## Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a treat to end the week with Starfish class assembly this morning. The children did a wonderful job sharing a snap shot of their learning and highlights of their year in Starfish class. Their audience were so impressed with one child describing the performance as 'Out of this world!'. Thank you to all of the parents who joined us and to Miss Bridge and Mrs Ellis for supporting the children in producing a wonderful assembly.

Reception children have been learning all about animal habitats and were delighted to have a visit from Zoolab this week. They enjoyed seeing all sorts of creatures including a giant snail, centipede, a corn snakes and tree frog.

Earlier in the year our business manager, Ruth Paisley and Chair of Governors, Charlie Langley put together a CIL bid for new security gates and lighting in the playground. This week Charlie presented our bid at the Local Spending Board Meeting and we were given the full amount for the project! This means that we will be able to carry out this much needed work this summer leading to a safer and more secure environment for all those who attend school before and after normal school hours. A huge thank you to Ruth and the Governors involved.

We are excited that our choir will be performing in the Elmbridge Schools Choir Festival this evening, which is being held in the Cleves performance hall. Mr Copsey has been preparing the children over the last few months and we are looking forward to seeing them perform with the other schools when the choirs are united this evening. We appreciate this amazing opportunity that Mr Copsey has facilitated for our year 2 children. Thank you to all of the staff who are coming along to help.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and manage to keep cool!

Tanya Mooney

# Key Dates Next Week

Tuesday 24th June Reception- Visit to St Mary's Church

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June Head Teacher for the day! Wear your Own clothes

#### Head Teacher for the Day- Friday 27th- Wear your own clothes

Thanks to a generous bid by parents at the Oatlands Ball, we are very excited to have two new Head Teachers for the day on Friday. Mrs Mooney will be kicking back and Emily & Daisy from Year 2 will be running the school. Children can wear their own clothes, with shoes practical for playing outside. Emily & Daisy have also arranged a delicious Roast dinner and ice cream for lunch!

#### **Class Photos**

Have you ordered your school **Group** photo yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025.** Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit <a href="www.tempest-orders.co.uk">www.tempest-orders.co.uk</a> If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

## We are Recruiting

We are looking for a Teaching Assistant to support the class teacher with the development and education of children with special educational needs. This post is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a welcoming and supportive team with our pupils at the heart of everything we do. For more information and to apply, please see the full job advert on eteach: <u>SEN Teaching Assistant</u>

## SEND Coffee Morning-Wednesday 9th July

Parents and carers are welcome to Oatlands School on Wednesday 9th July at 9.15 for a coffee morning hosted by Tracy Playfoot who is a Surrey Neurodiversity Advisor. Your child does not need to have a diagnosis for you to attend.

# **Safeguarding Notice**

If you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing in the school or community, please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL). DSL-Tanya Mooney, Head Teacher. DSL-Phil Copsey, Deputy Head Teacher or DSL-Kelly Grindle, Oscar Manager and Nurture Lead.

#### Updates to the Website

Vacancy Page HERE to view our SEN Teaching Assistant and Wrap Around Care Manager vacancies.