



Dear Parents / Carers

This week was one very strange having two strike days. The school was a very quiet place. It was good to see in the news earlier today that the teaching unions and the government are in 'intensive talks' to try to settle the dispute. Thank you for your support during this time, including your words of support that were shared with teachers and myself directly. It was lovely to see the children come in to school this morning decked out in red and thank you for the generous donations to Red Nose Day. We received almost £200 to pass on the Comic Relief Charity. I spent some time with children today who shared with me some fabulous jokes.

Here are a few of my favourites:

**Charlotte in Elm Class said: Why is a pirate no good at the alphabet? (Because he keeps getting lost at C)**

**Lyra in Willow: What do birds call each other when they are in love? (Tweetharts)**

**Joshua in Oak said: What is a footballer's favourite metal? (GOALd!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)**

During the three days we were in school this week, we kept the children busy busy busy!

Year Two children have been doing lots of work around their trip to Wisley last week. They wrote recounts detailing their visit and created some eye-catching posters to entice others to visit as well. In PSHE, they have been thinking about how to keep their bodies and minds healthy and we discussed the importance of getting enough sleep. They know that children their age should be getting 10-12 hours of sleep each night. You can quote me if you have trouble at bed time this evening 😊

Year One children wrote descriptions, sequenced the story of Beegu and practised using time adverbials. This is all leading up to an independent write next week which we are looking forward to reading.

In Science, the children have been learning about heating and cooling. They observed what happens when butter is heated and then cooled. In RE, they focused on how we look after our world and made some fab suggestions of practical things they can do.

The Reception children had a visit from the Fire Service this week. They saw the big fire truck, heard the sirens and some children were able to try out the hose. They were able to try on firefighter outfits as well.

Even Mrs Seabrook got in on the action.

Holly and Elm classes are receiving another visit from them on Monday.

The children also received a letter from the farmer this week and wrote back. They explained how the ducks like to be looked after. All the children had cuddles with the ducklings and learnt how to clean the cage.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Sunshine, Peanut Butter, Zoe, Bibby and Puddles this evening. We have really enjoyed having the ducklings in school. It has generated so much fantastic learning and excitement and it has been fascinating watching them grow and develop.



Thank you to the hard work of the PTA for providing the Special Market this afternoon. The children enjoyed choosing a gift from the different options available. We hope that whoever is receiving them (and I couldn't possible comment on who that might be) enjoys what they picked out.

Don't forget that next week is Science Week. We are all looking forward to some scientific madness! I am including the letter from Mr Elliot again in the email, just as a reminder.



I hope you have an enjoyable weekend, whether that be celebrating St Patrick's Day, joining the Zambia fundraiser tomorrow morning at First Molesey Sea Scout Hall, getting up to more Comic Relief Fun or being pampered on Mother's Day.

**Please see below for a special offer just for you mums!**

(That includes staff who are mums as well as our children's mums!)

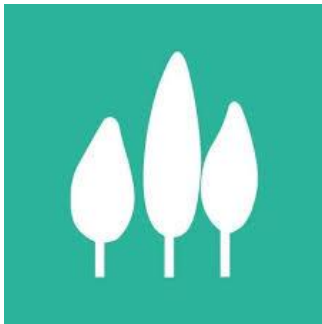
See you all again on Monday.

Best wishes

Mrs Cary



Many thanks to Jay (Indie's Mum) for organising this and to the Pavilion Club for this very generous offer!



## Happy Mothers' Day

*From The Pavilion Club*

The Pavilion Gym are kindly offering each mum here at  
The Orchard

## One Full Day Guest Pass

valid from Mothers' Day (19<sup>th</sup> March) to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April.



The pass includes full use of the facilities including the Gym, all Classes, Pool, and the newly refurbished Sauna and Steam Room.

Please call the Pavilion for availability and on arrival present this Newsletter (opened in your Parentmail app) and your name.

Please also note that **classes** and **swims** need to be booked over the telephone in advance.

**020 8979 2800**

Hurst Ln, Molesey, East Molesey KT8 9DX



*Relax and Enjoy!*

## New Booking System for After School and Breakfast Club

In response to feedback from parents, we have looked at ways of refining our After School Club and Breakfast Club booking system.

This has been moved to **Parentmail**.

We have sent out a step-by-step guide.

Please read it carefully and make sure you are familiar with the process.

**The system is NOT live yet** so you won't be able to see it in Parentmail at the moment, but it will be made live at the beginning of next week.





Our very own **Chloe (Rowan Class)** and her family will be featured on **BBC Morning Live** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March @ 9:15am They will be sharing their experience with **Action for Carers**



We are very excited to see them all.



## Kindness Awards



Reception		Year 1		Year 2	
Ash	Ege	Maple	Lewis	Beech	Callum
Elm	Freddie B	Rowan	Indie	Oak	Samarra
Holly	Valerie	Willow	Danni	Sycamore	Finley
		Pine	Dylan		

*No matter what life throws at you, always throw kindness back at it.*

## Dates for the Diary

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Esher High: Zambia Fundraiser  
10am – First Molesey Sea Scout Hall



**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 Worker,  
Teresa Doe



**Save the Date:**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

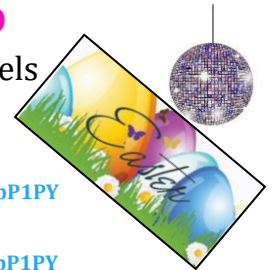
PTA: Quiz Night



## 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.



<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58118#.ZBSfxHbP1PY>

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58119#.ZBSf4XbP1PY>

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

<https://www.pta-events.com/orchardpta/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=58681&preSaleId=71341898-9858-4716-8347C248E5AEE4B2#.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!



## Artist of the Week: Stevie Wonder

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4zmjZ2fnMQhOsmfRm6W2o8?si=7274e3aff9554612>

Now aged 72, soul singer Stevie Wonder, has been blind since shortly after his birth. He was a child prodigy who signed with Motown records at the age of 11 and, at the age of 13, he had a number one with his song Fingertips, making him the youngest artist ever to top the Billboard chart.

Stevie is often referred to as a one man band due to his use of synthesizers and other electronic instruments during the 1970s, leading the way for R&B.



Some of his greatest hits are: [Isn't She Lovely](#), [Superstition](#) and (who can possibly forget?) [I Just Called To Say I Love You](#).

### 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.

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.