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Dear Parents and Carers

We were treated to a whistle stop tour of 6G's learning this morning with a humorous and entertaining assembly. The children shared their learning experiences of a variety of topics, including English, science and geography, all delivered in a 'game show' style. Sadly there was no money to be won however the children performed with great confidence and have clearly learnt a lot this term!

There were many ancient Egyptians at school on Thursday, as Year 3 experienced an Egyptian Workshop and dressed up superbly. Hopefully, there will be photographs and more information about what they have learnt in next week's newsletter.

This week, Year 1 have experienced what life would have been like at school during Victorian times, with the teachers dressing up and acting like Victorian teachers. Reception have also had their Fairytale Dress Up Day with a variety of different fairytale characters arriving at school!

Measles

UKHSA recently published a measles risk assessment which concluded that although the risk of a UK-wide measles epidemic is considered low, a measles outbreak of between 40,000 and 160,000 cases could occur in London, due to sub-optimal uptake of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine in the capital. Outside of London there is a high risk of cases linked to overseas travel leading to outbreaks in specific groups. There has been a [steady rise in measles cases this year](#).

If your child has not been vaccinated, I have included information posters in the body of the newsletter from the NHS: *Measles, Don't Let Your Child Catch It*.

Preventing Telephone Scammers

Buckinghamshire & Surrey Trading Standards is cracking down on telephone scammers this festive season by encouraging people with vulnerable family or friends in Surrey or Buckinghamshire to support them in applying for a FREE [trueCall device](#), to prevent telephone scammers and nuisance callers getting through.

Trading Standards helps to protect the vulnerable from telephone scammers year-round by providing these easy to plug in home devices. Once fitted, they enable all known contacts to dial straight through, with anyone else being screened on the various settings available. To check eligibility for a FREE device call 0300 123 2329.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

With kind regards,

Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher

Surrey County Council encourages residents to offer Supported Lodgings/ foster

Supported Lodgings, and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers' themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development. Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

You can watch 'Any of Us' via [Any of Us - YouTube](#) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via [@surreyfostering](#)"

Dates for your diary 2023-24

Autumn Term

November

Monday 20th 2pm— Tour for Prospective Reception Parents 2024

Friday 24th 9am—6G Class Assembly

December

Friday 1st 9am—5M Class Assembly

Monday 4th PTA—Mince Pie Monday

Tuesday 5th 9.30am Rock Steady Concert

Wednesday 6th Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 7th PTA—Christmas Secret Shop in school

Friday 8th PTA—Christmas Secret Shop in school

Friday 8th 9.00am Rock Steady Concert

Monday 11th PTA—Mince Pie Monday

Monday 11th 9.30am Dress rehearsal for KS1 Christmas Production

Monday 11th 2pm KS1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 12th 9.00am and 2pm KS1 Christmas Production

Wednesday 13th Christmas Carol Concert Years 3 & 4

Thursday 14th 9.30am Rock Steady Concert

Friday 15th 1.15pm End of Term

Dates for your diary 2023-24

Spring Term

January

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| Tuesday 2nd | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 3rd | First day of Spring Term |
| Wednesday 10th | Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am-10am) |
| Friday 26th | Creative Arts Day |
| February | |
| Friday 2nd | 9am—3M Class Assembly |
| Friday 9th | 9am—6J Class Assembly |
| 12th—16th | Half Term |
| Monday 19th | INSET Day |
| Wednesday 21st | Year 5 Trip |

March

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| Wednesday 6th | Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am-10am) |
| Thursday 7th | World Book Day |
| Friday 8th | 9am—1M Class Assembly |
| Friday 15th | 9am—3B Class Assembly |
| Tuesday 19th | 9.30am Rock Steady Spring Concert |
| Thursday 21st | 9.30am Rock Steady Spring Concert |
| Friday 22nd | Y4 & 5 Production Dress Rehearsal (KS1) 9.30am |
| Monday 25th | Y4 & 5 Production Dress Rehearsal (KS2) 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 27th | Y4 & 5 Production—adults only—6pm |
| Thursday 28th | End of Term—Finish 1.15pm |

April

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| Monday 15th | INSET Day |
| Tuesday 16th | First Day of Summer Term |



Star of the Week

Effort

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| Oak | Pipaliina | Edmund | Jake |
| Ash | Vinnie | Alexander | Felicity |
| 1B | Bertie | Amelia | Rafael |
| 1M | Joiah | Malakai | Hannah |
| 2M | Catrin | William | Matthew |
| 2T | Roslyn | Mohammad-Raees | Isla-Rose |
| 3B | Joshua | Zaki | Emeli & Steve |
| 3M | Abiya | Demi | Louis |
| 4T | Lydia | Ayush | Quinn |
| 4D | Pippa | Kaitlyn | Spencer |
| 5M | Rita | Mason | Ashley |
| 5B | Thomas A | Catalina | Annukka |
| 6J | Daniel | Thomas L | Charlotte |
| 6G | Hudhayfah | Yaseen | Ollie |

Congratulations to our Super Spellers this week: Abi L (4D), Jonathan (3M)



Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificate this week: Ghazal (6J), Soha (6J), Amelia (6J), Scarlett (5B), Catalina (5B), Lucy (5B), Tianna (5B), Caidence (5B), Freda (5B), Matthew (5B), Freddie (5B) Jack (4T), Skyla (1M), Zoe (4D), Dominik (4D), Mia (4D), Isla (4D), Zach (2T), Jack (1B), Theo (2M), Fin (2M), Rowan (2M), Isaac (2M), Harley (2M)



Reception



Last week, Reception had so much fun working together to complete different challenges as part of Team Building Day. The children worked together to make an obstacle course in the garden. We played some games, including passing an object using our elbows, passing a hoop around the circle without letting go of each other's hands, and the over, under game. The children demonstrated good cooperation and perseverance throughout.



During our Fairytale topic, we have shared some great stories including Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Three Little Pigs. This week, our story was Jack and the Beanstalk. We enjoyed planting our own beans and using our imagination to think about what we would like to find at the top of a magic beanstalk. Today, we had a fantastic day getting into character as part of our Fairytale Dress up day. We are looking forward to our drama workshop next week.



Year 2

We have been having a brilliant half term in In 2T. Everyone has been enjoying our topic of the Great Fire of London. Last week, Natasha from Surrey Fire and Rescue Service visited us. Natasha explained how the fire service has changed since 1666, we have learnt so many facts! She also taught us to remember 'Get Out, Stay Out, Call 999'. We listened to a story about a fire starting and then had a practise at calling 999.

Our second exciting visit was from Mrs White and Mr Savill at Forest School. They built a fire and we watched carefully, discussing all the things a fire needs. We then used our senses to feel, hear, see and smell. We took ourselves back in time to 1666 and imagined how it might have felt to be there during the great fire.



Year 4

Last Friday, which was Team Building Day, saw the Year 4 children attending a cricket workshop. It was an incredible way to end a day of, not only learning about working together, but also the fundamentals of cricket. The acquisition of some basic skills which teachers, and I am sure children, thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 6

Year 6 have had a very busy couple of weeks! Two weeks ago, we visited Marwell Zoo to link to our new Science focus, extreme survivors. We have been learning about how animals are adapted to their environment - and Marwell Zoo gave us a great opportunity to see some of those animals "up close and personal"!



Last Friday, we took part in Barnsbury's first Team Building Day! We focused on working together with others, especially people that we may not always work with. One of the trickiest challenges was the "Gift Wrap Challenge". We were set the task of wrapping a gift for the other class- the test being that the team had to have their hands tied together throughout the challenge! We had to use our communication and planning skills to be successful with the task. Some of Year 6's group wrapping skills were definitely better than Miss James's!



Barnsbury Morning Athletics Training

What a way to start the day!

A super dedicated group of children kitted up and ready to take on the turf each Tuesday and Thursday morning. It has been incredibly rewarding to watch their fitness increase over the months, and soon to compete against other schools in the wider Woking area.



MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to
www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.



INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.



REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.



UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.



A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.



CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.



Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.



Meet Our Expert

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Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE



Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS



If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS



Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS



Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL



It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS



Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS



A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD



Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE



Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

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CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

THIS CHRISTMAS The Lighthouse charity will be supporting hundreds of local children, families and individuals who will find things really tough. This includes refugees, those fleeing domestic violence, families who are homeless, and more.

CHRISTMAS KINDNESS provides toys, clothing, food parcels, cosy treats, parties and a Christmas Day meal.

PLEASE WATCH THE SHORT FILM
AND GET INVOLVED

www.the-lighthouse.info

Throughout the year, The Lighthouse supports thousands of local people through a wide range of services, including emergency food, clothing, debt support, wellbeing workshops, cooking classes and more.



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With Christmas just around the corner our full day courses are a great way for the kids to expend some energy ahead of the festive season! They also act as an ideal opportunity for parents to escape for some last-minute Christmas shopping! The session is aimed at all abilities and will cover a range of skills and small-sided games aimed at developing skills and maximising enjoyment!

George Abbot School - Guildford
10am - 3pm

| Date | Year Groups |
|-------------------------|----------------|
| Saturday 16th December | Years 4, 5 & 6 |
| Wednesday 20th December | Years 7, 8 & 9 |
| Thursday 21st December | Years 4, 5 & 6 |



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