



Welcome back – we hope you've had a lovely Christmas break. It's been a relatively quiet week in school, with no sports competitions or major events to report on. Next week we will be hosting our local general knowledge Quiz Club heat on Wednesday, and our footballers are competing in cup semi-final on Tuesday after school (at Smitham).

Royal Institute Science Show Invitation Wed 22nd January 5.30pm



As a prize for our Science club's amazing win at the Big Bang Science fair last year, we have been offered the opportunity to host a Royal Institute Science Show on Wednesday 22nd January.

A community show in the evening for friends and family is a great opportunity to engage parents in their children's science education. We know that support for science in the home is a strong factor in children continuing with science in the later stages of school. The show starts at 5.30pm and will follow a series of workshops for children to participate in during the school day.

This is an event for both parents and children!



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Reception Application Deadline

A final reminder that 15th January is the deadline for both the online application form and the supplementary form that needs to be handed in to school. This is for parents of all children who have turned or will turn 4 between September 2019 and August 2020.

Key Dates for this half-term

6th Jan	Children return to school
10th Jan	Beetle Drive Y 2-6 (3.30-4.30pm)
17th Jan	Class reps meeting (2.30pm)
22nd Jan	Royal Institute Science workshop for parents 5.30 – 6.30pm *
6th Feb	Yr 2/3 production for Yr 2 parents 9.45am
6th Feb	Croydon KS2 swimming Gala @ Purley (am)
6th Feb	Yr 5 to Young Voices concert @ O2
7th Feb	Yr 2/3 production for Yr 3 parents 9.45am
12th Feb	Yr 5 trip to Bough Beech
13th Feb	School RE topic Day
13th Feb	School finish 3.25pm – Half Term begins
14 th Feb	Half term – Staff Inset Day

Beetle Drive

The school council are running a Beetle Drive this Friday 10th January after school to raise money for outdoor play boxes. Beetle Drive is a British party game in which one draws a beetle in parts according to numbers rolled on a die. This event will be open to children in Years 2-6 and will take place after school from 3:30pm till 4:30pm.



St Mary: Eoin Doohan
St. Francis: Roman Nembhard
St. Joseph: Rafaele Costa
St. Bernadette: Ifunanya Igbokure
St. Theresa: Sophie Ismael
St. Peter: Sheba Kogoro
St Paul: Vivian Fakeye



St Mary: Lucia Nash
St. Francis: Zoe Matthew
St. Joseph: Max Stokoe
St. Bernadette: Ethan Kelly
St. Theresa: Sofia Laverty
St Peter: Robyn McIntosh
St Paul: Alessandro Robustella

Parking

Sadly, there are still lots of issues regarding parking at drop-off and pick-up times. The two biggest issues are parents dropping off on the zig-zag lines outside the school and also parents parking in a haphazard way on the corner of Portnalls Rd and Sherwood Rd. It is only a matter of time before this causes serious injury, or worse, to a child. Please avoid parking in this way so that we can keep your children safe when coming to and leaving the school.

Late collection of children

There is now a sign-out book in the office for parents who pick their children up late. Children whose parents are significantly late being collected (after 3.35pm) will be sent to the after school club where there will be a minimum charge of £5.50 applied for use of this service.

'Sorry' to Goldilocks

Our reception class have been busy in class writing letters in character as Goldilocks, saying sorry for sleeping in their beds, sitting in their chairs and eating their porridge.



New Starters

A really big welcome to our four new starters (and their families) this week. Ifunaya has joined our Year 3 class and we have also had three new girls join our Year 1 class: Julia, Zoe and Olivia. The children have been working hard all week to make them feel welcome.



Achievement

Some very different awards this week which included: indoor skydiving, cheerleading and rugby. Well done, it's great to see our children are so active and try such a variety of activities.



Knowledge Organisers

In addition to the topic letters which will be going home today, you will also receive a copy of our new termly 'Knowledge Organisers' We have introduced these so that the children (and by extension, you) have a 'one-stop-shop' for key information related to the topic that they are focusing on this term. Please take some time to take a look with your child – you may even identify some extra-curricular learning or a family trip that you could do with your child to further explore their topic for the term.

