



Language of the Month  
**TAMIL**

**SPRING TERM**  
19<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018

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Dear Parents,

We've reached the end of another busy week and the children should be proud of themselves for all the wonderful learning and progress they have achieved.

Thank you to Beech class for their fantastic assembly this morning. It was really lovely to hear about all the interesting things the children have been learning in their maths and English lessons. I particularly enjoyed the 3D shape song.

Clubs began this week and the feedback from the children has been wonderful. We are very grateful to have dedicated staff who will give up their time to offer extra opportunities for fun, learning and creativity.

On Thursday we held one of our twice yearly "Leave Your Lunchbox at Home" days, which was a huge success. Our kitchen team did an amazing job feeding 520 children a delicious meal of fish and chips. We are in such a lucky position to be able to offer free school meals to all our infant children and I would encourage you all to consider making the most of the chance to ensure your children are eating a nutritious, healthy meal during the day as it has proven positive effects on their ability to concentrate and learn. Whilst we are not able to offer free meals to all our KS2 children, I'm sure you will agree that £2.25 per day is great value for money for a hot meal and a yummy dessert.

I would just like to remind you that we welcome all visitors to our school and will act to ensure it remains a safe place for pupils, staff and all other members of our community. If you have any concerns we will always listen to them and will seek to address them. Please be aware, however, that abusive, threatening or violent behaviour will not be tolerated and any visitors (including parents) behaving in this way are likely to be removed from the premises and prosecuted.

Thank you to all our Nursery parents who have been so understanding about our need to close our provision for 2 days this week. The decision to close any part of the school is never taken lightly, but after an outbreak of diarrhoea affected a number our staff and children, we felt that closing in order to undertake a thorough deep clean was the only course of action open to us. We realise that asking you to keep your child at home for 48 hours after any episode of sickness or diarrhoea may cause inconvenience but please be aware that we have these rules in place to stop the spread of illness and infections.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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Mrs N Matheson

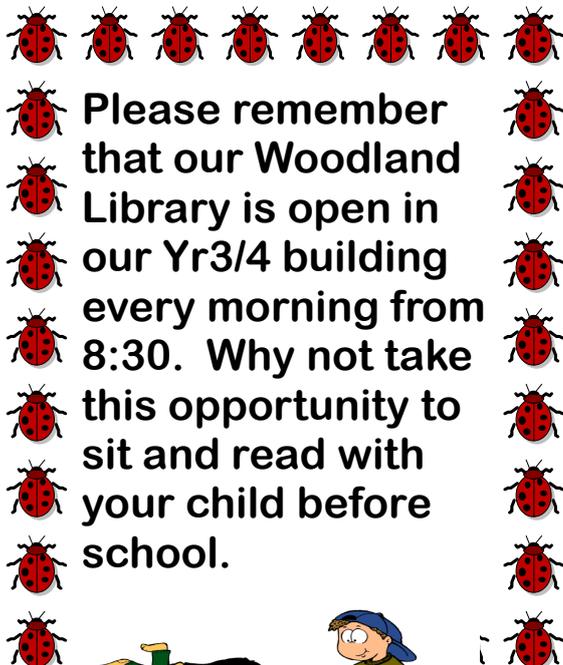


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RECEPTION  
BEDTIME  
STORY

All our YrR children and their parents are invited back to school on Tuesday at 5:30pm (23rd January) for one of our regular Bedtime Stories events. Join us for a story, snack and a drink before going home and jumping into bed for a good night's sleep.



Please remember that our Woodland Library is open in our Yr3/4 building every morning from 8:30. Why not take this opportunity to sit and read with your child before school.



**Term-time Absences**

Taking children out of school during term time is unacceptable for any reason other than illness.

Reducing absence from school is a key priority nationally and locally.

Missing school seriously affects children's longer term life opportunities.

Surrey County Council considers that regular attendance at school is of such importance that Penalty Notices (fines) may be used in some circumstances where unauthorised absences occur.

Penalty Notices may be issued in the following circumstances.

1. Pupils identified by police and Education Welfare Officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Unauthorised holidays in term time. In such cases the Head of School/ Governing Body will request the Local Authority issue a Penalty Notice.
3. Where attendance has fallen below 85%. The parents' failure to engage with supportive measures proposed by the school and Education Welfare will be a factor when considering the issue of a Penalty Notice.

There is no statutory right of appeal once a notice has been issued, but on receipt of a warning you can make representation should you wish.

What are the costs?  
Payment within 21 days of receipt of a notice is £60. This rises to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

(A full copy of the SCC Penalty Notice guidelines are available from the Main Office)

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Friday 26th January—Cedar Class Assembly