



Language of the Month
SERBIAN

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely, sunny way to start to our Summer term! If we are lucky enough for this good weather to continue please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school and to send them in with a water bottle and a hat.

Thank you to Sequoia class for their assembly this morning celebrating their individual talents and reminding us to be the best we can be. They sang the motivational song, Reach for the Stars, showing what talented singers and performers they all are.

Assemblies on Mondays this half term will focus on finance and careers. The following website has some great information and resources which you might like to take a look at with your child:

<https://www.moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/corporate/you-your-kids-and-money>

Earlier this week some of our Year 6 children took part in a Woking schools maths competition. The children worked in pairs to solve a number crossword, complete a speed challenge and work out some maths problems. I am proud to say that our children came 1st, 4th and 5th out of 16 teams. What a wonderful achievement!

This week our Year 4 children have been enjoying trips to the WWF, Living Planet Centre, on Brewery Road. We are so lucky to have this amazing facility on our doorstep and it was great to be able to walk there, promoting sustainable, environmentally friendly travel. Whilst at WWF the children made interactive eBooks focused on different Rainforest animals, so it was a really exciting visit for them which gave them the opportunity to learn some great new skills.

Our September 2018 new intake of Reception children received their offer of places this week and we now begin the busy process of welcoming the children and their families into our school community. Most of our 4 year old Nursery children are moving into Elm, Ash or Oak class so I am very excited that we will be able to continue their learning journey with them. If you have any pre-school children at home, please remember that we have nursery places for children aged from 2 years old and Miss Gridley and her team are always happy to show you around.

This afternoon our junior playground has been paved with copper coins, as our Pupil Parliament children have been creating a Line of Pennies. Thank you to everyone who gave their loose change which will be counted and donated to mental health charities, proving that small change can make a big change.

Have a lovely weekend

Matheson

Mrs N Matheson, Head of School



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School Dinners

The cost of school dinners for next half term is £65.25. Please pay this online and if you do not have your code to log on to the school website, come to the main office.

If your child wants to change from school dinner to packed lunch, or packed lunch to school dinner then we require a full weeks' notice.

ROAD SAFETY

Please can we remind you that it is illegal park or stop on the zig-zag lines outside the 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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Hawthorn Class Assembly Friday 27th April 2018