



Dear Parents & Carers,

Following advice from the Education Welfare Officer and in keeping with other local schools, the governors have agreed that as of **September 2018** unauthorised absences as detailed below will be subject to a **Penalty Notice**.

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty Notices will be issued by the Local Authority.

The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that **each** parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for **each** child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 21 days.

Our attendance policy will be updated to reflect the changes and further information will be re-issued in the autumn term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in keeping our overall attendance figures high and for valuing your child's education.

**Good Luck** to all the **Three Peakers** who will be climbing mountains on our behalf this weekend and raising vital funds for the school. We hope the weather is kind to you!

Mrs White  
*Headteacher*

## **Class Zone**

### **Our Trip to Butser Farm**

We felt like we were actually Iron Age people when we were in the round houses. We were archaeologists and searched for old and modern artefacts. We did chalk carving, made Roman jewellery and mosaics, and had a tour of a Roman villa. We also got gift bags with a feather pen and pencil!

*Anya, Dylan, Megan and Nathaniel (Year 3)*



## Primary Quiz Championship



On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May, Yundi (Yr 6), Ava (Yr 5), Marco (Yr 4) and Jessica (Yr 3) all travelled to Newbury to take part in the semi finals of the Keystage 2 General Knowledge **Inter School Quiz**

**Championship.** This year it was a mix of state and private schools and despite some very strong competition, Burpham came 3<sup>rd</sup> which is an incredible achievement. Congratulations to all the team and a very big thank you to all the parents for transporting the children and

cheering them on!

## Olympic Time Tables Challenge

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this month's Olympic Times Tables Challenge. Over 30 Year 2 children took part which is fantastic! This month's winners are:

Olympian	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Time
Freya B Yr 2	Sofia V Yr 4	Konrad C Yr 5	Charlie F Yr 5	2.58
Jamie M Yr 2	Dani V Yr 4		Timmy J Yr 4	2.24
			Ayaan B Yr 5	2.08

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018** and this date will be published in the Math's section of the website and on the school calendar.

## PSA News

Following our fundraising appeal for the MUGA, we are delighted to thank local Guildford company, **Stellar Entertainment Software Ltd.** for their generous donation of £3,000. This donation will go a long way to help us reach our target by the end of term.

Following the donation from Stellar Entertainment Ltd., the Gala Dinner and the Friday after school events, we have now raised **£15,000** towards our target of **£25,000**

### PSA Charity Gala Dinner



This year's PSA Charity Gala Dinner was held once again at Guildford Golf Club with tickets sold out in record time. The evening began with the usual welcome drinks and socialising before heading in for a sumptuous 3 course meal. The guests were then surprised when a quartet of singers from the Italia Conti Arts Centre, dressed as waiters broke into song as dessert was being served with a medley of tracks ranging from The Greatest Showman to ABBA.



A quick fire auction of prizes helped raise even more money for the event prior to turning down the lights and getting on to dance the night away. The evening raised an incredible £2528.67, so thank you all so much for your support.

A huge thank you to everyone that supported the event. To those that kindly donated prizes for the auction. To Italia Conti Art Centre for the Singers and for the committee, whose work behind the scenes has helped raise this years incredible total. We all hope you enjoyed the evening and look forward to next years Gala Dinner.

**Have you signed up to The Giving Machine? If so, that is great but are you using it when you shop online?**

Did you know that **you need to shop via the app first** on your **iphone/ipad/Android phone or tablet?** Otherwise the school will **NOT** receive any donations.

For **PC users**, you need to install the Shop & Give reminder and then every time you shop online, the **Shop & Give purple heart icon** 💜 will pop up on participating retailers. Click on it and a % of your shop will go to the school. Except for Amazon, please shop via TheGivingMachine website as Shop & Give does not pop up on the Amazon website.

You can even raise money when you are booking your holiday online. Websites like **Booking.com, Expedia, TUI, Eurocamp, First Choice** and many more will donate to our school if you book online.

**Please remember to use TGM every time you shop online. We have raised £1200 so far for our school but if everyone who signed up used it regularly, we could raise £1000s more!!**

## Ice-Cream Sales!

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May we were again lucky with the weather for our second **ice-cream sale**. The school council and their parents sold like mad and raised a super £160.50. Thank you so much to all the parents and children who came along and bought ice-creams and lollies. So far we have raised £360.50 to go towards our school playground equipment fund for next year.

Our next ice-cream sale is this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Hope to see you there!



## From the Office



Please remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. We have children with severe nut allergies at this school so it is very important that children do not bring any item containing nuts to school under any circumstances. This includes the sweetie sacks for the Summer Fair and if children are bringing in chocolates when it is their birthday.

Thank you very much for your co-operation in this matter.

## Clarification Regarding Volunteer DBS Checks

You may already be aware that in order to meet our safeguarding responsibilities we require all parent volunteers to hold a valid Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check that has been undertaken by the school. In order to keep the **DBS** clearance valid, parents will also need to come in and help at the school or on a school trip at least once a term. The office holds a DBS cleared volunteers list which we ask you to sign once a term when you come in to help.

If you have previously had a check completed but haven't been in to help for a while your name may have been removed from the list, so please check with the office staff if you are unsure, or if you want to undertake a new check.



**Guildford Saints** run girls football in Sutherland Memorial Park at 6-7pm on a Monday nights. For further details please see the attached pdf.

Bookings for the Summer **FISH scheme** are now open. This is a holiday activities scheme organised by the Leisure Development Team at Guildford Borough Council. It is available to children from 10 to 16 years old and runs from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August. Please see the attached pdf file for more details.



**Italia Conti Arts Centre** run a summer school for children aged 5 to 13 years from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> July. For full details see the attached pdf file, call 01483 568070 or email: [info@italia-conti.com](mailto:info@italia-conti.com)

The **Yvonne Arnaud Theatre** are putting on a children's musical comedy called AniMalcolm from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June. For more details please see the attached pdf file.



This year's **Guildford Book Festival** takes place at the beginning of July and there are some events especially for children. For further details please see the attached pdf file or you can go to [www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk](http://www.guildfordbookfestival.co.uk)

**Oxbridge Singing School** are running two courses as stated below:

Summer Course: 29th - 31st August - Holy Trinity Church, Guildford (top of the High St), 9.30-3.30 pm, registration from 9am

Christmas Course: 20th & 21st December - St Nicolas' Church, Guildford, (bottom of the High St), 9.30-3.30 pm, registration from 9am

Designed for children aged 7-13, all their courses include a combination of whole group singing, singing lessons in small groups, music history based on the theme of the course, music appreciation and music theory in the form of games and exercises, a broad schedule to engage and inspire young minds during the holidays.

Further information can be found on their website: [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com) and pictures of their recent courses are on our facebook page - [www.facebook.com/oxbridgesingingschool/](https://www.facebook.com/oxbridgesingingschool/). We have also attached their flyer with the blog.