



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 5th January 2024

Happy New Year!

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week. They have had a calm and happy start to the new term. We wish you all a wonderful 2024!

Nursery Application Deadline

If you or anyone you know is looking to apply for the Nursery for September 2024, please apply by **10th January 2024**. Please see [our website](#) for details.

Volunteer Information Meetings

Our next meetings will be on **Friday 12th January at 9:15 am** and **Tuesday 20th February at 2:30pm**. We would like every volunteer to attend one of the meetings if you have not already done so. If you are thinking about volunteering and want to know more, please feel free to come along, too. Please complete the [online form](#) to confirm your attendance.

SCC consultation on the provision of primary school places in Reigate

Further to our letter of 27th November, representatives from Surrey County Council will be visiting Holmesdale to discuss this with you and to answer questions in the school hall on **Friday 12th January 10:30-11:30 am**.

You can find out more about the consultation here:

www.surreycc.gov.uk/reigateprimaryschoolsprovision

Feeling Good Week

It is Children's Mental Health Week on 5th February and to highlight the importance of, and to celebrate, good mental health we will be having a 'Feeling Good' week in school. Last year some parents kindly offered to come in to school to help promote the importance of taking part in enjoyable activities, such as singing, dancing, drama, exercise (indoors or outdoors) and art and craft activities, to enhance our sense of well-being. The children loved taking part in these and it would be fantastic if we could offer similar opportunities again this year. If you have a passion or interest that you would like to share with the children, then please email the school office to let us know by Friday 19th January. It may be that you would like to run a short session / workshop or, perhaps, you would prefer to work with groups. If you were able to do multiple sessions so that a whole year group may be able to take part that would be wonderful.

Thank you for your support with this.

Pupil Premium

If you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are eligible to register for Pupil Premium, please complete [FSM Application Form](#) and return it to the school office by **Friday 12th January**.

More information is given in the [Handbook for Parents September 2023](#) (available on our website).
Eligibility criteria 1 – if either parent is in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400
- Income support

- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC. N.B. If you receive WORKING TAX CREDIT you do NOT qualify even if you receive child tax credit and your income is below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Eligibility criteria 2 – Application for other pupil premium

- If your child is a looked-after child (LAC) i.e. in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangements order or a residence order.
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces and designated as personal category 1 or 2 (PStat Cat 1 or 2), in the armed forces of another nation and stationed in England or in receipt of a child pension from the Ministry of Defence.

Eligibility criteria 3 – no recourse to public funds

If you are a family with no recourse to public funds and your immigration category is one of the following, please complete the [Application form for No Recourse to Public Funds](#)

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Article 8 of the ECHR

Section 4 of the Immigration & Asylum Act 1999

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BN(O) Passport holder

Spousal visa holder

Work visa holder

Student visa holder

Other

If your circumstances change during the course of the year and you become eligible for the above, please complete the form and send it to the school office at that time.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Musical Instruments - yoghurt pots

Next week we are making musical shakers using yoghurt pots / small pots as part of our topic on the senses. Please could you bring these in. If you have any other recycled materials, we would also welcome these. Please remember not to include anything that has contained nuts/sesame as we have children in school who are severely allergic to these.

Many thanks.

Declaration and Early Years Pupil Premium Form

You have all completed [Surrey County Council's Declaration and Early Years Pupil Premium Form](#) in the autumn term for your child to receive Funded Early Education for this academic year. Please remember, however, that you need to advise the school office immediately of any changes that occur during the academic year and complete a new form. Please return any new forms by **Friday 12th January**.

30 Hours Funding

If your child receives funding for 30 hours, please remember to reconfirm your eligibility every three months to continue claiming the extra hours. You should receive a prompt from the HMRC to remind you to do this. However, it is advisable to make a note of your renewal date yourself to make sure you don't miss the deadline and lose out on your funding.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

There are no Notices for Reception Parents this week.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Leeds Castle Trip

Next half term we will be learning about castles and, to support this, we have arranged for the children to visit Leeds Castle in Kent. A letter will be sent home nearer the time with full details of the day. We will spend the whole day at the castle, returning to school at 3pm; however, please be aware that this is traffic dependent. Leeds Castle and the surrounding grounds are beautiful, and the children will enjoy a guided tour and take part in a workshop. It is a wonderful learning opportunity which enhances the learning that has already taken place in school.

In order for the visit to be able to take place, we will require parent/carer volunteers to join us. Following good practice, a parent/carer will not have their own child in their group. If you would be willing to accompany the children on our visit to Leeds Castle, then please complete the [online form](#) by **Wednesday 17th January**. All volunteers will need to be DBS checked and have attended a Volunteer Information Meeting. The dates of the next meetings are Friday 12th January at 9:15 am and Tuesday 20th February at 2:30pm. (Please see **Volunteer Information Meetings** above.) Information to apply for a DBS will be provided to you.

Dates of visit:

Hedgehogs and Otters: 19th March

Owls and Dragonflies: 20th March

Thank you very much for your support with this.

Puppet making

We will be designing, making, sewing and evaluating puppets in D.T. and it would be very helpful to have one or two parent volunteers per class to support the children with this. All volunteers must be DBS checked. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help with this – it will be a lot of fun and a lot of needle threading! Hedgehogs and Otters will be spending the morning making puppets on Tuesday 23rd January and Dragonflies and Owls will be making puppets on Wednesday January 24th January. Thank you for your support with this.

NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

There are no Notices for Year Two Parents this week.