual and refreshments are provided

To book a place on this course please call us on 01306 740095



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## DATES – SPRING TERM 2023

Term dates – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023– Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Half term dates – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

### Diary Dates for Spring Term

03.01.23	Back to School
08.02.23	Parent Workshop – ‘Putting healthy boundaries in place.’
10.02.23	Break up for half term
20.02.23	Back to School
23.02.23	Reading Café (8.50-9.15)
23.02.23	SATS talk via zoom (@ 5pm)
02.03.23	World Book Day – Children dress as their favourite book character
06.03.23	The Queen’s Green Canopy planting
08.03.23	Year 1 Phonics Workshop
08.03.23	Late Parents’ Evening (5.30-8.00pm)
15.03.23	Early Parents’ Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
17.03.23	Mothers’ Day Tea Party for YrR 9am in School Hall
30.03.23	Easter Service - 2pm, all parents welcome (TBC)
31.03.23	Easter Bonnet Parade directly after bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
31.03.23	Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm
17.04.23	<b>INSET DAY</b>
18.04.23	<b>Back to School – Summer Term</b>

## DATES – SUMMER TERM 2023

Term dates – Monday 17th April – Friday, 21 July

May Bank Holiday – Monday 1 May

Half term dates – Monday, 29 May – Friday 2 June

INSET days – Monday 17 April & Friday 21 July

**MONTH OF MAY – KS1 Tests – NO HOLIDAY FOR YEAR 2 WILL BE AUTHORISED**

### Diary Dates for Summer Term

17.04.23	INSET DAY
18.04.23	Back to School
May 2023	KS1 tests for Yr2 commence ( see above note re: holidays)
01.05.23	Bank Holiday
08.05.23	Bank Holiday – King Charles III Coronation
26.05.23	Break up for half term
05.06.23	Back to School
10.06.23	May Queen (11.15am for 11.30am start)
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics testing
14.06.23	Welcome Meeting for Parents of September intake 7.00pm
03.07.23	Story session for new intake 2.15-2.45pm
05.07.23	Sports Day 1.30pm
06.07.23	Teddy Bears Picnic (Yr R and Pre-school)
10.07.23	Story session for new intake 2.15-2.45pm
w/c 10.07.23	Reports to go out (all years)
12.07.23	Rescheduled Sports Day (in case of bad weather) pm
19.07.23	Yr2 Leavers' Service in the School Hall 2pm followed by Yr2 Leavers' Party
20.07.23	Break Up for Summer Holidays (2.00pm)
21.07.23	INSET Day



*In God's Hands We Learn and Grow*