Friday 28th June 2024

Cherrywood News

Message from Mrs Lewis

In preparation for the information I am sending out next week regarding transition, I need to make you aware of further staff changes. Sadly we have two more members of staff leaving us. Mr Harris is moving to America! This is such a big adventure for him and his family. Mrs Greaves is also heading for new adventures, making a career move away from teaching. We wish them both the very best of luck. In addition, Mrs Plascott's role in the school will be changing as she will be joining the leadership team as Assistant Head / Inclusion Leader.

The governors and I have been very busy with recruitment this year, but we are pleased to say that we have recruited some great new teachers who are really keen to join our team. They come from a range of backgrounds but have all managed to find ways to join the school for various transition activities. The details of this will be shared in the letter coming out next week.

Please take time to read the rest of the newsletter—I know it is a long one this week. Best wishes from Mrs Lewis

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- **1st July— Parents Coffee Morning—9am**
- **2nd July—Raising Aspirations Day**
- **3rd July—Ash (Year R) Assembly—2.45pm**
- **15th July—Oak (Year 4) Music Assembly—9.30am**
- **17th July—Parents Coffee Afternoon—2.30pm**
- **18th July Cherrywood's Big Picnic—gates will be opened at 12pm**
- **22nd July—Leavers Assembly (Sycamore Year 6) - 2.30pm**
- **23rd July—Last day of term**

PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS

Celebrations—





We are pleased to announce this week's -

	Value Ambassadors	Stars of the Week
Ash Class	Finley	Kai
Chestnut Class	Persephone	Danyal Mir
Elm Class	Elm Class	Lily-Jane
Larch Class	Ruby	Meghan
Oak Class	Toby	Harper-Grace
Pine Class	Aevan	Inaya
Sycamore Class	Sapphire	Sima

Play Leader Awards

Key Stage 1	*Key Stage 2*
Danyal Mir	Sarbast

Our Value Ambassadors— recognised for showing great teamwork





Stars of the Week— recognised for their efforts this week



Play Leader Awards for children demonstrating the school values in their play

Achievements

Huge congratulations go to Isla in Oak. Isla goes to stagecoach school on Friday evenings and on Sunday she performed, singing and completing a choreographed dance on stage at Princes Hall Theatre in Aldershot. The show was sold out, went very well and was enjoyed by the whole audience! Isla was also given a medal for her 5 years of attendance and performing.
Well Done Isla!



Question of the week

Our school councillors were once again pestering you with their clipboards. I wanted to thank all of the families who take the time to share their views. It is really helpful for us and the school council are always pleased to complete their jobs well.

This week we were asking questions about how much time children spend on devices each day, including phones, game stations and tablets.

Less than 30 minutes— 18
About 1 hour— 30
About 2 hours— 11
More than 2 hours— 14

It is really important that you manage screen time closely as it has such an impact on physical as well as mental wellbeing. We will share more information abut this later in the year.



NO NUTS HERE

Please remember that school is nut free as we do have pupils and staff with allergies. Please do not send in

anything in your child's packed lunch which may contain nuts, and if you are unsure please check the packaging.



Safeguarding—Safety Awareness and Developing Independence

As we now have longer daylight hours and warmer weather, we know many children are keen to spend more time outdoors enjoying the pleasant weather. Getting children to enjoy healthy outdoor activities is really important but also children's safety and well- being during these times is equally important too.

We would like to remind you about supervision—knowing where your child is, who they are with and what they are doing is important. Please do avoid just relying on tracking devices (such as an app on a phone or other electronic device). This is because the app will only share data of where the device is and not who they are with or what they are doing.

Sadly, at this time of year, it is not uncommon that there is an increased opportunity for more negative influences. This can include, for example, older children encouraging younger children to get involved in more dangerous activities, such as lighting fires, stealing and even drug trafficking. County Lines is the practice of where younger children are exploited to transport or sell illegal drugs or get involved in other criminal activity, most typically stealing from local shops.

As parents and carers it can be hard to imagine the possible situations that younger children can find themselves involved in. It is really important that children know the safe routes home, they have check-in times with you (for example you meeting them at the local park every 30 minutes) and also that any child who has a mobile phone, does not share their details with other children that are not known to you.

Having open and honest conversations with your child will help along with noticing any changes in behaviour. Also look carefully for any new or unexplained possessions (e.g. a different/new scooter), secretive behaviour or having new friends who are older who you have not met.

We all know children will often use 'pester power' to insist that they have longer outside with phrases just like "my friend is also out..." etc. Please do use your own judgement of what you know is right for your child.

There are some helpful sections to support parent on the NSPCC Website at https:// www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/

Oak Class—Farnborough Hill Trip

Year 4 have had a busy week of trips! On Tuesday they went to Farnborough Hill School for a STEM day. The children took part in a variety of activities such as slime making, acting, orienteering, baking and cupcake decorating. We also had fun eating in their cafeteria and rolling down the hill in their field after lunch!

"The year 9 girls who organised and led the activities were really generous, kind and encouraged us" - Hazel (Oak Class)

"I really enjoyed making cupcakes and the best part was we got to bring it home" - Ikra (Oak Class)











Elm & Oak Trip—Watts Gallery

Year 2 and Year 4 had a great time at the Watts Gallery on Thursday. They had a tour of the gallery and learnt about George and Mary Watts. Then they explored different sculptures, tiles and ceramics and spent time sketching the patterns. They also took part in printing workshops—Year 2 experienced making mono-printing gelli plates, while Year 4 produced styrofoam prints. They left their finished products at the gallery to dry but the staff from the gallery promised they would post them to us, so keep your eyes peeled for them coming home soon!















Edgeborough Schools Athletics Festival

Today Elm Class had a wonderful morning at Edgeborough School's athletics festival. They took part in different races and we had winners in the 400m, 75m and 50m race. Miss Guest, Mr Murphy and Miss Hives were really impressed by all the children and the way they supported each other—there may be some very croaky voices this weekend as there was a lot of shouting! They showed great resilience, team work and ambition to win. Well done Elm!

I enjoyed the two short races the most, I won the 50m and 75m race. I had fun running. I learnt that it is important to warm up and I need to practice running long distances. I enjoyed sitting on the field and having biscuits as our snack. It was nice to be at another school and race other children.

Anabel

I really enjoyed running this morning, I loved all of the races but my favourite race was the 50m. I won! I showed lots of resilience as I kept running without stopping. I also liked going to another school.

Luca-James



I liked doing the 200m race because I had to run for a long time and face the pressure to keep going. I liked the long race more than the short races because it is more fun to run long distance, my friends cheered for me and I won. I liked being at a different school and eating the snack. I am proud of myself and my class, we all did really well and showed people what we've got and we tried our best.

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Spotlight UK is a registered charity that provides subsidised and discounted activities for children and families across Hampshire and Berkshire. They have a large number of activities over the summer holidays open to all children and families. You can find the list of upcoming activities by visiting their website www.spotlightuk.org and clicking on the events calendar.

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Discounted Events Aldershot

Aldershot Lido
6th July - 10am
£6.50 adults and £4.50 children

Cinema - Despicable Me 4
6th August - 2pm - £3

Cinema - Inside Out 2
13th August - 2pm - £3

Cinema - Garfield Movie
20th August - 2pm - £3

Cinema - Little Monsters
27th August - 2pm - £3



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Discounted Events Farnborough

Half Price

High Score

10th August - 12:45pm - £5

The Meads, Unit 29, Farnborough GU14 7SL

360 Play

18th August - 6:30pm - 8:30pm - £3.50

The Meads, Farnborough GU14 7GL





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