

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has flown by packed full of interesting things.

Our Reception children were delighted on Tuesday when new little visitors joined them in Yellow Bay. The eggs arrived and it was very exciting to see two ducklings hatch over the course of the day. Then on Wednesday morning the children discovered that overnight 3 more had broken from their shells and emerged into the world. The children (and staff!) have been absolutely fascinated by them and the children have produced some wonderful work based on ducklings: learning about the duck life cycle and creating information posters about how to look after them. Miss Wroth is insisting on naming one of them Quack Effron (can't possibly imagine who it is named after???) but we are hoping that the children can come up with some great names for them all. They will be writing letters to the farmer next week and letting her know how the ducks are doing.



Ash Class

Year One were a sticky, spaghetti, marshmallowy mess this afternoon as they learnt about structures and the strength of the triangle shape. They created some amazing structures and tried to get them to be as tall as possible without them toppling over. It was all they could to avoid licking their fingers and I am sure that some marshmallows mysteriously disappeared. I can't imagine where they went!



Willow Class

Year 2 were able to go on their Wisley trip today. They had a great time, despite it being a bit damp and drizzly. The children were able to explore the grounds, go in to the glass house and participate in a workshop about plants. Their behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school. Thank you to the staff and parent volunteers for enabling it to happen. We really appreciate your support in events like this and it does wonders to inspire the children and engage them in further learning both in and out of school.



The PTA have purchased some new playtime games and they are starting to arrive. The Year 1s enjoyed playing on a giant connect 4 game today and also played with the new golf sets. It was a lot of fun. Thank you, PTA!

We look forward to the other items on order arriving soon.

Thank you for all your responses to the parent questionnaire. I will be writing to you next week about the outcome and responding to the feedback. I really appreciate all those who took the time to respond to it.

Just a quick reminder that I sent a letter yesterday regarding the national strike days on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Thank you again for your co-operation and understanding.

Have a lovely weekend.

See you soon

Mrs Cary

Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Hektor	Maple	Amelie-Rose	Beech	Victor
Elm	Emile	Rowan	Eva	Oak	Arabella
Holly	Esme	Willow	Frankie	Sycamore	Henry
		Pine	Maddie		

*"Have courage and be kind. Where there is kindness there is goodness, and where there is goodness there is magic."*  
- Disney's Cinderella

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March  
Strike Days



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
PTA: Mother's Day Market



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Red Nose Day



w/c Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Science Week



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Year 1 and 2 Circus Skills workshop



Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
PTA: Easter Disco



Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
PTA: Easter Egg Hunt



Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023  
Last Day of Spring Term  
School Closes @ 1:45pm

EASTER BREAK



Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Summer Term begins



Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Coffee Morning with our Family Support Work  
Teresa Doe



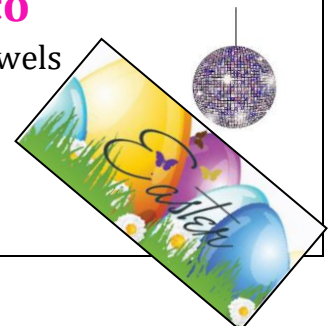
Save the Date:  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
PTA: Quiz Night



## Reminder: Tea towels and Easter Disco

Don't forget to order your state-of-the-art Orchard Tea Towels and tickets for the Easter Disco.

Please click on the pictures which will take you straight to the website.



# Warning...warning...Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March is busy!

## Shhhhhh.....don't tell mum! It's a good surprise!

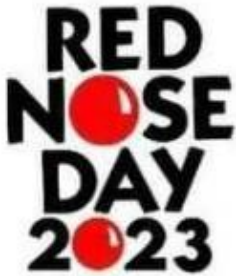
On Friday 17th the children will be able to shop at our Mothers' Day market and purchase a small item for their mums for Mothers' Day.



**Please send your child in with £1.**

This is a non-profit PTA event but we will feel it will be a great experience and a lovely way for the children to think beyond themselves and about their mums. It will give them some time to reflect on how fabulous their mums are and it will also be a lovely opportunity to choose a little gift themselves just for their mums.

## Red Nose Day Mufti – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March



It is always great to take part in these national events and give the children a chance to see people advocating for those in need.

In support of this please do any or all of the below

Wear red clothing (or something red to add to your outfit).

Wear a red nose or paint a red nose on your face.

Bring in a funny joke to share with your class.

Bring in a donation if you can or donate to: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/>

## Please join the PTA for a night of quizzing fun!

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58681&preSaleId=7134189B-9858-4716-8347C248E5AEE4B2#.ZAr0ZOSnwWM>

**When:** Friday, 19th May 2023  
**Time:** Drinks from 7pm, quiz starts at 7.30pm. Finish at 11pm  
**Where:** The Hub, Ray Road, West Molesey, Surrey, KT8 2LG  
**Cost:** £7.50 pp - Teams of 8!

When you purchase your ticket(s) you will be asked to provide your team name. Maximum number per team is 8.

Pizza's served during a break at 8.30pm.

We are supporting local with our pizza order and are using Averna, Molesey.

If you wish to check any of the ingredients included in the pizzas available for order then please click on the link below which will take you to their website:

<https://www.restaurant-averna.co.uk/>

Drinks can be pre-ordered on the website or ordered from the bar during the evening. We will be taking cash and card.



Just to warn you.....I am very competitive when it comes to quizzes.  
Lockdown honed my skills. (Plus, I love an Averna pizza!)  
The challenge is on!



Amazon Wish Lists:



We get so excited when one of the items gets delivered wondering who it will be for and who was kind enough to send it. Thank you for all items received.

## Book Fair and 'Love Reading 4 Kids'

Thank you for attending our book fair this week. I have seen some very excited children leave the premises clutching a book in their hand. That is always a joy to see.

Don't forget that we have also set up an account with 'Love Reading 4 Kids'.



If you buy books from [www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk) you are able to nominate us as your chosen school and we get 25% of the book cover price to spend on books for school.

Thank you for any support you can give us with this.

### Artist of the Week: Madonna



It's hard for me to accept that Madonna's professional career has spanned almost 45 years. Named the Queen of Pop, she has sold over 300 million songs worldwide and is the best-selling female recording artist of all time. As well as singing, writing and producing, she has also starred in over 17 films and is known for her fashion as well as her political views. I am looking forward to hearing 'Material Girl' blasting through the corridors next week and maybe seeing some vogue poses in our morning 'Wake Up Shake Up'.

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7uJ6lMOj3BLNK85SSgXtgb?si=06b835ee48d24a43>



### Head Lice Check Reminder

There have been a couple of cases of head lice across the school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed. Whilst lice are nothing more than a nuisance, it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread. As there has been a couple of reports, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible.

Here is some simple advice you may wish to follow to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

- **Check your child's hair once a week.**
- **Use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice. The comb is usually white in colour so that lice can be easily identified.**
- **If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family.**

Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Thank you for your co-operation.

