



The Infant Informative



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Happy Holi to all of our families. Holi is celebrated between 17th March and 18th March. Holi is a Hindu festival that celebrates spring, love, and new life. Some families hold religious ceremonies, but for many Holi is more a time for fun. It's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water. Holi is also known as the "festival of colours". This week the children attended a science week assembly with our science lead Ms Berry. They spoke about what makes a scientist and why science and discovery is so important. The children were able to talk about fair testing, experimenting, asking questions and seeking the answers in an accurate way. Mrs Carmichael led today's Red Nose Day assembly. It was great to see children coming in with a red item of clothing or accessory along with their donation. We hope to have more days like this in the future. Our third assembly this week was about The Pantosaurus - we have added a tab about him on our website. Your children's safety at school is always our highest priority. The Pantosaurus is a simple way of learning 5 golden rules for making sure children know

and understand how to keep their 'privates private'. I was so impressed at how many children have already remembered these five rules. I overheard children in the playground teaching each other. Please continue to have these really important conversations at home. A link to the page on the website is here: <https://www.crawleyridge.co.uk/page/?title=NSPCC+Pantosaurus&pid=249>

May I remind parents of our school uniform policy which can also be found on our website. I have noticed an increase in trainers on normal school days. There are also a number of children coming into school with items like small toys, teddies and bracelets. Please do not let your child bring these items into school as they may get lost or damaged - they can also be distracting. Finally, a big thank you to one of our TAMAT schools that was able to donate 15 laptops to us. This has meant the money raised via the PTA for laptops can now be put towards our next venture - a renewed library/learning hub.

Have a great weekend!
Mr O'Shea



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EXCITING PTA EVENTS CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 4. BUNNY RACE - SATURDAY 2ND APRIL!



COVID case updates will now be via newsletters

DIARY DATES

Breck Foundation Parents virtual internet safety workshop 30/03
Photographer in school 30/03
Easter Bunny Race 02/04

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'What did you do today?'
'Nothing'

That's not true, take a look at this!

PICTURES FROM JUST ONE WEEK



Reception: Following on from Jack and the Beanstalk last week and linked in to British Science Week, Reception have been listening to the story of Jasper's Beanstalk. The children have been recalling and ordering the days of the week and planted their very own beanstalk. They will be watching them grow just like the character Jasper and imagined what they would like to find at the top of their beanstalk. They have learnt what plants need to grow and just loved learning and singing the song of Jasper's Beanstalk. In phonics, the children have been learning the sounds 'oa' and 'igh'. They have been learning to write and sort numbers 9 and 10 and recalling pairs of numbers that make 10.

In year 1 this week the children have focused on the traditional tale of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. They did lots of rehearsing of speech by being the troll and the goats. This then helped them to retell the story. In maths we have been using rulers to measure the length and height of objects. The children loved going into the woodland again this week to carry out a Science week activity building nests for Gentoo Penguins. In History they learnt about a famous person called Alexander Graham-Bell who invented the first telephone.

Year 2 have been learning about addition and subtraction in their maths lessons. Their teachers have been so impressed with their use of different methods and their problem solving skills. They have enjoyed British Science Week and have had the opportunity to complete an investigation with our STEM ambassador. In English we have continued with our dragon theme and have written instructions on how to catch a dragon. All the children planned and created their own dragon, some lived in the Arctic a blew snow others in the jungle complete with camouflage. We have continued to make our masks and look forward to decorating them next week.

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helpful info...

Talking to Children and Young People about War and Conflict - The British Psychological Society

Professor Hill advises:

- Give them the basics and don't avoid the conversation – Listen to their worries and provide honest answers to their questions about what is going on, don't overcomplicate your responses and try to give details at an age-appropriate level. Don't avoid answering their questions about the situation as this could promote more anxiety, but keep to basic facts.
- Ensure they feel supported and safe – It's important to help children understand the level of threat to them and their friends and family. Explain this is happening in Ukraine, a different country and show this if necessary using a globe or map.
- Manage your own feelings - Try to deal with your own feelings of stress and distress in a way that it is managed as your children will be sensitive to your reactions.
- Explain to your children that bad things can happen in the world but there is always some way we can help - Plan together how you might deal with this situation through fundraising or other actions to support the Ukrainian community.
- Avoid exposure to a constant stream of news – Be mindful of whether you have the radio or TV on all day, as children will be absorbing news without us realising it. Try to build in 'breaks' from the news, for example, if you are picking up your children from school, turn off the radio or make sure it isn't on a news station to provide a break from the constant exposure to worrying rolling news cycles.
- Watch where they are getting their news – We know that fake news is an issue, particularly on social media sites so be mindful of what your children are absorbing and where they are getting it. Ensure they understand that not everything they see on social media sites is true, and they know what reliable sources of news they can access.
- Seek advice and support if you are concerned about your child – School staff and educational psychologists can offer specific advice and support if you feel that your child is becoming overly anxious and distressed. Providing support and reassurance and diverting their thoughts through engagement in pleasurable activities can help.

notices...

Absence

If your child is absent due to illness or other unforeseen circumstances, we appreciate a telephone call on the first morning of absence before 9.15 am.



Punctuality

Too many children are arriving to school after registration time. Registers close at 08:45 am. Children who enter the classroom after this time are late. We are monitoring late marks and will be contacting parents of children who are frequently late.

Attendance

Attendance at school is falling. All children must attend school unless unwell. We are monitoring all children and will call parents in for meetings if their child's attendance is below our expectations. Please report all absences to the school office.

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reminders...

PTA

15 days to go
until the
Easter Bunny
race!

Thank you for supporting the Nearly New Uniform sale today.

Don't forget to book your tickets for the Rabbit Racing on Saturday 2nd April. We're working hard behind the scenes to make this a wonderful event for the whole family.

While you're booking your tickets, please volunteer to man a stall. It would only be for 30-40 minutes and your child(ren) can stay with you at the stall too. Your volunteer slot is only for a short time so you'll have plenty of time to enjoy the afternoon.

Being honest, if we don't have enough volunteers, we can't run the event at all.

So book your tickets and volunteer here:

[CLICK HERE](#)

Pop-Up Café!

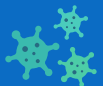
Put a spring in your step

*Come & enjoy a
free coffee & cake*

All welcome
Wednesdays 8.30 - 10am
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th March
St Paul's Church, Crawley Ridge



Parking is becoming a major issue. Erratic and dangerous driving will one day end up with one of our children seriously injured or killed. This is not an exaggeration. This is inevitable if a handful of parents continue to put themselves first and completely ignore the safety of our community. Parents found to be driving dangerously will be reported to the police.



NHS
UK

Your child should not come into school if they have any of the following symptoms, or feel unwell:



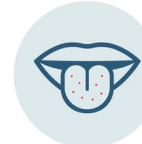
HIGH
TEMPERATURE



NEW
PERSISTENT
COUGH



LOSS OF
SMELL



LOSS OF
TASTE

NEW Cases 14th - 18th

R = 3
Yr 1 = 8
Yr 2 = 1
Other: 1

Total = 13

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We have learnt these BSL signs



HELLO



GOOD



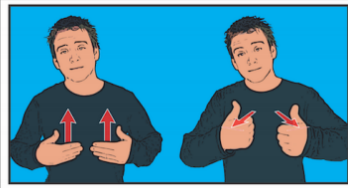
MORNING



AFTERNOON



NIGHT



HOW ARE YOU?



THANKS/PLEASE



SORRY



GOODBYE



bear



bird



butterfly



cat



chicken



cow



deer



dog



duck



elephant



fish



horse



lion



monkey



pig

pink



orange



red



yellow



brown



green



blue



purple

