

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed music week this week. It has been wonderful to see so many children share their musical skills in assembly. We have had 5 pianists, 1 violinist and 47 singers as part of the Year 2 choir. Mr Copsey has led Djembe workshops for Reception, drumming with Year 1 and Boomwhackers with Year 2.

Earlier in the week we welcomed Danny and Denis from the band, Ganda Boys. They led workshops with Year 2 and then shared an assembly with the whole school, performing and teaching us songs, showing us the adungu and answering our questions. They produce the most beautiful music and we loved listening to them. Thanks to the Charity of Robert Philips for funding this visit and to Mr Copsey for planning so many musical experiences for us.

We ended the week with Lion Class assembly. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing about some of their learning this term, which included sharing their Geographical knowledge about the United Kingdom, their work on sustainability, some whole class choral reading and hearing all about what they have enjoyed in year 2. We were so proud of them all for showing such confidence. Thank you to Mrs Edwards, Mrs North and Mrs Brittan and to all of the parents who joined us today.

Year 2 have had great weather for Forest School this week and have enjoyed their final sessions of the year. This has been a great addition to the curriculum and we look forward to planning in sessions for next year. A huge thank you to Mrs Willemse for leading the sessions and setting up this new provision for us.

We have really enjoyed adding up the miles over the past two weeks as we work together to 'Walk to Kenya'. I know that we have reached our target to be able to continue to support our sponsors Elizabeth and Diana and we look forward to awarding the Golden Boot to the class who has walked the furthest when we return from the half term break.

We hope you have an enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Tanya Mooney

### **Key Dates Next 2 Weeks**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>- Friday 30<sup>th</sup>      Half Term- School closed**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June                      Inset day- School closed**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June                      8.50- Back to School**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June                      Leopards Forest school

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June                      Y2 Sports morning at Cleves

### **Ruby's Day at Oatlands**

Thank you so much to Hannah Cordell & Michaela Donovan who created this wonderful for the PTA ball, please enjoy!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkqPdLF\\_HFI&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rkqPdLF_HFI&feature=youtu.be)

### **Leave of Absence Requests & Penalty Notices**

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to your child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to your child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to your child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

### **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**

Please see our Community pages for information on activities over the half term