

**Welcome back** to a new term, I hope you all enjoyed the summer, whatever you were up to. The children were all very excited to be back in school and it was great to see everyone looking so smart in their school uniform. Please could I remind you to remove nail polish and any holiday wrist bands. Hair accessories should also be kept to a minimum (they get very distracting otherwise!). Thank you for your support in this.

I had hoped by now to have more exciting news about the progress of our **Multi Use Games Area** (MUGA) which was due to be built over the holidays. Unfortunately things were halted due to two planning objections that were received at the end of July. One of the objections has now been withdrawn and we are hoping that Guildford Borough Council will approve planning permission in the next few days. As soon as this happens work can get started and I will keep you updated as to timescales and progress.

We have taken some time to review our behaviour guidelines and simplify our school rules. We are asking all members of our school community to simply be **Ready** (to learn, to listen...), **Respectful** (to each other, to adults, to equipment...) and **Safe** and the children have spent time this week talking about what that looks like. Please ask them to tell you more!



Last week we had some whole staff training on being **Heartsmart** and we will be introducing the principles of this to the children over the coming weeks through assemblies and in class. We hope to use Heartsmart to further develop our growth mindset approach whilst supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. Information and resources are also available for families and I will be sharing these with you in due course.

You will get an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher this week at our **Meet the Teacher** sessions held in your child's classroom:

**Years 1 and 2** – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

**Years 3 and 4** – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

**Years 5 and 6** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm

This will be an opportunity to ask general questions about the year group expectations and what's coming up. If you would like to speak about your child as an individual please make an appointment with your child's class teacher in the usual way. If you can't make the meetings don't worry as all the information will be made available on the class pages of the website and in the class newsletters.

## **School Council Elections**

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the school councillors of 2017-18. They have attended meetings throughout the academic year and have been responsible for leading and participating in some really exciting projects around the school, including running ice cream stalls to raise money for new playground equipment and producing a healthy packed lunch leaflet. The names of the children and their achievements can be found in the school council section of our website. Unfortunately their term of office has now come to an end and along with Mrs Marsden, they have decided to change the way we elect school councillors. The application process will now be similar to applying for a job. To apply to be a school councillor for 2018-19, please follow these steps:

- Read the job description below and decide if you should apply
- Download and print the application form from the school council area of the website
- Complete your application form and submit it to your class teacher by Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September
- Mrs Marsden and your class teacher will then read and consider all applications before shortlisting to 4 candidates per class.
- The short-listed pupils will give a brief talk to their own class who will then vote for their class school councillor on election day

### School Council Job Description

*Are you confident, enjoy speaking in public, like solving problems and working as part of a team? Then the job of school councillor might be for you! The role of a school councillor is to listen to ideas brought up in your class and decide with your classmates which ideas need to go to school council. Once you have discussed topics in the meetings, you must remember to let your classmates know what you have talked about and invite them to get involved in finding solutions. You should also let your classmates know if the school council needs volunteers to help with anything so that as many people get involved in activities as possible.*

**Short listing date: MONDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**Election Day: THURSDAY 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**



### Olympic Times Table Challenge

The first Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October**. Details of the challenge and downloadable practice papers can be found in the Maths section of the website.

### PSA News

Some upcoming dates for your diaries

**1st Reps Meeting for the new term - Thursday 20th September, 7pm in the staff room - ALL WELCOME**

AGM/Fish & Chip Quiz Night - Thursday 18th October

Xmas Fair - Saturday 24th November (see below)

Bag2School - Friday 7th December

Gala Dinner - Saturday 11th May

### Help required:

1) **We have a date for the Christmas Fair but no-one to organise it. Would you be willing to organise this with a group of friends?** We have handover notes from all the stalls that we have run over the last couple of years and allocating stalls to year groups and letting the reps organise their own stalls has worked well over the last couple of years and cut down the central workload.

**Note: If no-one is willing to organise the fair then it will be cancelled** (for reference we raised £4,500 last year).



## New Chair

Vicky Greensit who has done an amazing job as Chair of the PSA is stepping down which means that as of October we have no one to take on the role. This is a vital role but one which can be shared so if you are tempted and want to know more or know someone who would do a great job, please do get in touch! It's not as scary as it sounds!!

## From the Office

Please note that in future, the finish time on the last day of term will be later. Therefore on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 and Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019, school will finish at 1.00pm for Reception, 1.10pm for the Infants and 1.15pm for the Juniors.

As the school is now full and we have 432 children, it would really help the office team if you could always put your child's full name **and class** on any correspondence, especially emails. Many thanks.

### U6-U11 FOOTBALLERS WANTED FOR INNOVATIVE WOKING FOOTBALL INITIATIVE

A groundbreaking football initiative, supported by Adidas, Active Surrey and Surrey CC, is opening its latest centre in Woking and offering free trials, tasters and camps to boys aged U6-U11 (the girls centre will follow later).

Late Birthday Project (LBP) combats the significant Relative Age Effect in youth football, by providing a professional academy environment, opportunities and coaching for players born between January and August only.

The new LBP centre will open at Woking Leisure Centre with free trials/tasters on 13 and 20 Sept. LBP offers UEFA qualified coaches, premium facilities, free 1on1 coaching, free futsal, free holiday camps and free Adidas team kit, plus an innovative curriculum, including sprint and strength training, aimed at giving younger, smaller players a fighting chance when it comes to maximising their potential.

Richard King, Director of LBP said: "We're delighted to offer the LBP experience to players from Woking and surrounding areas. The Relative Age Effect is proven to have a major impact on the development of young footballers born later in their year groups, so our objective is to allow these players to flourish without the influence of older, bigger players who might usually dominate". To book a trial visit <https://goteamup.com/p/630534-late-birthday-project/> (click on Courses and scroll down) or email [hello@latebirthdayproject.co.uk](mailto:hello@latebirthdayproject.co.uk) with the name and DOB of your player.

There's more info about LBP here - [www.latebirthdayproject.co.uk](http://www.latebirthdayproject.co.uk)