

## REMINDERS AND DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May: Half-Term holiday

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: INSET day for teachers, so school closed to pupils

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: Fox class farm visit at ACS, Englefield Green

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Forest School for Squirrel class

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June: Windlesham Village Fair

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June: School trip Painshill Park

24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June: Sports and Health Week

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day and optional family picnic

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July: Camo Day-come to school in camo clothes or mufti

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July: reserve date for Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 28<sup>th</sup>)

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@windleshaminfants if you don't already and remember to check our website regularly for updates too!

Message from Mrs Ezzard

The Connaught teachers came to visit the class this week and it was a really positive time. We know that there will be a mixture of nerves and excitement as the children think of 'next year' and we will be talking things through in class over the coming weeks. Last night, Miss Leggett, Ms Torley (Co-Chair of Governors) and I hosted our Induction Evening for our new families joining in September and it was lovely to be able to welcome them all to our community.

There have been a few cases of tick bites amongst our pupils and this is surprising, given that the children play on astro turf, as opposed to grass. Given the weather, the children have been well covered when going into the copse for Forest School, so I would not have expected for children to have been bitten at school. Please see the information below about what to check for, as they can be on vegetation anywhere and this is out of our control.

Please check that all uniform still fits and is still named during the holidays. Please remember that earrings are NOT allowed to be worn in school; should you choose to have your child's ears pierced, please ensure this is done at the start of the summer break as it is required that earrings are removed before coming to school.

Camo Day is when we learn about camouflage, learn about concealment and hide in the copse-a fun day of outdoor learning. For the last couple of years, we have arranged for a military vehicle to be on site for the children to look at on Camo Day, and this will happen again this year. Our contact has established the Iron Curtain Museum in nearby Normandy, Hampshire: see details below.

We are so proud of how hard everyone has worked this half-term, and the progress the children have made. Thanks for your ongoing enthusiasm and positivity. Happy half-term holiday; have fun, be good, stay safe!

### **Attendance**

A PMX will be sent today giving you a half term attendance report for your child. Also, 100% certificates are being sent to those that have achieved 100% for this half term.

### **Fox class Farm visit**

A PMX will be sent today to Fox Class regarding a visit on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to a petting farm at ACS, Englefield Green. There is no charge for this trip.

For those that have not responded to the PMX consent/lunch order form please can this be done as soon as possible so we can confirm orders with the kitchen. This can be found under PMX/forms

### **Sun Cream**

Now that the weather is sunnier, please apply sun cream to your child before school and ensure that they have a sun hat/cap.

### **Tick bites**

Ticks are small, spider-like creatures which feed on the blood of birds and mammals, including humans. They vary in size, usually between 1mm to 1cm long. They have either 6 or 8 legs.

Tick bites aren't usually painful and sometimes only cause a red lump to develop where you were bitten. However, in some cases they may cause:

swelling

itchiness

blistering

bruising

When going into woodlands, it is always advisable to wear long sleeves and trousers, to prevent ticks from biting arms and legs. With our weather remaining mostly cold and wet, the children have continued to wear full waterproofs during Forest School, meaning that they have been protected. As the weather improves, we would encourage you to ensure that they still have clothing with long sleeves and full trousers for Forest School.

If you've been bitten by a tick, you should try to remove it as soon as possible to reduce the risk of getting a tick-borne infection, like [Lyme disease](#). This is a bacterial infection that causes a pink or red circular rash to develop around the area of the bite.

More information can be found here: [nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/tick-bites](https://nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/injuries/skin-injuries/tick-bites)

### **The Iron Curtain Museum**

Normandy Business Park, Cobbett Hill Road. GU3 2AA

It should be open every weekend 10 am to 4 pm but check Facebook @theironcurtainmuseum

£15 per person over 16 and £5 for those under 16. Under 5s free. Some refreshments are available.

### **School nursing team Spring 2024 update**

Families can read the Spring Update from the School Nursing team on the [Children and Family Health Surrey website](#).

The update includes:

How parents/carers can book a free virtual event about helping children get ready for starting school.

How parents/carers can book a free virtual event about early toileting, toilet training tips and bedwetting.

Useful tips and advice about bedwetting

How to get free lifetime access to online guides about understanding your child.

The School Nursing team works across Surrey to promote physical health and emotional wellbeing in schools.

### **Woking swim club**

Woking Swim Club are a friendly, lively and successful swimming club. Their aim is to teach children to swim with good technique and hopefully to become competent and competitive swimmers.

If you would like to discuss this email or find out more about the Club please email Jane Howell [wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com](mailto:wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com)

Please find attached details of forthcoming swim trials.

### **Cross Counties children's first aid course**

Please see attached details of a course for 6-12 year olds run by Cross Counties First Aid.

### **Hope Hub make your own lunchbox**

The Hope Hub is a Camberley based charity whose aim is to help relieve poverty and to teach the community thrifty ways to save money and reduce costs. As part of their initiatives, they are keen to teach the community about nutrition and how to prepare healthy meals on a budget. With this in mind and with funding from Surrey County Council, they are offering a FREE half term activity for families to get involved with - learn how to make and eat yummy lunchboxes on a budget at St Martin's Church on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 11am - 1:30pm.

Spaces are limited and can be booked via the online registration form - <https://forms.office.com/e/A51uLSDnPc>

### **Change to school menu**

To celebrate D-Day Twelve15 are serving a special menu on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – please see attached poster for details.

Friday June 7<sup>th</sup> the menu has been changed to the following:

Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and sweetcorn and a chocolate cookie for dessert.