Newsletter: 25th October 2019

Message from the Headteacher

Today, we have sadly had to say farewell to two members of staff. Firstly, Mrs Fuentes from Dolphin Class, who in the short time she was with us has shown great care and compassion. Secondly, Mrs Oakey who has worked in the school for many years, firstly as a teaching assistant and in the most recent years the school office. Mrs Oakey will be using her skills to go and lead on attendance at a local secondary school. Her calm and caring manner is going to be sorely missed at Stoughton. Thank you to both members of staff for all their hard work to make Stoughton a better school.

Whilst the office goes through a period of transition, please can I ask for a little bit of extra patience whilst new staff are brought up to speed and roles are re-aligned. Safeguarding will be our priority. We will do our absolute best to ensure that a smooth service still operates. As the reminder, these are the members of staff who work in the school office are Mrs Parish, who is the School Business Manager (M-Th), Mrs Broad (M-F), Mrs Thompson (M-F afternoons). Mrs Roberts will be joining the team in the middle of November and will be working full-time.

To update you on Forest Schools. We have now successfully recruited an experienced reception teaching assistant to work in Panda class, Mrs Comley. Mrs Comley will start at Stoughton at the beginning of December. After careful thought, we will start Forest School sessions in January and use December to maintain the Forest School area, enable a classroom handover to take place and we will run additional school council sessions.

Claire Marrow, our Home School Link Worker, has arranged for each year group to have handwashing lessons with the school nurse and these will take place soon after the half term. We hope that these workshops will help to improve school hygiene and help to control bugs spreading through the school. Please remember all children need to remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

After half term a new lunch menu is being introduced by our caterers, Surrey Commercial Services. The new menu will be on our website shortly and also displayed by our entrances. We will still be continuing to offer 3 choices per day and children are welcome to swap from school meals to packed lunches daily. Please remember that school lunches are free and provide a good opportunity for your child to try new foods and to have a hot healthy meal.

The second week back after half term is quite a busy one. We are running an Anti-Bullying Week, during which we will focus on what it means to be a good friend, what to do when someone is unkind and when a friendship issue becomes bullying. We are asking each child to bring in a spring bulb which will be planted in the school grounds to make it look beautiful in the spring. It is the Year 2 disco and it is also parent consultations meetings.

The booking for your parent consultation meetings will go live after half term. Bookings need to be made via ParentMail under the Parents' Evening tab. If you do experience difficulty with this, please contact the school office. We would like to opportunity to see every parent as we believe that education is a partnership.

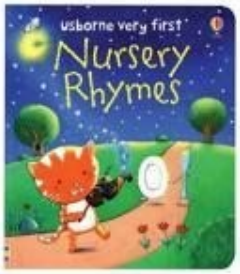
Have a lovely half term break.

Our Values……..

perseverance courage love nurture positivity

Additional Information

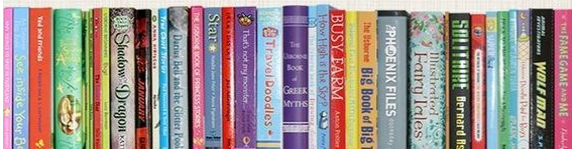
Why are Nursery Rhymes Important?



They teach kids Rhyming, Repetition, & Rhythm. These are all important pre-reading skills. The more Nursery Rhymes kids know, the better readers they'll be.

Literacy Tip of the Week

It's great to tell and read favorite stories over and over again. Repetition helps your child learn. Each time your child hears a story he or she notices new things. They also become more and more familiar with the structure and sequence of stories.



Key Dates

Dates can also be found on the diary page of the school website

Subject to change

Additions/changes in red

INSET DAY - School Closed to Children	25/10/2019
Half Term Holiday	28 - 02/11/2019
Start of Term	04/11/2019
Nasal Flu Immunisation	08/11/2019
Bring a bulb to school	11 - 16/11/2019
Anti-Bullying Week	11 - 16/11/2019
Parent Consultation Meetings	12/11/2019 15:20 - 17:10
Parent Consultation Meetings	14/11/2019 15:20 - 19:10
Panto Performance - A star in the jar	04/12/2019
Reindeer Run	06/12/2019
Year 1 - Christmas Production- tickets required	09/12/2019 14:00 - 15:00
Reception Christmas Production- tickets required	10/12/2019 09:30 - 10:15
Nursery Christmas Concert	10/12/2019 14:30 - 15:00
Year 1 Christmas Production - tickets required	11/12/2019 09:15 - 10:15
Reception Christmas Production - tickets required	11/12/2019 14:15 - 15:00
Christmas Jumper Day- donations to Save the Children	12/12/2019
Nursery Christmas Concert	12/12/2019 09:30 - 10:00
Christmas Lunch	12/12/2019
Year 2 Carol Concert	12/12/2019 13:45 - 14:45
INSET DAY - School Closed to Children	13/12/2019
Showing Day- come into school to see your child's work.	17/12/2019 15:00 - 15:30
Last Day of Term	20/12/2019 13:30
Christmas Holidays	23 - 04/01/2020
Start of Spring 2020 Term	06/01/2020
Elephant Class Assembly	11/02/2020 09:15 - 10:15
Showing Day- come into see your child's work	13/02/2020 15:00 - 15:30
Valentine's Cake Bake	14/02/2020
Last Day of Term	14/02/2020 15:00
Half Term Holiday	17 - 22/02/2020
Start of Term	24/02/2020
Parent's Consultation Meetings	03/03/2020 15:20 - 17:10
World Book Day	05/03/2020
Parent's Consultation Meetings	05/03/2020 15:20 - 19:10
Reception Sports	09/07/2020 09:15 - 10:15
Nursery Sports	09/07/2020 14:15 - 15:00
Reports Home to Parents	10/07/2020
Year 2 Leaver's Assembly	16/07/2020 09:15 - 10:15
Year 2 Leaver's Party	16/07/2020 13:30 - 15:00
Last Day for Children	17/07/2020 13:30
INSET DAY - School Closed to Children	20/07/2020
INSET DAY - School Closed to Children	21/07/2020
INSET DAY - School Closed to Children	22/07/2020

Safeguarding Information

- Please take the time to look at the e-safety flyers that we include or attached to the newsletters. They all help to keep your child safe online.

- It is really important that we know why children are absent from school. We will always contact you if you haven't provided a reason for your child's absent. It is our way of ensuring they are safe. The easiest way of doing this is via the Studybugs app. Currently we have 70% of our families signed up to this, for the 30% who haven't yet sign up, please do so.

- The Designated Safeguarding Leaders in school are Sarah Carrington, Headteacher and Claire Marrow, the Home School Link Worker. If you have any concerns about a child, don't delay contacting either DSL's via the school office. If you are concerned about a child outside school hours you can all the **Family Safeguarding Hub—0300 470 9100**

Safeguarding is everyone's business.

Friends Information

Tombola donations

Congratulations to Kangaroo Class who won the tombola contributions, they enjoyed an afternoon yesterday celebrating with a film and popcorn!

Thank you so much for all your support this half term.

Ladies, you managed to raise a great, £609.70 at Ladies Night. We had you had a lovely evening.
We have received your Tea Towel orders, we look forward to sharing those with you in the future.

Dates for the diary;
Year 2 Disco - 15th November, forms to follow
Christmas Fair - 7th of December, information to follow.

Happy Half Term.

It's Jolly Jar Competition time!

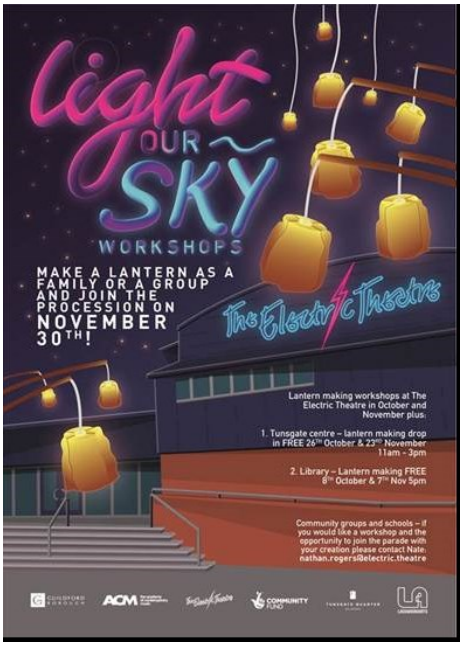
Please fill a jar with sweets, toys etc and decorate with a Christmas design.

There will be one winner in each class.
The jolly jars will then be sold at our Christmas fair.

Monday 11th November - deadline for handing in jolly jars
Monday 18th November - judging commences

Please note that sweets must be wrapped, nothing with nuts can be included and no perishables.

FUNMUMS FITNESS
invites you to
Fix it with Food and Style
An evening of nutrition for mums with
Zahra Chapman, Naturopathic Nutrition Therapist, MSc, BSc (Hon)
£8 per ticket
7th November at 7pm at QEP Centre, GU2 9JX
book your ticket: funmumsfitness@gmail.com


Light OUR SKY
WORKSHOPS
MAKE A LANTERN AS A FAMILY OR A GROUP AND JOIN THE PROCESSION ON NOVEMBER 30TH!
The Electric Theatre
Lantern making workshops at The Electric Theatre in October and November plus:
1. Tunsgate centre – lantern making drop in FREE 26th October & 23rd November 11am - 3pm
2. Library – Lantern making FREE 6th October & 7th Nov 5pm
Community groups and schools – if you would like a workshop and the opportunity to join the parade with your creation please contact Nate: nathan.rogers@electric.theatre

GUILDFORD BOROUGH
Aspire
BROWELLS
PETTING ZOO COMES TO PARK BARN!
What: Petting Zoo & activities - come along and have a cuddle with a bundle of fur babies!
When: Monday 28th October between 2-3pm
Where: Park Barn Centre, Park Barn Drive, GU2 8EN
FREE HALF-TERM FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!
Animals are great for helping you de-stress and have a positive effect on your wellbeing. So come and join us, you will find us in the Coffee Shop & the Play Zone. For more information about this event, please get in touch with your Community Wellbeing Team on 07966654888 or Grace.Clayton@guildford.gov.uk
What's on...
• Petting zoo • Animal face painting •
• Arts & crafts •
*FREE admission, donations welcome
*Refreshments available at our Coffee Shop with affordable prices

FREE
Handwriting Help
In-store at
WHSmith
56 High St, Guildford GU1 3ES
by
MORRELLS HANDWRITING
Saturday 26th October
10am- 4pm
See how our handwriting expert will quickly improve your handwriting
Perfect for: Primary School Children, Teenagers and Adults
Dyspraxia and Dyslexia friendly resources
Ask in store for more details
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