



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS Week Ending 2nd February 2024

Feeling Good Week

As you know we will be having a 'Dress to Express' day on Friday 9th February - your child may like to dress up in clothes that make them 'feel good'! The theme of the week is 'My Voice Matters', so they may even like to dress up as their favourite singer! Alternatively, they may be happiest in comfortable clothes. If you would like to make a donation to Place2be, a children's mental health charity, please [click here](#). Thank you!

World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, we would like to invite children (and parents or siblings) to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on **Thursday 7th March**. Please do not feel obliged to purchase any costumes, homemade versions are always original and admired! More information on activities that we will enjoy on the day will follow after half term.

We will be running a 'Book in a jar' challenge to celebrate World Book Day. Children are invited to think about how a favourite book could be represented in a simple jar. There are some examples below for you to have a look at. Any clear jar can be used, a coffee jar, jam jar or other. They can put carefully chosen items to represent their book into their jar, selected quotes from their book, perhaps even clues about its characters or setting.

If your child would like to take part, they should bring their jar to school the week beginning 4th March. Jars will be displayed in the corridor for all children to admire and guess which story they represent.

Please remember to label it with your child's name.



Lost Property

Please do check the lost property box outside the school office for any lost clothes and other items that are either unnamed or we are unable to read the name. We will hold these until close of school on **Friday 9th February** after which time we will donate to the PSA or recycle them.

Greensand Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for staff to join our fantastic lunchtime supervisor team at Holmesdale.

To view details of this vacancy and others within the Greensand MAT, please see the [eteach](#)

[website.](#)



Winter Safety Advice

Children and Family Health Surrey has launched a new webpage to provide winter safety advice to families including tips about road crossing and being seen in the dark, cycling, playing in the snow and keeping warm.

Please visit the [Children and Family Health Surrey website](#) to find out more.



Home Start Surrey

Surrey

Home Start Surrey are a consortium of 8 local Home-Starts who provide home visiting volunteers to families with at least one child under the age of 5 who are encountering challenging times. We want all children to have the best start in life and Home Start Surrey support parents in a variety of ways, both on a practical and emotional level for the ultimate benefit of the children. Home Start Surrey are looking for volunteers. Courses are run twice a year with new courses starting throughout Surrey in the Spring. Please see their [poster](#) or <https://homestartsurrey.org/being-a-volunteer/> where you can find out more information.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Nursery Enrichment Activities

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their child's enrichment activities this year. It is much appreciated. If you are in a position to contribute, we should be grateful to receive funds as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Please see [Nursery Enrichment Activities Letter](#) and the accompanying [Poster](#) for details.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Reception Enrichment Activities

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their child's enrichment activities this year. It is much appreciated. If you are in a position to contribute, we should be grateful to receive funds as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Please see [Reception Enrichment Activities Letter](#) and the accompanying [Poster](#) for details.

NHS Child Health Assessments - Reception Height, Weight and Vision Screening Consent

The Surrey School Nursing Team will be in school on Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March 2024 to carry out routine Health Assessments. Parents should complete the [online e-consent](#). If you do not wish to your child to take part, you will need to record this online too, otherwise they will still assess your child.

Maths Games

Games for Rabbits and Foxes will be available on Monday 5th February and can be swapped for a different one until Wednesday 21st February. Please return all games on Thursday 22nd February.

NumBots

I'm delighted to inform you about an online learning platform called NumBots that we're using to support your child's understanding of number bonds and to help their addition and subtraction

skills. These are the essential building blocks for higher-level maths concepts, so we are excited by the impact that NumBots will have on your child's learning.

Logging In

The children have been shown how to log in and have brought home a username label containing their unique login details. NumBots can be played on a browser (play.numbots.com) or via the app which is free to download on Amazon, Android and Apple devices. They may need help entering the details, but once they're in they will be able to play the game on their own.

Please ask your child's teacher if they are struggling to login.

Important: Please don't allow siblings, friends or family to answer for them, as the program progresses at the pace of each child. Do feel free to support your child if they're stuck and give them encouragement to keep trying, even if it takes a number of times to complete a level.

Little and often

In order to get the best out of NumBots, we recommend that children play regularly for short bursts at a time, aiming for 3 minutes, five times a week.

Game Types

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, representations and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions or comments.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Year 1 Enrichment Activities

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NOTICES FOR YEAR TWO PARENTS

Year 2 Enrichment Activities

Thank you to everyone who has paid for their child's enrichment activities this year. It is much appreciated. If you are in a position to contribute, we should be grateful to receive funds as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. Please see [Year 2 Enrichment Activities Letter](#) and the accompanying [Poster](#) for details.

Dip and Do

The children have really enjoyed sharing their dip and do home learning activities with their classes and we have all enjoyed seeing these and listening to the children speak about them. A new dip and do home learning based on this half term's topic of 'Healthy Living' will be sent home next Friday 9th February. Please could you support your child to complete at least 1 of these

activities and bring the folder back to school by Monday 4th March.

Falcons PE Days

After half term one of Falcons PE sessions will be changing from a Tuesday afternoon to a Monday afternoon.

PE sessions from after half term will be as follows:

Monday & Thursday

English

This week we have been learning how to write a persuasive leaflet about healthy living. Next week the children will be using what they know to write their own persuasive leaflet on a topic of their choice. Please could you spend a few minutes discussing this with your child so they have an idea of what they would like to write about and some of the key facts they might want to include as subheadings.

A few examples of topics might be: football, animals (wild, pet), cars, countries, space, a sport etc.