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Newsletter

The Kite
Academy
Trust
Flying high
Together

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following Jeremy Meek's letter dated 06.03.24, informing you of my intention to step down as headteacher at the end of this term, I thought it helpful to update you on the transition to SFET.

The period of due diligence continues and negotiations are ongoing to find a solution to the reception building issue. At this stage there is no confirmed date for transition.

My stepping down from headteacher will have no impact on the progress of the transition. Steve Meakin will provide excellent leadership continuity through the remainder of this period and as soon as there is any further information we will share this with you.

I will miss Wyke and have really enjoyed my time here. Wyke is a very special place. I have let the children know my plans today.

[Academy Trust Transition Q&A](#)

wykequestions@wyke.kite.academy

Our attendance target is: 96%

- Last week our attendance was **92.24%**. This equals **68 days of lost learning over the week!**
- Congratulations to **Year 6** who achieved 98.46% attendance!
- We had **14 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](#)

22 Mar

Clubs Finish

26 Mar

Year 3/4 Performance

27 Mar

Last Day of Term.

Collect 1.30pm

28 Mar

INSET Day—closed to pupils

29 Mar — 12 Apr

EASTER HOLIDAYS

15 Apr

Summer Term starts

Final payment for Y6

Residential due

16 Apr

Reception Sept 24 Offer Day

6 May

May Bank Holiday—school Closed

13 –16 May

KS2 SATS Week

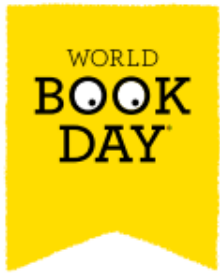
18 May

Cross Country Farnham Park

27 May—2 June

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

WORLD BOOK DAY — THURSDAY 7TH MARCH 2024



Wyke had a wonderful day dressing up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day. It was so difficult to judge the winners of the costume competition. Everyone put some much effort into their outfits and they all were brilliant!

Our Costume Competition winners were: John, Lawrence, Aida, Carter, Martha, Dalton and Harry; each won a selected book from the Book Fair.

Congratulations to the winners of our Book Cover Competition! Cooper, Emily, Kayla, Jude and Bea; each won a £5 voucher to spend at the Book Fair.

YEAR 5 WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM AND PLANETARIUM

Last week, Year 5 went on a trip to Winchester Science Museum as part of their learning about Earth and Space.

They began the day with a minibeast workshop where they used digital microscopes to identify different materials; examine what meal worms were eating within a tank; and create an ant colony by finding hidden essential items and removing any unwanted threats.

After lunch, they visited the planetarium. This was an exciting experience where it gave the feeling of being in space. They explored the different planets up close and were able to consolidate their learning from school. Part of this experience was exploring the different star constellations - who would have know there were so many?

The rest of the day was dedicated to exploring the wide range of exhibits, including working collaboratively to operate a crane, learning names in British Sign Language, pretending to be an astronaut and many more.

It was an exciting day and everyone had lots of fun. A special thank you to Mrs Oates, Mrs Jones and Mrs East for volunteering to come along and help.



MUSIC LESSONS

The Rock and Pop Foundation recently visited the children to deliver a fun music assembly at school. Weekly lessons are available in guitar, ukulele, drums, piano and keyboard .To find out more about the lessons or to enrol, please visit www.rockandpopfoundation.com/enrol.



HAVE YOUR SAY ON SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL'S NEW ROAD SAFETY STRATEGY BY COMPLETING THE CONSULTATION BELOW!

Surrey County Council are consulting with all residents in Surrey regarding a new road safety strategy which aims to cut road collisions resulting in death or serious injury, to zero by 2050.

What is Surrey County Council's Vision Zero Strategy?

The strategy includes a new policy for introducing 20 mph speed limits. They will be focusing on schools, residential areas and town centres. they will listen to the views of local people before we develop any new scheme. There is no intention that this will be a blanket approach to 20mph limits.

Please have your say by completing the consultation via [this link](#)



WORRY BOXES

Every class has a worry box. This is something the children can use if they have a worry that they'd like to share but would prefer to write it down. Alternatively, children can write their name and pop it in the box to let their teacher know they'd like to have a chat.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

If your child is not attending their afterschool club, please ensure the school office is told.

SEND UPDATE

Mindworks update

If your child is waiting for us to be able to start a new neurodevelopment assessment pathway via Mindworks, Mrs Andrews will contact you directly during the week beginning 11th March 2024 to share an update.

Talking Teens

The four sessions aim to increase parents' understanding of teenagers' feelings and behaviour, and deliver key strategies for improving relationships.



**Talking Teens
Parent Group**

**Information
for parents
and carers**



The sessions will cover:

- Being a parent of a teenager;
- Understanding your teenager;
- Communicating with your teenager;
- Managing conflict

Meeting at The [Hideaway Café](#), Eastgate Gardens, Guildford, GU1 4AZ

Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm

April 23rd - May 14th, 2024

The course will be run by two experienced Family Links-trained practitioners on behalf of the Matrix Training Hub.

All resources will be provided, along with light refreshments. We suggest a donation of £20 to cover expenses for two attendees to all four sessions, however if cost is an issue simply email paulsharpe@matrixtrust.com

Attendees must be over 18 but can be friends or family members, and do not need to be parents of teenagers.

[Book Online](#)

WHOOPIING COUGH

Whooping cough (pertussis) cases are on the rise. Whooping Cough is a bacterial infection of the lungs and breathing tubes. Whooping cough can affect people of all ages but for very young infants, it can be particularly serious. Parents can help protect their children by ensuring they receive their vaccines at the right time or catching up as soon as possible if they have missed any. If you're unsure, please check your child's red book or get in touch with your GP surgery. It's important for babies and children to get vaccinated against it.

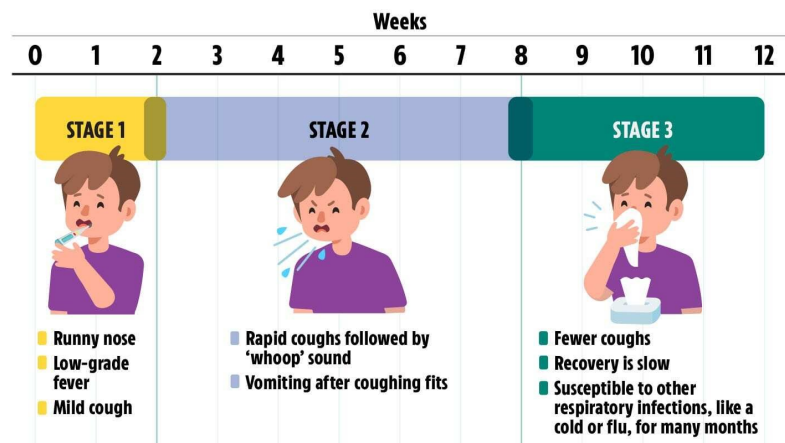
If anyone in your family is diagnosed with whooping cough, it's important they stay at home and do not go into work, school or nursery until 48 hours after starting antibiotics. This helps to prevent the spread of infection, especially to vulnerable groups. However, vaccination remains the best protection for babies and children.

We have not had any confirmed cases of Whooping Cough in school at this time.

Find out more about Whooping Cough symptoms and treatment on the [NHS website](#).

WHOOPIING COUGH TIMELINE

How symptoms progress week by week



MEASLES

Measles cases are on the rise in the UK. Measles is an infection that spreads very easily and can cause serious problems in some people. Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent it.

The MMR vaccine can prevent measles. It also protects you from mumps and rubella.

Ask at your GP surgery if you're not sure you or your child have had the vaccine. They can give it for free on the NHS.

We have not had any confirmed cases of Measles in school at this time.

Find out more about Measles symptoms and treatment on the [NHS website](#).



boogie pumps THEATRE CAMP

EASTER 2024

9am - 3pm
R - Year 6

1 Day £35
2 Days £60
3 Days £80
4 Days £110

Weydon School, Weydon Lane, Farnham, GU9 8UG

Week 1 - Tues 2nd, Wed 3rd & Thurs 4th April
Week 2 - Mon 8th, Tues 9th, Wed 10th & Thurs 11th April

<https://farnham.boogiepumps.co.uk>

The **Specsavers Surrey Youth Games** is back for 2024 with exciting activities for children to participate in for free. The activities will begin week commencing Monday 15th of April and each activity will run for 6 to 8 sessions.

What are the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games?

They are traditionally the largest multi-sport youth event in the South East of England outside of school schemes.

- They offer FREE, LOCAL & FUN local activity sessions for 6-8 weeks in the lead up to a final games day on Saturday 15th June.
- This programme is for 7-16 year olds from Surrey's boroughs and districts who often don't have access to the sort of sports activities or opportunities that others take for granted.
- The Games are aimed at beginners who might not otherwise get the chance to attend clubs.
- They encourage those who might be put off by the thought of competition to participate.
- The focus of the training and the final games day is taking part, developing skills, and having fun!

Find out more—[Click here](#)

Garden Explorers
A nature based holiday club

Holiday club
(6 – 11 year olds)

4th April
12th April

- Explore and discover some of nature's wonders
- Create and grow using the garden's gifts
- Play and take part in fun outdoor activities with new friends

Fun nature based activities for your children to enjoy including:

- Den-building
- Making 'macramé bunnies'
- Make a seed bomb to grow at home
- Scavenger and Bug-hunting
- And much more....

Details:

- Takes place in the safe and secure setting of **The Therapy Garden, Normandy, near Guildford**
- Run by a qualified, DBS checked, dedicated team
- www.thetherapygarden.org for more information
- 9.00am to 3.15pm
- £40 per child, per day

Book your place now

- Scan: QR code
- Online: www.thetherapygarden.org
- Call: The Therapy Garden: 01483 813846
- Email: admin@thetherapygarden.org

Free activity sessions

For 7-11 year olds
Local to you, after Easter
Sign-up from 1st March onwards

Book your place - scan the code

- Join with friends!
- Dance, Girls Touch Rugby, Judo, Tennis, Boccia
- Friendly, supportive coaches
- Everyone's a beginner
- Make new mates local to you

"It's fun, its free and there's loads and loads of activities you can do" - Lara

"We were blown away with the games and what was available" - Parent



Calling Residents of Normandy...

**Let's give our beautiful village a Spring Clean. Join us for a
community village litter pick.**

DATE: Sunday 17th March 2024

Time: 2-3:30pm

Meet at: Manor Fruit Farm Car Park

All Ages Welcome

**Equipment (including litter pickers) will be provided, but
please bring gloves, sensible shoes and a litter picker if
you already have one.**

Normandy Parish Council
Serving Our Community through working in Partnership