



Headteacher's Message

This week I am writing to introduce our Midday Supervisors (MDS) and Servery staff. Our MDS's look after the children at lunchtime, encourage the children to eat, deal with any lunchtime first aid and ensure their general well-being. Our MDS's are:

Mrs Helwig—Senior MDS
Mrs Adams
Mrs Bentley
Mrs Dean
Mrs Hitchcock
Miss Schillervoa
Mrs Taylor

Our servery staff are:

Mrs Baker
Mrs Sines
Miss Nadon

On another note, you may have noticed that we had some of our windows replaced over the holiday. We would like to thank Surrey County Council for allowing us to do this.

Have a nice weekend!
Mrs Suzanne Cawson

Parent Helpers

We are delighted to tell you that all the new children have settled in nicely now and we would welcome any parental help in school. If you wish to help out, please speak to your child's teacher. If you would like to help but would prefer not to help in your child's class please see Mrs Cawson. A DBS check will be required before starting in school.

Parent Governor Nominations

Letters were recently sent home regarding Parent Governor nominations. If you are interested in performing this very important role, please submit your application to Mrs Cawson before 6th October.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be supporting our local Foodbank. Our Foodbank helps local people in crisis and provides them with food for three days. They also offer support and help signpost the families to additional support. A list of suitable donations has been sent home today.

Should you wish to make a donation, please bring it into school and put on the table in the the hall before 14th October.

Parents are invited to our Harvest Festival Assembly on Friday 14th October at 9.10am when the Foodbank will come in and talk about the work that they do in the community.

Year R Phonics Briefing

Parents of Year R children are invited to a Phonics Briefing in school on 2nd November at 2.30pm. If you are interested in attending, please come to the office reception at this time.

School Lunches

Week commencing 3rd October we will be on **Week 1** of the dinner menu.

Just to remind you that if your child has school dinners and they are going to be late, please call the office before 9.15am so that we know to order a lunch for them.

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Teddy Bear's Picnic

It was lovely to see so many families at the Teddy Bear's Picnic last Friday. Thankfully, the weather was kind to us and everyone had a lovely afternoon.

Thank you to our PTA team for organising this event and supplying cakes and activities for the children.

Trip to the New Victoria Theatre

Just to remind Year Two parents that children will be visiting the New Victoria Theatre in Woking on **Friday 7th October**.

If you have not already returned your child's permission slip, please could you do so before close of business on Monday 3rd October. Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept any orders for school provided packed lunches.

We also wanted to remind parents that there will not be a hot lunch available for Year Two children on this day, because we are unable to store the food until they return. Therefore if you have not ordered a school packed lunch for your child you will need to provide one. Thank you.

VERY IMPORTANT!

Pupil Premium Forms

If you were sent a Pupil Premium Form and you are able to tick any of the eligibility criteria on the back of the form, please could you return this by **Tuesday 4th October**. Thank you very much for your help in this matter.

Milk Bottle Tops

We would be grateful for donations for milk bottle tops which will be donated to a charity. All tops must be 'milk only' in any colour but they must not include foil inserts or stickers.

The bottle tops can be left in the basket next to the staff entrance. Thank you for your support.

After School Clubs

Please find below information on our after school clubs:

Tuesday: Mrs Brett's Sport's Club from 3.00-4.00pm - this is for Year Two at the present time and is currently full. It runs from 13th September until 18th October inclusive.

Wednesday: Sporty Kidz from 3.00-4.00pm (fee paying club, open to Years One and Two). If you need a sign up sheet please speak to the school office.

Wednesday: Ms Foster's Puzzle Club for Emerald Class (Sapphire Class will be offered a space after this club has finished, then it will be the turn of Year One classes). The club runs from 3pm to 3.50pm on Wednesday 21st and 28th September and Wednesday 5th October.

Tongham Daycare Children

If your child attends Tongham Daycare After School Club, please can you ensure that you notify them if you have made other arrangements for them to be collected from school on the day that they would normally collect. They will then notify us that your child will not be collected by them that evening and we will remove them from our register. This process avoids any confusion and upset for the children.

Year One Autumn Day

On **Thursday 20th October**, our Year One children will be celebrating Autumn Day. On this day they are welcome to come into school dressed in coloured clothes that they believe best represent autumn, such as reds, oranges and browns.

No Halloween costumes please and children should wear clothes that are suitable for a normal school day. If they do not have any autumnal clothing, please could they wear their normal school uniform. Thank you.



Pencil Grip

Why is pencil grip so important?

If a child does not correctly master the art of picking up a pencil correctly, it will result in the child developing bad habits and writing all their life without an ergonomic grip on their pen. This could hamper their educational development because holding the pencil incorrectly will result in hand fatigue and cramping, resulting in reduced written work.

The correct tripod grip (pencil pinched between thumb and index fingers, supported underneath by the third finger) provides the most relaxed position to make intricate and repetitive movements with accuracy, speed and precision.

How to help your child have the correct pencil grip

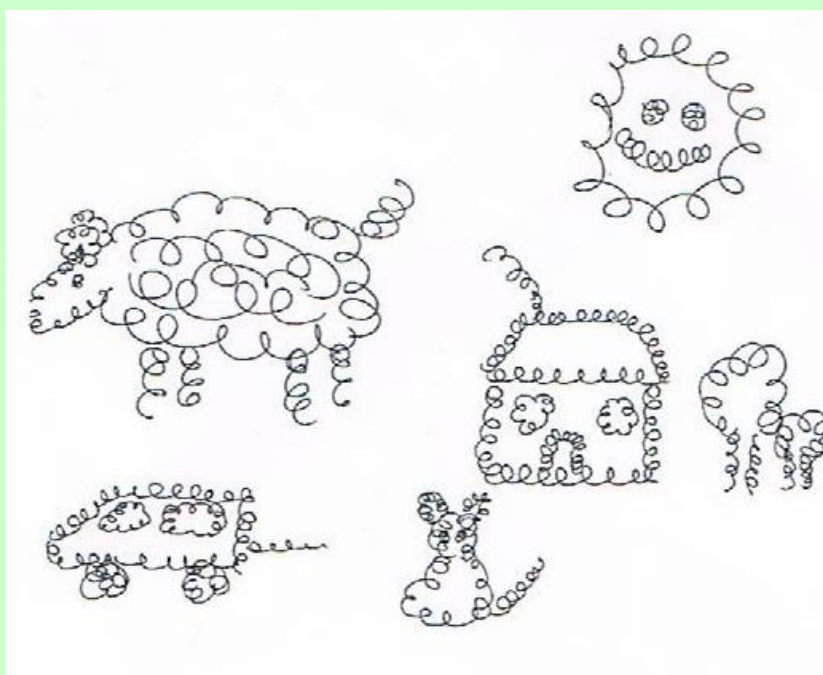
One easy way is to teach your child to:

- * Lay the pencil down pointing towards the child's tummy
- * Ask your child to pinch the pencil near the writing point (you can mark the place to hold with a rubber band or tape)
- * Ask your child to pick the pencil up and swing it over to sit comfortably in the web space between thumb and index finger
- * Sit the pencil down on the middle finger

When introducing pencil skills, it is strongly advised to use the correct grip at all times that the pencil or any other tool such as crayon, marker or even paintbrush is used. This accustoms the child to do this action and feeling comfortable and used to the correct position.

Developing pencil control

It is important to practise pencil control without the additional complications of letter formation, phonics and so on. Practise pencil control on colouring, puzzles, dot-to-dots, templates and stencils. Activities such as using continuous loops are great to practise for making small circular movement. It's also good to practise colouring up and down and side to side so that the child's hand learns to move in all directions using the pencil.



Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	Autumn Term 1	
7th October	Year Two trip to the Theatre	11.15am-1.00pm
14th October	Harvest Festival Assembly (more details to follow)	
2nd November	Year R Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
2nd November	Individual School Photos	
7th November	Parent Interviews—Early slots (more information to follow)	
15th November	eSafety Workshop (more details to follows)	2.30pm
18th November	PTA Christmas Shopping Evening (more information to follow)	
23rd November	Parent Interviews—Late slots (more information to follow)	
6th December	Flu Vaccinations for Years One and Two (for those with signed consent forms)	
13th, 14th, 15th December	School Christmas Performance (details will be provided nearer the time)	
19th December	Christmas Church Service (all year groups). Walkers will be needed. Parents to collect their child from church	2.00-3.00pm
20th December	School Disco (more information to follow)	
20th December	School Christmas Lunch for children (more information to follow)	

2016/2017 Inset Days

31st October 2016

20th February 2017

5th June 2017

21st July 2017