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Newsletter

The Kite
Academy
Trust
Flying high
Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy couple of weeks in school with Year 3's trip to Butser Ancient Farm last week and the Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena this week.

Please read on to find out more about their experiences and our plans for World Book Day on Thursday 7th March.

POLITE REMINDERS

- 1) Children remain parents responsibility until they have been handed over to school staff at the gate at 8.30am. Please ensure you keep your child with you until the start of the school day.
- 2) If your child needs medication, whilst at school, it must be handed in to the school office.
- 3) Smart watches are not part of the school uniform and as such should be kept at home.
- 4) At the end of the school day, the front gate will be opened at 3.05pm by a member of staff. Parents are not allowed onsite before the gate is opened. Please only ring if you need access to the school office and make sure the gate is closed after you enter.

Our attendance target is: 96%

- Last week our attendance was **95.63%**. This equals **42 days of lost learning over the week!**
- Congratulations to **Year 4** who achieved 98.39% attendance!
- We had **23 late arrivals** at school. Well done to the pupils who all arrived on time every day.

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



DATES COMING UP

[School Calendar](#)

5-9 Feb

Y6 Bikeability Level 2

7-8 Feb

Parent Teacher Meetings

12-16 Feb

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

22 Feb

Y5 Swimming starts

27 Feb

Y5 Winchester Science
Museum Trip

FOW Wonka Bars

29 Feb

Y5 Swimming

1 Mar

Y6 residential trip 3rd
payment deadline.

*National Offer Day for
Secondary School Places*

4-6 Mar

Y4 Bikeability Level 5
Scholastic Book Fair

7 Mar

World Book Day
Y5 Swimming

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Please be reminded that Parents Teacher Meetings are next week. They are on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th February, 4pm to 6.30pm in the school hall.

If you have not yet booked your appointment, booking remains open until Monday 5th February at 9am.

Booking is available through Scopay.

A guide on how to book or change your appointment is available on our website at www.wyke.kite.academy/parents/help-and-how-to-guides/

If you need assistance with booking, please contact the school office.



PARKING AND PEDESTRIAN UPDATE

Following our request for a road safety audit in May 2023, Surrey County Council Highways Department conducted a survey of the parking and road conditions last week.

The team were onsite during a collection time to monitor how parents are using the road, look at pedestrian crossings areas, as well as investigate parking conditions around the school area.

We await their report into proposed road safety improvements but have been advised that actioning this may take some time.

In the meantime we continue to ask you to walk or cycle where possible, and if you need to drive, to park considerately, to be aware of pedestrians, and to use the local "one way" system at busy times.



IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. If you are unsure visit www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/ for guidance.

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

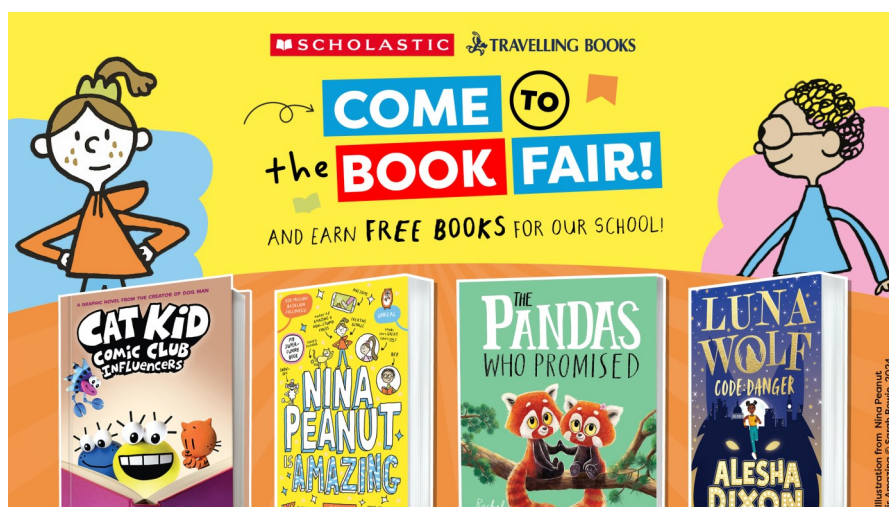
Remember to let the school office know by 8.30am if your child is absent.

WORLD BOOK DAY—THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024

Children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character. There will be a prize for the best costume in each year group. Be creative!

We will also be running a design your own version of a book cover. The 5 best book cover designs will win a £5 book token to use at the Book Fair. More detail of this to follow.

We will be holding our book fair on Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th March from 3:15 until 4pm, where children can spend their World Book Day token towards a book. We can earn up to 60% of our book sales to use to buy new books, so please come along and support us!



MEASLES

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. It's an infection that spreads very easily and for some people can cause serious problems.

There's no specific medical treatment for measles, so it's important to get vaccinated as it's the best protection against becoming seriously unwell. The MMR Vaccination is free on the NHS.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms, followed by a rash a few days later. Some people may also get small spots in their mouth. Find out more on the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk).

QUESTIONS REGARDING TRANSITION TO SOUTH FARNHAM EDUCATION TRUST (SFET)

Please send any questions to: wykequestions@wyke.kite.academy

[Academy Trust Transition Q&A](#)

YOUNG VOICES

The Wyke Young Voices choir performed in the world's largest children's choir concert on Tuesday evening.

All 52 children sang their hearts out and loved the experience. It was truly amazing singing alongside over 8,200 children at the O2 Arena in London.

None of this would have been possible without the tremendous dedication and commitment from Mrs Pennington. She has volunteered so much of her time to teach the children the songs and build such interest and enthusiasm from all members of the choir.

THANK YOU MRS PENNINGTON!



YEAR 3 BUTSER ANCIENT FARM

Year 3 had a fantastic opportunity to visit Butser Ancient Farm last Tuesday. They had a great time enhancing their knowledge about the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages.

They stepped into another world for the day settling into one of the round houses with a fire lit in the middle. They did go home smelling quite smoky!

During the day, the children got involved in learning about how our ancestors lived by taking part in fun activities such as jewellery making, carving chalk, exploring artefacts from the past and taking a guided site tour.

Despite the wet and windy weather, Year 3 were fully immersed in learning about the past and returned home buzzing with experiences to share with friends and family.



STAFFING UPDATE

Welcome to **Miss Rendell** who started at Wyke last week. She is currently working as an LSA in Year 1 and Year 6.

Welcome to **Miss Ahmed** who started this week. She is working in Breakfast Club and is also part of the lunchtime team.



Mrs Jackson will be returning from her maternity leave on Monday 25th March. She will be teaching in Year 1 alongside Mrs Kettle.

She will be in school for some days next half-term so you may see her around.

THINKING OF BECOMING A TEACHER?

Are you or is anyone you know thinking about training to be a teacher? In partnership with Inspiring Future Teachers and GLF, Kite will be running a teacher training programme starting in September from our own Kite Teacher Training hub. Please see the link below for more information.

<https://www.inspiringfutureteachers.org/kite>

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who supported their child in collecting donations for their Christmas Run.

Wyke raised an amazing £2,809.96 for the charity!

All the money raised, will go directly towards helping fund the supportive and end-of-life care which Phyllis Tuckwell provides for patients and families who are living with an advanced or terminal illness, such as cancer.



SEND UPDATE

Surrey County Council will be launching a new termly update for families of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities, and the practitioners who help them. Updates will provide news and information about children's additional needs and disabilities and details of support services available in Surrey.

To receive updates via email, fill in [this Surrey sign-up form](#) and click the subscribe button. The first update will be shared once they have enough people signed up.

You can also find the latest news, information and details of support services in our area via the [Local Offer website](#). Surrey's Local Offer is the hub for information and guidance on everything related to children and young people with additional needs and disabilities age 0 to 25. You can also see the latest updates on the Local Offer social media accounts:

- [Local Offer Facebook](#)
- [Local Offer Twitter](#)
- [Local Offer Instagram](#)

Mindworks
Surrey

Support poster

Emotional & mental health crisis line for children, young people and parents.
Free to call and open 24/7.
Call: 0800 915 4644

Neurodevelopmental helpline for parents of children with ADHD and/or ASD. Open 5pm to 11pm every day.
Call: 0300 222 5755

Scan me for other helpful support



Scan me to visit My Safety Plan



Mindworks website
www.mindworks-surrey.org



Friends of Wyke Events



£2.50
EACH

Find a golden ticket inside to claim a prize*!

*Prizes include books, book tokens, toys,
cinema tickets and sweets.

Pre-order your bars on the Friends of Wyke
website by Tuesday 20th February.

Collect from the Wonka shop after school on
Tuesday 27th February.

Open there-and-then to collect your prize!

YEAR 6
cake sale

Raising money for our end of year party!

Friday
9th February
3:15pm

Cakes, Chocolates, Cupcakes, Cookies,
Doughnuts and so much more!

Prices from only 50p

See you there!

Mother's and Other's
Day 2024

Gift shop open for children to select a pre-made
gift - Friday 8th March (during school day)

Siblings can choose together, multiple purchases
allowed. If you would like your child/children to
participate then please place your order on
the Friends of Wyke website by

Friday 1st March
£4.00 per gift.

Kite Academy Trust

Family Support Worker

Come & Ask session

Do you need help with sleep routines or fussy eaters? Is your child showing signs of anxiety or challenging behaviour? Is there a specific area around home life and meeting your child's needs you would like some support with? Maybe you just need reassurance that you are doing the best for your child. This is the perfect opportunity to have an informal conversation with a Family Support Worker from our Trust.

Come & Ask sessions

Our Kite Family Support Workers will be holding Come & Ask sessions fortnightly during the Autumn term. One-hour appointments are available every other Thursday morning between 9:00am and 1:30pm. During the Come & Ask session, you will have the opportunity to share what the concern is, discuss it and look at ways to address the situation.

All appointments can be booked via Eventbrite using the link below.



Family Hub

- Thursday 4th January 2024
- Thursday 18th January 2024
- Thursday 1st February 2024
- Thursday 22nd February 2024
- Thursday 7th March 2024
- Thursday 21st March 2024

These appointments can be held virtually through Microsoft Teams*, by telephone or face to face.

(*You do not require a Microsoft account to be able to access this.)

Booking Link : <https://KFHComeandAsk.eventbrite.co.uk>

The Kite Family Hub is located next to Mytchett Primary & Nursery Academy, Hamesmoor Road, Mytchett, GU16 6JB



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3:30PM - 5:30PM

Play Rangers

START OF TERM DATES

Week 1:
Monday 29th January - Pirbright Village Green
Tuesday 30th January - Hornhatch Green, Chilworth
Wednesday 31st January - Park Barn Drive

Week 2:
Monday 5th February - Bushy Hill Park, Merrow
Tuesday 6th February - Coronation Gardens, Ash
Wednesday 7th February - Bellfields Green

Playrangers is a free outdoor community play service and is all about child-led play, with a focus on being outside in nature, being active, playful and creative. We welcome all children to come down to their closest venue, after-school from 3:30 to 5:30pm. Our website can be found here: <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/playrangers>.

ARMY WELFARE SERVICE

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ARE YOU A MILITARY CHILD AGED 8+ ?

(ONE OF MY PARENT/S IS EITHER A VETERAN, RESERVIST OR CURRENT SERVING PERSONNEL PLEASE TAKE 5 MINS TO COMPLETE A SURVEY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE)

Responses sought from military children & young people in the following locations Aldershot, Pirbright, Deepcut, Keogh Sandhurst, Church Crookham, Aborfield & surrounding areas !

YOUTH VOICE AMBASSADORS WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR LIVED EXPERIENCES TO CAMPAIGN ON YOUR BEHALF

#MilitaryChild

Gypsy & Traveller Health Drop In Clinic

'Come and see the Traveller nurses to have a chat about your health needs'.

Ash Vale Health Centre 10am - 12pm

Thursday 29th February
 Thursday 28th March
 Thursday 25th April