



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your diary...

### MAY

2nd/9th/16th/23rd - Year 5 Swimming

7th - May Bank Holiday

8th - Whole Year 6 Group Photo

9th - 7pm - PAWS Meeting (All welcome!)

14th - 17th - SATs Week

14th - 18th - Walk to School Week

16th - 6.30pm - Yr6 Residential 2019 Information Meeting for Parents

18th - 10.00am - 4HC Class Assembly

22nd - PAWS Film Night (details to follow)

28th - 1st June - Half Term Holidays

### JUNE

6th/13th/20th/27th - Year 5 Swimming

7th - PAWS AGM (all welcome)

12th - Whole School Class Photos

14th - Father's Day Secret Shopping

22nd - 10.00am - 5NS Class Assembly

26th - Year 5 Activity Day at Yateley School

27th - Year 6 Production

28th - Yateley School Open Evening

29th - 10.00am - 3RP Class Assembly

Dear Parents,

Following on from last week, I hope you found your child's Assessment and Progress Tracker, Key Targets and Attendance Certificate informative that were delivered via pupil post. On the subject of attendance, I would like to ask again that if at all possible, medical appointments are made outside of school hours; I do appreciate that this can be difficult but as I sign all absence requests, I have noticed a rise in numbers. If alternative times are not possible, of course appointments should be made but please also consider the impact of a disrupted day for your child, their peers and of course the teaching staff - thank you for your support in relation to this matter and as always if you have any queries or circumstances you wish to discuss please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me.

This week the school has seemed a little quieter than usual but there has not been any reason to worry as it is just as a result of so many groups being out and about beyond the school as part of our exciting curriculum. On Wednesday, Year 5 started their swimming lessons and as ever feedback from the children was very positive. In the coming weeks I am looking forward to hearing about the children's individual progress to develop their potentially life-saving swimming skills and confidence!

On Wednesday & Thursday, Year 4 went on a visit to explore the River Wey. This is a new venture for Westfields Junior School and I could not be more delighted with the outcomes and feedback! The children (and staff!) enjoyed a jam packed day that really succeeded in bringing their geography work to life - even if it was a little soggy! Once again staff were given many compliments regarding not only our children's behaviour and conduct, but also their engagement, interest and knowledge - well done Year 4, I am so proud of you all! There are more details overleaf and as always, please take a look at the year group pages to see more of the photographs!

This morning, our Year 5 cohort headed out to Marwell Zoo which is always such a fantastic destination for a day visit. I have received several reports throughout the day about what a wonderful time they are having and if you've had the chance to read our twitter feed, there are some great details and photographs that show the children enjoying lots of hands-on learning. There will be more details in next week's newsletter and we will update the website with some of their photographs after their return later this afternoon.

In relation to library news, I am delighted to inform you that today Mrs Colyer has been busy organising our new library system that should be up and running by Monday so that the children can continue to benefit from our extensive resources. Our library really is such a fantastic environment for our pupils and I am grateful for the support we receive in relation to maintaining it. Mrs Colyer has also been busy uploading the new titles that have been delivered this week. With budgets as they are we are so fortunate to have such a successful parent association in the form of PAWS as once again these up-to-date resources have been purchased through funds raised by our fantastic parent team... which leads me seamlessly into my final reminder... I wanted to remind all of our parents (and extended families!) that our next PAWS Meeting will be at school on Wednesday 9th May @7.00pm. I am hoping with a little more advanced warning and encouragement, we'll be able to welcome not only our fantastic regular group but also a few new faces too?!? Please do come along if you are able to!

Have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Miss Jo Redman  
Headteacher

### Reminders...

- Please ensure your child is wearing their full uniform and has a complete PE kit in school every day!





**Year 4 Trip to Dapdune Wharf - The River Wey**

This week, Year 4 went on a geography trip to Dapdune Wharf in Guildford and we had a most memorable day! Over

the course of the visit each group completed five practical activities:

- ⇒ We walked along the river tow path accompanied by a very knowledgeable guide who taught us all about the process of erosion and how we can slow erosion down to reduce the risk of flooding.
- ⇒ We also had a tour of a river barge during which we found out how supplies are stored on barges that are used for transportation
- ⇒ We had the chance to test the quality of the water and learn how to measure the temperature, cloudiness, acidity and oxygen levels. We also learnt how these levels impact upon the plants and living creatures in river ecosystems.
- ⇒ We looked at how lock systems work and investigated the speed of the river in different parts (bankside and middle) using oranges and stopwatches!



⇒ We also investigated different materials to see which eroded quickest; this was a little bit messy!

Despite the rainy showers, we had a exciting action-packed day and learnt so much about rivers and the environment.

**Darcie Neville, Max Phillips, Chloe Mitchell and John Hull**



**FINAL RESULTS....**

As promised in last week's newsletter, here are the final results for our Big Battery Hunt! Mrs Courtney has been busy totalling up the class donations ...



6HP	6LL	6LB	5RM	5NS	5DC	4CW	4HC	4EC	3RP	3CC	3SM
278	627	355	521	231	585	1361	3233	2785	1289	1853	865
<b>Total: 13, 983</b>											

I must mention **Joshua Edge** in Year 4 who was by far our 'Champion Battery Collector' with his eye watering total of 2525, as well as **Kirsten Day** with another impressive 4 digit total of 1093!

Other top collectors who were given certificates included: Davey White (814), Ellena Welch (727), Daniel Robson (522), John Hull (453), Oliver Uttley (321), Summer Jade Saywood (303), Molly-Emma Gostling (296), Lauren Woods (271), Bailey Callan (247), Harry Wood (235), Leo Acock (238), Finley Reilly (202), Cara Harris (106), Callum Clark (124), Joshua Buck (130), Ella Adams (135), Ishan Tuli (136), Eve Hayter (143), Jasmine Macfarlane (157), Jude Grey (157), Amaris Stanford (174) and Seren Woodage (180) - well done to you all!

Thank you again for all of your support, we are looking forward to finding out if we have won any prizes in the national competition but please do not send in any more batteries as we have had our final collection!

**Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday from 27th April to 3rd May.**

Ryan Duke, Harry Firth and Abbie Philpott.

Have a great birthday!



**ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

Please find below this week's attendance winners following their announcement in this morning's assembly.

LOWER SCHOOL		UPPER SCHOOL	
4EC	100%	6LB	100%