



The Infant Informative



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A huge welcome back to all of our children, families and staff. I really hope you had the most fantastic break. I know I did!

This week we've got off to a great start, taking our learning outside into the lovely weather as much as possible. On really hot days, please make sure your child has a water bottle, sun hat and apply sun cream in the morning before school. Staff cannot apply cream in school. We have many plans in the pipeline for fun events in school - to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, to get parents into classrooms and sharing our learning in different ways. All information including dates will be sent to you via ParentMail.

Thank you to parents for arriving promptly at school at our published time of 08:35, I have also been impressed with how quickly children are being picked up - the school site is clear in good time for our clubs to start. We have clubs every day at school so this is important. Information about our clubs can be found

on this newsletter.

Another huge thank you to our PTA for the Easter event that took place after we broke up. What a day! So many smiling faces on both children and adults. It was just great to have such a fun-filled atmosphere back into the school.

Today and on Monday I am on training about neglect. Spotting the signs and then supporting families to improve the lives of our children and their families. Please remember, if you need to talk to someone because you're struggling at home, require support or advice - we are here.

Finally, it is great to see children in their summer uniform. Reminder, children can wear any lemon coloured school dress with stripes, check or gingham. Have a lovely weekend, we will see you all on Monday for a full week of learning through play, having fun and making memories.

Mr O'Shea



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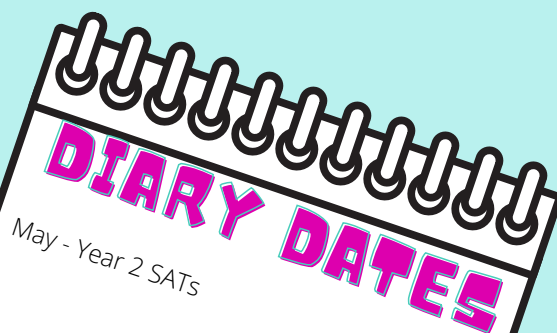


...to Ms Boyes who will be supporting our year 2 children in class. We are very happy to have you join the team!

We also welcome back Ms Dahrouch (midday supervisor), who returns from maternity leave.



Please click the icon to the left and familiarise yourself with the rules we follow at school to keep our privates private!



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'What did you do today?'
'Nothing'

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



To help celebrate Earth Day, this week children in Reception have been learning about our planet and enjoyed listening to the story of 'Here We Are' by Oliver Jeffers. The children shared lots of great ideas of how we can all look after the environment. They helped to keep our school grounds tidy by litter picking and enjoyed a 'paper free' afternoon to reduce the use of paper. The children just loved using chalk and whiteboards as an alternative and playing with some new equipment outside. In maths, the children have been exploring the properties of 3D shape. They have learnt to name some of these shapes and used the vocabulary round, tall, pointy, flat and corners. In phonics, the children have reviewed their phase 3 sounds within reading and writing.

Year 1 have come back well this week and have been ready to listen and learn. They wrote about their Easter holidays and instructions for planting seeds in preparation of planting seeds in Science next week. They have practised lots of blending with words containing consonant blends such as strong, scrap, spring etc and are doing well with trying to use their robot arms and blending hands to help them sound out and write these words too. In maths we have looked at odd and even numbers and recapped counting in 2s. The children loved the first lesson of our new PE topic of invasion games where they learnt how to control a ball with their feet and what the role of an 'attacker' and 'defender' is.

It was great to see the children back in school this week, ready to learn. Although there has sometimes been a chill in the air, Year 2 have been making use of our outdoor spaces this week. A walk in our woodlands inspired some super descriptive writing, and as part of our exploration of plant life in Science, the children set up their experiments to find out if plants might grow in unexpected conditions. We looked at varying the usual criteria for growing plants and we can't wait to find out if our seeds will thrive in Coca-Cola instead of water or in the fridge instead of at room temperature! In Geography, the children explored map symbols, and we hope that this will provide some useful skills for any adventures they may have in the summer months! In Maths, we have been learning to tell the time on the hour and on the half hour. We use analogue clocks in school and we are happy for children to wear an analogue watch in school. However, these should be discreet, and should not be a distraction to learning, in which case we will ask the children to put their watch safely in their book bag.

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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.

Please be more detailed when describing your child's absence - don't use phrases such as 'ill' or 'feeling unwell' - as we must record accurate details of any illness.

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.

Punctuality



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...

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Rabbit Racing event at the end of last term. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon and had lots of fun. Thanks to your participation we made over £1,000! The money will go towards refurbishing the library into a space for all the children. We have our next PTA Meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 8pm on Zoom. These meetings are open to everyone, and are a good way to find out what's happening this term.

Here's the info to join:

Topic: PTA Meeting

Time: Apr 27, 2022 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85740469017>

PTA



PTA AGM

The PTA will be holding its AGM on Thursday 12th May at 8pm. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a yearly meeting for all members of the association, where elections take place and the year's events are reported on. We're not planning for it to be a long meeting, and we would love you to join us. If you would like to join the PTA, this is the meeting where we do it. So do let your class rep know if you'd like to be involved. We're a friendly bunch and are always keen for people to join. You don't need any particular expertise. Just your time and enthusiasm are enough.

Here are the call details for the AGM

Topic: PTA AGM

Time: May 12, 2022 08:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87158913635>

Clubs

Boogie Pumps Drama club takes place on Thursdays and is open to children in all year groups.

Jam Coding computer club for children in Years 1 & 2 starts on Monday 25th April.

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly using the details in the flyers sent via Parentmail or on our website

<https://www.crawleyridge.co.uk/clubs>

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Yr 1&2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Yr 1&2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Yr1&2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Yr 1&2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Yr 1&2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Ultimate Coaching Mini Kickers Year R 3pm - 4pm			Boogie Pumps Drama Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	

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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

