

## Wonersh & Shamley Green C of E Primary School Newsletter

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# A Learning Adventure with Kindness 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024



## Our Shining Stars this week are:

YR Robins: Amelia & Olivia Y1 Wagtails: Effie & Evie

Y2 Owls: Tom, Milo & Sohpie
Y3 Woodpeckers: Charlie E, Thomas & Flynn
Y4 Kingfishers: Poppy N, Mae & Charlie
Y5 Hawks: Jacob & Georgiana
Y6 Swallows: George & James

#### **Easter Celebrations**

Thank you to all of the parents who came to Christ Church on Thursday for our Easter Services. The children performed brilliantly; sharing songs, readings, poems and artwork that reflected the Easter story.

A huge thank you also to the PTA for organising the annual egg hunt around the school grounds on Thursday. We dodged the showers and every child found and enjoyed their egg!



On Wednesday, children in Years 2 to 6 made **Easter gardens** supported by some fantastic helpers from our two churches. The children really enjoyed doing this and their amazing creations can be seen at the Churches over Easter. Thank you to Clare at Wonersh Church for organising this and for everyone who donated resources to make this possible. This was a wonderful community event.



#### **Staffing Update**

After Easter, we welcome back Daisy Smith who has been on maternity leave. Mrs Smith will be teaching in Reception on a Friday throughout the summer term as Miss Chaffey moves to working four days a week. Mrs Smith will also be supporting Year 5 and 6.

#### Juniper Hall Box Hill Trip

On Thursday last week, Year 6 went on a Geography field trip to Juniper Hall. The children tested their fieldwork skills to investigate the impact of people on the environment of Box Hill. We looked at what makes Box Hill a special place and why people visit it. We also tested our map and compass skills, did a plant study where we looked at how people walking on the grassland affects the plants, and an environmental quality study where we looked at what the environment was like at each location of Box Hill. We walked 5km in total (up lots of hills!) around the Box Hill Country Park, passing Lodge Hill, Burford Spur, the Visitor Centre and the viewpoint. It was a great day, with lots of lovely views and the children were a delight to take!









### **PTA Dad's Working Party**

An enormous thank you to the dads who gave up some of their time on Sunday morning to maintain and improve the school grounds. This act of kindness is hugely appreciated by the staff and children and makes a huge difference to what we can provide. In just a few hours they managed to paint fences and sheds, cut back brambles in the woods, build new sports equipment and clean external areas. Thank you for your kindness!

#### **Easter Holidays & Screen Time**

I spoke to the children today about how to use their time over the Easter Holidays and to make sure they are limiting their screen time. I would strongly encourage families to stick to our guidelines for screen time. Consider these as daily limits for personal devices including gaming and YouTube:

Year R, 1 & 2: half an hour Year 3 & 4: 45 minutes Year 5 & 6: 1 hour

A wealth of excellent programmes can be found and watched communally on Cbeebies and CBBC on iPlayer as an alternative to personal device screen time.

I have encouraged the children to embrace being 'bored' and to find activities to do away from screens where interacting with other members of the family are involved. It is in these moments that children develop their social and emotional skills. Too much screen time limits the development of these skills and can lead to negative behaviours.

#### **House Events**

Over the last few weeks, every child from Year 1-6 has participated in House Endzone. This is a ball game, similar to benchball, where the aim is to get the ball to your teammate and join them in the endzone. It has been brilliant to see all children get involved, play matches against each other and most importantly, have fun! We have been working on being "good losers", showing respect and encouragement, and this has been seen in abundance. Well done everybody for their amazing play. Next half term we will be competing in a Tri-Golf contest!





On Thursday, children in Years 1 - 6 took part in our House Poetry Competition. The winners from each House will perform their entry in the whole school final after Easter.

#### ELSA Drop in: Mondays 8:30 - 9:00

After the holidays, Mrs Bullen will be available every Monday morning to speak to any parent about their child. If you are worried about your child's emotions or well-being, Mrs Bullen our ELSA will be in the DT room at drop off time for a chat. She can give you advice and can also provide support for your child at school. If you cannot make this time, then please contact the office and someone will get in touch with you.

#### Second hand uniform - PTA

If you're having a spring clean this Easter, please save any uniform your child has grown out of for the PTA! We will host several second hand uniform sales to raise money towards the new outdoor classroom. Please drop any donations into the school office.

#### **Longacre Football Festival**

Last Wednesday, a team of Year 5 and 6 girls went to Longacre to play in a football festival. On a beautiful day, the girls represented the school brilliantly, showing great footballing ability and teamwork along the way. At the end, the referees picked out Ariana and Violet as stand out players - well done girls! A mixture of wins and draws saw WSG end the day undefeated.





#### Y4 & Y6 Park Mead Football

On Monday evening, we played in two football matches at Park Mead.

The Year 6 match was a very close affair! An early mistake in defence saw Tom pounce to give WSG a 1-0 lead. In a very tight, hard-fought game, there was not a lot to separate the teams, before midway in the second half, where Tom headed in an excellent cross from Reuben to make it 2-0. Park Mead got a goal back to set up a tight finish, but the match ended with WSG winning 2-1. The Year 4 match was much more of a goal frenzy! Park Mead took a 1-0 lead into half time, then in the second half the goals flowed. WSG were 6-5 up, until Park Mead got a penalty in the last seconds of the game for a 6-6 draw. Both matches were brilliant contests and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the games. Well done Year 4 and 6!





#### WSG Parent Support Coffee Morning - Wednesday 17th April 2024

All are welcome to our next coffee morning on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April in the DT room straight after morning drop-off. Please sign in at the school office. This is an informal event when parents can come together and share current challenges and seek support from each other. Mrs Korda (SENCO) will be available to share resources and advice on how the school and outside agencies can support your child / family. Topics that have been discussed in the past include: family relationships, diet and general health, special educational needs, emotional support and much more.



## Easter Gardens - Message from Revd David Peters

It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm for making the Easter Gardens this week. Those from Years 2,3 and 4 are on display in St John's Church, Wonersh. You can collect yours on Sunday (service at 10.30am or afterwards for the Easter Egg hunt about 11.15am); or alternatively to view them all, the church is open 9.00am - 12.00pm on Wednesday to Friday this week, Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday next week. Find yours and take it home!

There is also an Art and Craft event on Good Friday morning (10.00am - 11.30am) in Lawnsmead Hall, on the Green in Wonersh. All kids and parents/carers welcome. It would be helpful to know who we are expecting and what age we are catering for, so do give David a call or text on 07521 090179 to book in, or turn up on the morning!

## Christ Church Shamley Green Good Friday and Easter Day for Families



## Good Friday 29th March

10am Family Service

beginning around the Cross on The Green then processing up to church; followed by coffee and hot cross buns

**Easter Day 31st March** 

10am Festal Family Communion & Easter Egg Hunt Fire, water, Easter garden, chocolate & more

Have a vey happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

Best Wishes Tim Cheesman Headteacher

Please check our school <u>website calendar</u> for important dates for your diary.



