Dear Parents

We all enjoyed the entertaining assembly performed by Year 1 children in Saturn last Friday. The topic ‘All Creatures Great and Small’ is proving to be a very popular one and the children in Saturn told us about their visit to the Education Centre at Chessington Zoo as well as providing some interesting information about categorising animals according to appearance and habitat. The children then performed the poem ‘Jim’ which is a cautionary tale by Hilaire Belloc and we all enjoyed the humour and fun that this lively poem generated. Well done Saturn and thank you very much Mrs Russell and Mrs Meredith-Bennett for this super assembly. Our School Council, chaired by Zahra Khawaja has now been fully elected and joining Mia P and Isla T will be Amelie C, Lily T, Jago G and Louis G. These children were voted in by their class mates who believed that they will work hard and make a difference. The Council’s first job is to raise awareness for our new charity MERU. This is an Epsom based charity that transforms lives with their custom built wheelchairs. The School Council will visit their workshop on 18th October.

We were all excited on Thursday when Mrs Serrano introduced the weekly Library Raffle. Each week our experienced Librarian will select exciting books for the raffle and plucked out of our giant Cat in the Hat, hat by our Year 2 Librarians will be the names of the lucky recipients who will have an extra book to enjoy for a week. I was surprised to see a significant number of Year 1 and Year 2 children with no fleece in school. These Autumn mornings are chilly. Please ensure your child has a named fleece in school every day.

On Thursday we also learnt about Rosh Hashana the Jewish New Year Festival and we thank Mrs Gordon for her wonderful interactive presentation. This week’s Lunchtime Superstar is Raphael I for such a magnificent improvement in enjoying your lunches and for delighting the Team. Well done Rafael.

Many congratulations to Donaldson who have earned the most Housepoints this week. Donaldson House are at the top of the leader board now with a terrific total of 544 Housepoints.

Annie Thackray, Headteacher

This week’s Merit Awards

Philosopher of the Week
Dara O

Thought for the Week
How important is it to go to school?
Nursery and Pre-Reception News

It is nearly time for our Harvest Festival and the Nursery has been alive with singing and dancing. Our songs as always are catchy and memorable and we have all enjoyed moving to the funky beats! We have also been practising writing shopping lists and drawing all kinds of fruit and vegetables. Come and look in the Nursery to see our handy work. Miss Kate Rendall has been talking to the children about what Harvest means, I wonder if they can remember when you ask them?

We have some sad news; Humpty Dumpty fell down on Mary Mary’s gate and broke it. The children have been hard at work with Mrs Dye in the role play area, making a new gate for her. Check out the finished product below which is proudly displayed in the Nursery.

Try not to overdress your little ones. It is very warm in the Nursery and we will wrap up well when we go outside. (No long sleeve vests please, thank you.)

Reception News

This week we found some magic beans left by Jack (from Jack and the beanstalk). We had great fun learning about and creating some repeating patterns. We even tasted some of them at the end of the day. Yummy!!!

We have made and grown ‘Cress Heads’. It has been exciting watching the cress grow. We needed to make sure they were well watered and had sunlight. We have recorded what we have seen in a special book.

The Foundation Team

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 11th October 8.30am – Parent Forum in the school hall.

Wednesday 12th October 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45 pm - Second Hand Uniform Sales in the Outdoor Classroom.

Friday 14th October 10.30am Harvest Festival at St Martin’s Church, Epsom (Creche available at school from 10.15 am - no pre-school children will be admitted to the service).

This week’s Happiness Hamsters

This award is for children who bring great happiness to others and we have been delighted with the displays of kindness and warmth extended to others by our delightful young pupils: Morgan W, James W, Caiden G and Nathan J.

Thank you all for sending in your charitable contributions for Jeans for Genes Day. We raised £196!

Please remember that the winter uniform for all boys includes their smart tie with a long sleeved shirt and long grey winter socks with a blue and yellow stripe at the top. Please ensure that all boys are ready with their uniform for our wonderful Harvest Festival. Thank you.

Nursery and Pre-Reception News

Our Nursery Rhyme this week is 'One, Two Buckle My Shoe'. The children have been collecting sticks to make a collage of the rhyme as well as using them to sing.

Thank you for coming to our information evening on Wednesday and I hope you found it useful. Remember to always come and talk to us if you have any questions.

REMINDER - Waterproof coat trousers in school every day please.

Reception News

The big news this week is the trip to Painshill Park. The coach set off with very excited children on board. The weather has been good so a lovely day has been had by all.

Lots of pictures to follow next week.

We have been busy in the Green Room this week where we have been printing with lots of different things, including welly boots and cookie cutters.

We are busy learning our song for the Harvest Festival which is all about how people say 'hello' all over the world.

We still loving playing with all the animals. Guess who is under the hat?

This week we have been looking at 2D shapes and their properties. We went on a hunt around the school and spotted many different shapes in some peculiar places. The most popular shape we found was a rectangle and the hardest shape to spot was a pentagon.

The Foundation Team

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Wednesday 28th September 2.30pm – Reading Meeting for Reception parents in Mars Class

Friday 30th September 9am – Saturn Class Assembly
All Parents welcome. Refreshments will be served under the porch from 8.30am.

TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER – 8.35am PARENT FORUM IN THE SCHOOL HALL. PLEASE SUBMIT ANY WORRIES OR CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE TO GOVERNOR MR NIGEL FIELD AT nfield@winkworth.co.uk BY 30TH SEPTEMBER

ADVANCED NOTICE – PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES ON
Wednesday 12th October 11.45am – 12.15pm and 2.45 – 3.45 pm
In the Outdoor Classroom

Mathletics: Congratulations to Rory Parley, Freya Park, Henry Morton, Iman Oozeerally and Mia Preuveneers for gaining their Bronze Awards. Special congratulations to Zac Preuveneers on achieving his Gold Award.

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Please remember that you can now follow us on Twitter at StChrisEpsom for information and weekly highlights