Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer term! We hope you had an enjoyable Easter break and are ready for an action-packed term ahead.

In assembly yesterday, we shared some of the exciting changes that happened in school during the holidays. We are delighted that our new reading group furniture arrived and is in situ looking fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Cullen for getting this organised and to Mr and Mrs Law for coming into school during the holidays to put it all together. Pedro has also done a fabulous job at decorating the area and we all agree it is looking very smart! Miss Wilkinson was also very busy and came into the playground to do some cutting back of foliage and getting some fun activities ready for the children to take part in during the summer term. We would also like to thank volunteers from the Weybridge Allotment Holders & Gardeners Association who generously came in over the holidays to tidy and top up the raised flower beds in the playground.

We have had a busy week back and have started our Summer term visits. Year 2 had a successful visit to the Shah Jahan Mosque in Woking yesterday morning to find out more about how Muslims worship. We were so impressed with the respect that the children showed whilst out of school and hope that Year 1 make us as proud when they go to the Mosque next Tuesday.

The forecast looks good for Reception's visit to Bockett's farm next Wednesday. This is always a great experience and we look forward to hearing all about it next week. Thank you to all of the parents who have volunteered to support this visit.

It is hard to believe that this week Reception places were offered for September 2025! I am delighted that despite falling birth rates we remain oversubscribed and have offered 90 places. We look forward to planning this year's transition and meeting our new families later this term.

I am pleased to let you know that we have a new crossing patrol officer starting next week. Manjeet Kaur will be on duty from Monday to support children to cross the road. I know they will make her feel very welcome.

We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Tanya Mooney

#### **Key Dates Next Week**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April Year 1 Woking Mosque

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00pm PTA Meeting- School hall- everyone welcome

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Reception to Bocketts Farm Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale

# **Polling Day Postponed**

Due to local government reorganisation, the government has postponed Surrey's local elections until May 2026, therefore school will be open as normal on 1st May.

#### Friday Multi Sports Club

There are still spaces available for the Multi Sports after school club on Friday's. Please click the link here to register.

# Sensory Workshop for Parents & Carers-9<sup>th</sup> May

Cleves school are running a workshop with Kate Doyle, an Occupational Therapist, focused on understanding sensory processing differences in children and how they impact behaviour with tips on how to support your child's sensory needs. Please click HERE to sign up.

#### PTA Oatlands Spring Ball

The Oatlands Spring Ball is almost upon us and the PTA are excited to announce that this year there will be 3 ways to win amazing prizes, all while supporting the school! We will be hosting the Live Auction on the night as per previous years, details of these prizes will be released very soon!

In addition, we are thrilled to release our first ever Online Auction - which is open for bidding! This digital addition allows all members of our community to get involved without a commitment to be at the Ball. We are hosting this via a google form, please see the link below for more details on how you can make a bid. You can submit multiple forms to keep bidding on our fabulous prizes, the top bids will be updated every few days on the form itself with further info via our Instagram account until the form closes on Sunday 11th May at 12pm. Please do circulate to friends and family and spread the word!

https://forms.gle/hmwMSCPTj1YZTnwC6

Instagram profile @oatlandsball2025

Finally, we also have our fabulous raffle! 10 tickets per child were sent home in book bags before the Easter break (£2 per ticket, £10 per strip), along with a list of all the incredible prizes donated by local businesses. Please complete the Stubs with your name, phone number and child's class and return to the school with payment no later than Wednesday 7th May. We will be drawing the prizes on Friday 9th May.

#### Oatlands PTA Meeting- Tuesday 29th April

The next Oatlands PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April at 7.30pm in the school hall. We will be discussing the upcoming Spring Ball and Oatlands Fun Day in addition to providing an update on the school's spending plans. All welcome.

### PTA Oatlands Camping Weekend 11-13th July

Registration for this year's camping trip opens TODAY (Friday 25th April) at 7pm on <a href="https://www.oatlandscamping.co.uk">www.oatlandscamping.co.uk</a>. Spaces are limited so it's important to register promptly. Confirmations will be issued on email after registration closes, and the camp this year costs £180 for one adult and one Oatlands child (inclusive of pitch, 2 day tickets to Fishers Farm and evening meals) with a supplement of £60 per additional Oatlands child. Even if you've never camped before this is a great way to get started, so we'd encourage you to sign up and join the fun!

## PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale-Thursday 1st May

The next second-hand uniform sale will take place on Thursday 1st May from 3pm. Cash or card payments accepted.

#### 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