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4<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
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**Whole School attendance to date this year is  
94.48 %**

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Dear Parents,

**Our value this  
half-term is trust.**



*Proverbs 3: 5-6*

*Trust in the Lord with  
all your heart*

Happy New Year! Welcome back to our second term of the academic year. I hope you had a very enjoyable break. Despite the fact that we came back to school very early on 2<sup>nd</sup> January, the children have settled back very quickly and seem to be enjoying the routine. As always, we have a jam-packed spring term! Along with this newsletter you will receive your class curriculum letters for our 'Turrets and Tiaras' topic that outlines our

main areas of learning.

**DON'T FORGET OUR Phonics Workshop!**

Calling **ALL Year 1 parents**. On **9<sup>th</sup> January at 9 a.m.** (straight after drop-off) Miss Langthorne will be holding a drop-in phonics workshop to explain the approaches we use in school and exactly what parents can do at home to help their children reach the expected standard. All year 1 children will be undergoing a National assessment in June 2024 that will look at their ability to read phonically regular and irregular words as well as made up 'alien' words. This is so important that we are asking that each family make sure they send a representative so that they know exactly what is expected. Please let us know if you don't think this will be possible and we will try and make arrangements to share the resources with you.

As the weather is well and truly horrible, please can I remind you that children should have appropriate footwear (school uniform please) and a waterproof coat as we will endeavour to go out to play whenever we can.

#### Free On-line parent/carers workshops

We have been sent information regarding parent workshops from the YMCA that we think will be very useful, you will find more details on the website: [Parent/Carer Workshops - YMCA East Surrey](#)

#### **Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries**

Wednesday 14 February 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 17 April 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 12 June 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 18 September 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 13 November 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

#### **Understanding, expressing and managing emotions**

Wednesday 17 January 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 13 March 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 15 May 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 17 July 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Wednesday 16 October 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Understanding, expressing and managing emotions.

If you have any questions about these events, please email us at [communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk](mailto:communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk)

Have a wonderful weekend.

**Mrs Paula Bliss**  
**(Headteacher)**

## **Term dates Academic Year 2023/24**

### **Autumn Term:**

4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

(Half term 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 27<sup>th</sup> Oct) - INSET 30<sup>th</sup> October

### **Spring Term:**

2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2024 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

INSET 9<sup>th</sup> February

(Half Term 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – 16<sup>th</sup> Feb)

### **Summer Term:**

15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 INSET 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> July

(Half Term 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May)

## **INSET DAYS 2023/24**

1<sup>st</sup> September

30<sup>th</sup> October

9<sup>th</sup> February

22<sup>nd</sup> July

23<sup>rd</sup> July

## **Diary Dates for Autumn Term**

01.09.23	Start of Term
01.09.23	<b>INSET DAY (1 of 5)</b>
06.09.23	Perform Drama workshop
28.09.23	Reading Café & Curriculum meeting – 8.50am
28.09.23	FONS AGM 7.00pm in School Hall - TBC
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 3.10pm School Hall – everyone welcome
09.10.23	Individual School Photos
19.10.23	Harvest Festival Service in St Peter's Church at 2pm. All parents welcome.
20.10.23	Nasal Flu Immunisation
20.10.23	Break up for half term 3pm.
30.10.23	<b>INSET DAY ( 2 of 5)</b>
31.10.23	Back to school
01.11.23	Open Morning for prospective new parents from 9.30am
08.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
15.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 5.30 –8.00pm
24.11.23	Hoops for Decorating to go home
01.12.23	Hoops up in the Hall
02.12.23	Christmas Fayre TBC
07.12.23	Christmas Meal / Christmas Jumper Day – Donation to Save the Children
11.12.23	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance
12.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
14.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
13.12.23	Pied Piper Theatre Company - rearranged 18 <sup>th</sup> january
14.12.23	TBC - School Christingle Family Service, St Peter's Church 6pm – everyone welcome
15.12.23	Last day of term - Break up at 1.15 pm

## **DATES – SPRING TERM 2024**

Term dates – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Half term dates – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### **Diary Dates for Spring Term**

<b>02.01.24</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
<b>09.01.24</b>	<b>9 a.m. Phonics Workshop Year 1 (Miss Langthorne)</b>
08.02.24	Break up for half term 3pm
09.02.24	<b>INSET DAY (3 of 5)</b>
<del>22.02.24</del>	<del>SATS talk – Yr 2 classroom (@ 5pm) (TBC)</del>
06.03.24	Late Parents' Evening (5.30-7.40pm)
07.03.24	World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book that makes you learn and grow
08.03.24	Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R 9am in School Hall
13.03.24	Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
27.03.24	Easter Bonnet Parade directly after morning bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
28.03.24	Easter Service – 1.10pm, all parents welcome
28.03.24	Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm

## **DATES – SUMMER TERM 2024**

Term dates – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Half term dates – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

<b>15.04.24</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
27.05.24	Break up for half term 3pm
19.07.24	Last day of term - Break up at 2pm
22.07.24	<b>INSET DAY (4 of 5)</b>
23.07.24	<b>INSET DAY (5 of 5)</b>

