



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Dedicated to fostering an inclusive culture that respects, values and celebrates the contributions of all our children.



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It has been a challenging week for many families due to the impact of the flooding in the local area and the knock on effect of road closures and traffic. We appreciate your efforts to get the children to school and trying to keep some sense of normality for them. If anyone is struggling and needs support, please let us know and we'll do our best to help.

Fortunately the week has remained dry but it has been very cold. We are seeing children come to school without a coat so please ensure your child does have one with them every day.

Plea for Resources

We need to build up our resource bank for our lunchtime quiet area. Any donations of paper, pens/pencils, chinks, colouring books and board games would be very welcome and can be dropped at the gates in the morning. Thank you in advance.

Panto

A reminder that on Wednesday 17th January, the children will be watching the performance of Beauty & the Beast. For this show, we are asking for donations from all families of £3.00 per child. Whilst this is a voluntary contribution, we may not be able to go ahead without donations. Please make payment on Scopay today. Thank you in advance for your support.

Values Awards

The Autumn II names were selected this week for their reward for showing kindness and respect and receiving a proud slip in the class jar – well done to: Vinnie, Nina, Matthew, George R, Luke, Leila-Hope, Isla, Niamh, John-Dean, Hayden, Lamaar, Aria, Gabbi & George L

Food Growing Project

Saxon are working with the charity Talking Tree and Spelthorne Council to

develop the space behind the garage into an allotment. More info will come out soon but we are going to need volunteers to support this project. If you're interested, please let Mrs Vale know.

Year 1 Stay and Play Sessions

The Year 1 Stay, Play and Learn sessions will be commencing week beginning 22nd January. The sessions will be an hour long (9am-10am). The first 30 minutes of the session will be in class, with your child, as usual. This will be followed by a 30 minute workshop on how to support your child with their phonics and reading. Information about the Phonics Screening Check taking place in the Summer Term will also be shared. To book a place, please click on the link: <https://buytickets.at/saxonprimaryschool/1075589>

We have space for 1 adult per child, with 6 spaces per day.

KS2 Times Table Rockstars Battle Update

The KS2 classes have got off to a great start with over 63% of the KS2 children already taking part. There's still plenty of time for everyone to join in. The battle continues over the weekend from 7am until 7pm each day, until Thursday 25th January. There will be green points and certificates for children in all classes. The scores at 7pm last night were as follows:

- 6R 42 050
- 6L 38 766
- 4P 14 542
- 5P 10 859
- 4K 10 280
- 5A 6 799
- 3W 4 645
- 3C 4 580

KEY DATES

January

- Weds 17th Panto for all children
- w/b 22nd 9:00-10am Year 1 Stay, Play and Learn Sessions
- Fri 26th Year 3 Sleepover
- w/b 29th Maths Week Y4 TTRS
- Weds 31st 2:30pm Open Classrooms for Maths Week – details to follow

February

- w/b 5th 9:00-9:30am Reception Stay, Play & Learn Sessions
- Tues 6th Safer Internet Day
- Fri 9th 3:15/20 End of Spring I
- 12th – 16th Half Term
- Mon 19th Children return to school
- Tues 20th 4:00-7:00pm Progress Meetings
- Weds 21st 3:40-6:30pm Progress Meetings
- Thurs 22nd Thinking Day – children to wear Brownies/Cubs uniforms etc.

March

- Fri 8th World Book Day

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677>

Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting

Are looking to appoint enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistants/1:1 Teaching Assistants with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1394790>

Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting

Are looking to appoint an enthusiastic person to join the team in our extremely popular Breakfast Club

<https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1394819>

Our school app

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the iOS App Store or Android Google Play. Just search for 'School News', look for the dark blue logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website including our website school calendar, a quick contact tab as well as handy extras to connect you to key school information and online forms. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. Make sure you install it today!



Please visit this link for full instructions on how to install the app on your device:

<https://www.saxonprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Our+News+%26amp%3B+Events+App&pid=143>

Oracy Question of the Week

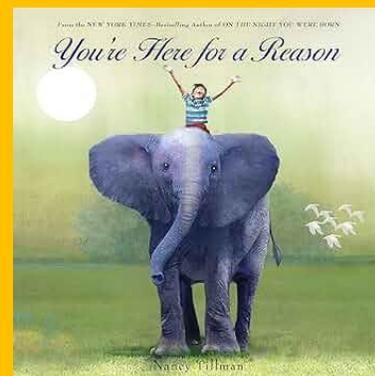
If you were granted 3 wishes, what would you wish for?

Reading

This week's recommendation is from Miss Brown and is called 'You're Here for a Reason' by Nancy Tillman.

You're here for a reason. If you think you're not I would just say that perhaps you forgot...a piece of the world that is precious and dear would surely be missing if you weren't here. If not for your smile and your laugh and your heart this place we call home would be minus a part. Thank goodness you're here! Thank goodness times two! I just can't imagine a world without you. Not only are we loved, but we also matter.

Nancy Tillman takes a universal truth and makes it accessible for readers young and old, as children and animals interact with acts of kindness.



YMCA East Surrey's Community Well-Being Team – Free Online Workshops

YMCA are offering the following online courses for free:

Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ymcaeasturreycommunitywellbeingteam/1092987>

Understanding, expressing and managing emotions -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ymcaeasturreycommunitywellbeingteam/1093552>

Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary school -

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/ymcaeasturreycommunitywellbeingteam/1093557>

For more information or to book a place, click the links or see the poster below.

The UK Health Security Agency has released more information about keeping children healthy this winter and in school. Please follow this link to read the article:

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/03/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-year/>

Spethorne Prayer Group Message

A very Happy New Year to you all.

We hope that you and your families had a great time celebrating Christmas, and that this New Year is a peaceful, hopeful and fulfilling one.

We have our first meeting of the New Year this Friday 12th January and will be praying for you, your children and their teachers, and all those connected with the school.

If you would like more information about the group - and maybe wish to share something for prayer or something you simply want to give thanks for - we'd love to hear from you.

Please be assured that anything shared is treated in the strictest confidence.

Golden Learning Celebration

Well done to all our Learners of the Week!

KS1

<i>RB</i>	<i>Annie & Eva</i>
<i>RGM</i>	<i>Jasmine & Elliot</i>
<i>1JK</i>	<i>Evie & Oliver</i>
<i>1K</i>	<i>Athena & Freya T</i>
<i>2B</i>	<i>Sienna & Isaac</i>
<i>2DM</i>	<i>Jasmine & Ethan</i>

KS2

<i>3C</i>	<i>Josie & Jasmine</i>
<i>3W</i>	<i>Jake & Harvey</i>
<i>4K</i>	<i>Jacob & Ronan</i>
<i>4P</i>	<i>Eddie & Harry C</i>
<i>5A</i>	<i>George & Ellie</i>
<i>5P</i>	<i>Sofia & Janna</i>
<i>6L</i>	<i>Albert & Chloé</i>
<i>6R</i>	<i>Jessica P & Halil</i>



Stay on Green

Consistently demonstrating green behaviour choices throughout the entire week and therefore receiving a golden leaf this week were: Tavia, Jude & Sanuki (RGM); George, Jenson & Maria (1JK); Ethan, Rami & Lola (2DM); Kevv (3C); Hayden (4P) and Freja & Oliver (6R) very well done to all of these children!

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend,

Miss Morris
Headteacher

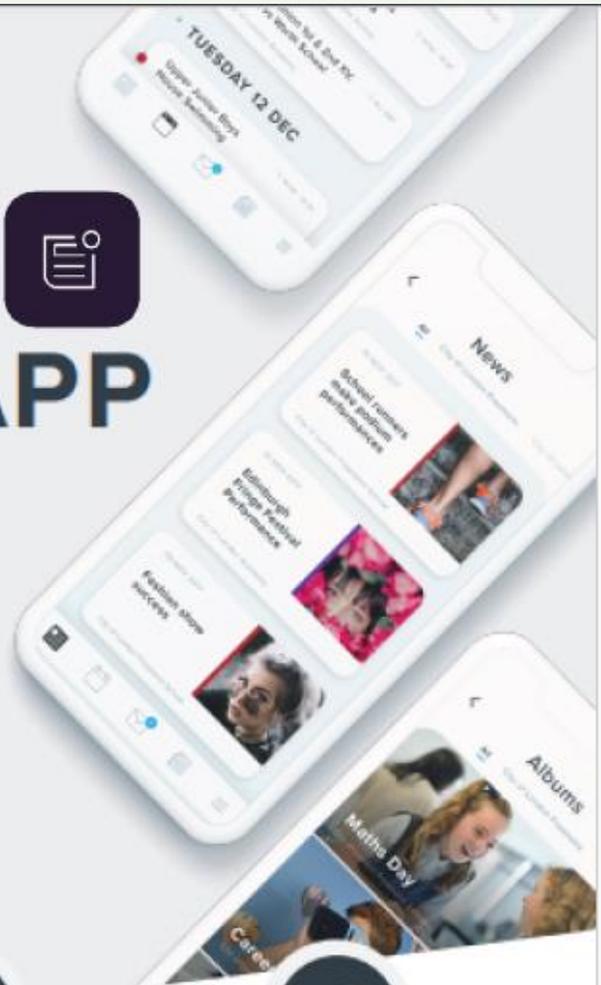
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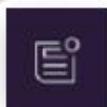
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YMCA East Surrey Workshops



YMCA EAST SURREY

Community Wellbeing Team Parent/Carer Workshops

Proud to be part of
Mindworks Surrey
The children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health service

YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team invites you to attend our free online workshops for parents/carers:

- ▶ Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries
- ▶ Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

These workshops are suitable for parents/carers with children aged 8+. Our Community Wellbeing team will provide you with information and key strategies to support your child. There will also be time for you to ask any questions that you have via the online chat function.

For dates and times and to book your place, please visit our website:
www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/parent-workshops/

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Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

- Wednesday 14 February 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 17 April 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 12 June 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 18 September 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 13 November 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Talking to your child and supporting them to cope with worries

Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

- Wednesday 17 January 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 13 March 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 15 May 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 17 July 2024 | 18:30-19:30
- Wednesday 16 October 2024 | 18:30-19:30

Book your free place for Understanding, expressing and managing emotions

If you have any questions about these events, please email us at communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Supporting your child with the transition from Primary to Secondary School



YMCA EAST SURREY

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Join YMCA East Surrey's Community Wellbeing Team for these informative and supportive online workshops about the transition from Primary to Secondary school and how you can support your child. There will be an opportunity for discussion and questions. These workshops are suitable for parents and carers with children in school Years 5-7.

- ▶ Wednesday 1 May 2024 | 18:30 - 19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 5 June 2024 | 18:30 - 19:30
- ▶ Wednesday 3 July 2024 | 18:30 - 19:30

Register your place at:
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If you have any questions about these events, please email us at communitywellbeingteam@ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk

Runnymede Children's Centre

What's on Shepperton Hub January
The Greeno Centre, Glebelands
Gardens, Shepperton ,TW17 9DH



Carer Support Adviser is: Barbara Bowden



Support Groups

Parent Carers— Wednesday 17th Jan 10.30am—12 noon
Plus Family Information Services will be joining us.
A safe place to share how you feel as a Carer
Come along & meet people in the same situation



Carer Events

Family Information Services will be staying after support group offering 1-2-1 sessions at the Hub on Wednesday 17th January, 12.30pm—2pm
Please pre-book your slot (20 mins)

You'll find more details of these events on our website, and you can register your interest in the event/s there.

You can also call to register on 0303 040 1234 option 1; or simply email us at CSAdmin@actionforcarers.org.uk



Runnymede Family Centre have invited Action for Carers to join them on the morning of Tuesday 16th January 2024 10am—12 noon. With information on the service provided for unpaid Carers in Surrey, what support Parent Carers can access including benefit entitlement, other services & support groups. Come along & find out what support is available to you.

Runnymede Family Centre
Church Road, Addlestone, KT15 1SH

☎ call 0303 040 1234,
✉ email CSAdmin@actionforcarers.org.uk



**RECRUITING
NOW**



'Attending the preparation course helped me to understand I can really make a difference to another family's life.'

Nicola (April 2023)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you a parent or a grand-parent with some time to spare?
Would you like to help young families?

Home-Start Spelthorne is a local charity which supports parents from all backgrounds and cultures, who are going through challenging times. Our Home Visiting Volunteers have parenting experience and visit families weekly to offer emotional and practical support. This parent to parent support is a simple yet effective way of giving hope and enabling families to get back on track.

Find out more!

www.facebook.com/homestartspelthorne

home-startspelthorne.org/home-visiting-volunteers



Could you spare 2-3 hours per week to become a
Home-Visiting Volunteer?

Full training is provided. We are recruiting for our next
Volunteer Preparation Courses, which will take place in Staines
on Tuesdays 9:30am-2:30pm, for 6 weeks.

Start Date: Tuesday 30th January 2024.

Our training is designed by family practitioners and experts in the
industry and covers essential information including:

- The role of a Home-Start volunteer
- Values, attitudes and inclusivity
- Confidentiality / Safeguarding
- Listening and communication



"My volunteer and I had lots of laughs, tears, discussions about everything and I am now loving being a mum, and also a stronger confident person."

Contact us today!

info@home-startspelthorne.org

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