

The Echelford Echo



Friday 8th September 2023

Weekly Issue Number 1

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone enjoyed the 6 week break. We would like to welcome the new families who have joined Echelford this term, including our new reception children who started with us on Thursday. We enjoyed welcoming parents and carers of reception to join in our Teddy Bears Picnic on Thursday. Thank you to the PTFA who helped to organise and make this a special event for our reception families.

The children have had a fantastic start to the school year and we are really proud of how well they have all settled back into the routines and their new classes. The staff have worked hard to develop the classroom learning environments and are excited to share the curriculum they have planned with their classes throughout the year.

Hopefully you will all have noticed many of the improvements to the school site that have taken place throughout the Summer break. Our wonderful new shelter on the playground has provided some welcomed extra shade in the warm weather we have experienced this week and we know that it will also help to keep us dry in the coming months when, inevitably, the rain arrives just in time for collection at the end of the day! The children have been enjoying all of the new colourful playground markings. These improvements a result of the money raised by PTFA events and also the money raised by our Athlete visit in Summer 2022. There have also been improvements to some of the fencing in the playground and entrance to the main office. We would like to thank Mark Scotton, our Trust Estates Manager and Mr Gent for helping to co-ordinate all of the work throughout the summer.



A reminder we operate a one-way system in school at collection and drop off. This is to help ensure that there is a natural flow of people. This also applies on the KS2 playground at the end of the day we ask parents to exit via the carpark gate to allow parents who have a later collection time to be able to enter easily. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

Road Safety outside school

Last year we saw some improvements in the traffic outside school in the morning. This was largely due to the support of some parent volunteers as part of our morning traffic patrol. We would like to continue and expand this work this year. We are looking for parents/carers to join traffic patrol team outside school in the mornings to help ensure the area outside school remains safe for our children and families to walk and cross the road.

Volunteers would be required to be part of a team on a rota and help remind drivers not to stop directly outside of the school gates or on the yellow zig zag lines. If you think you would be able to support this work then please complete the following form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeWY8OUoluhYjZwJfil3e3HLIXWvSFs1MWrjOJSUTFQbt7mBQ/viewform?usp=pp_url

We also remind all parents of the following:

- Avoid stopping directly outside the gates
- Do not stop or park across neighbours' driveways
- Do not stop or park on the zig zag lines outside of school

While the weather is dry why not park and stride or walk to school to reduce the amount of traffic outside the school and help keep our children and families safe.

Who's Who

We thought it would be helpful to share information about the different staffing roles and responsibilities should you need to discuss anything regarding your child beyond the conversations with their class teacher. This week, along with the newsletter, we have also shared details of the many ways we may communicate information with you and how you can make contact with different members of staff.

Year	Year Leaders	Phase Leaders
Reception	Miss Green	Mrs. Willis
Year One	Miss Cottle	
Year Two	Mrs. Willis	
Year Three	Miss Eggleton	Mrs. Johnson
Year Four	Miss Sewell	
Year Five	Miss Galvin	Miss Galvin
Year Six	Miss Johnston	

Pastoral Team:

Tash Munro (Home School Link Worker)
Jo Thorne (ELSA)

Senior Leadership Team

Headteachers: Miss Oakley and Mrs. Bugembe
Deputy Headteacher: Mrs. Smith
Inclusion Leaders: Mrs. Cunnah and Miss Ball
Maths Subject Leader: Miss Green
Computing Leader: Miss Johnston
Phase Leaders: Mrs. Willis, Mrs. Johnson & Miss Galvin

Meet the Teacher Events

Our Meet the Teacher events take place WB 18th September. These are an opportunity for your child to show you around their classroom and for you to chat briefly to the class teacher. There will also be information available regarding the timetable, curriculum and homework expectations. The event will run from 3.30pm to 4pm on the dates below, there are two dates for each class to help you choose the day that best suits you to visit:

Monday 18th	3H and 3S 4LJ, 4M and 4S 5B, 5G and 5W 6H
Tuesday 19th	1A, 1C and 1H 2B, 2K and 2W 3BT, 3H and 3S
Thursday 21st	2B, 2K and 2W 3BT 6H, 6J and 6W
Friday 22nd	1A, 1C and 1H 4LJ, 4M and 4S 5B, 5G and 5W 6J and 6W

Staff News

We are sad to share that Mrs Baig has left us this week. At the end of the summer she secured a placement to begin her teacher training for the Further Education Sector. Mrs Baig has only been with us for a short while but we are grateful for the support and care she has given the children in her role as a Teaching Assistant and we wish her all the best in her new chapter.

Children's Birthdays

We would love to continue to celebrate your child's birthday in school and appreciate that you may wish to send in something for your child's class. A reminder, we now ask that parents/carers do not send in sweets/food to celebrate a birthday. We hope you understand that this is because we have an increasing number of children with complex allergies and dietary requirements. Instead, if you wish to celebrate your child's birthday in school, we suggest

sending in a birthday book (new, second hand or spare one from home) which will be labelled with a special birthday sticker, shared with the class and kept in their class library.

Snack Reminders

At the end of last term, we shared that our breaktime snacks had been reviewed by the School Council the decided on the following:

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are provided daily fruit or vegetables as part of the Government scheme. All children are welcome to bring in a snack for break time and at the moment are able to bring in a 'treat' snack on a Friday. The term 'treat' can imply that we need to eat chocolate or sweets which aren't good for us to have at 10:30 in the morning! It's way too early! Additionally, some of the treat snacks coming into school contain nuts.

From September 2023, the same snacks should be given throughout the week. These should be in as little packaging as possible because we're also keen to reduce our use of plastics. (e.g. no bear yoyo's or fruit winders).

We request that these snacks are limited to:

- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetables
- Dried Fruit (e.g raisins)
- Plain rice cakes
- Bread sticks
- Yoghurt tube
- Plain crackers
- Pitta bread or Wraps (with no filling)

This is a change for everyone and with the large variety of goods in supermarkets that brand themselves as 'fruit' we are trying to ensure that all classes are consistent with what fits into the list above. Thank you for your co-operation as we make these changes. If you have any questions then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Penalty Notices to Address Poor Attendance at School

A Penalty Notice may be issued as an alternative to the prosecution of a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school and will be used by Surrey County Council in the following circumstances: -

1. Pupils identified by police and education welfare officers engaged on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time (5 days or 10 sessions or more). Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher is also required to determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted.

In such cases the Headteacher/Governing Body have to judge whether there are exceptional circumstances and may request that the Local Authority issue Penalty Notices when the absence is not authorised. Warnings will not be given where it can be shown that parents have been notified that such absences will not be authorised.

3. The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. This will be considered when a pupil has incurred 7 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 6 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

If you believe at any stage that your child's absence from school may leave you liable to receive a Penalty Notice, it is extremely important that you take action without delay to secure their regular attendance. If you have any questions or require further support to achieve an improvement, please contact the school or the Education Inclusion Office.

Penalty Notice relating to Exclusions

If a child is excluded from school, Section 103 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 places a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their child is not in a public place without justifiable cause during school hours. This duty applies to the first five days of each exclusion. Failure to do so will render the parent/carer liable to a Penalty Notice. (Alternative education provision will be made available from the sixth day of any exclusion.)

Amount Payable for a Penalty Notice

The amount payable for a Penalty Notice issued in any of the above circumstances is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid, the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court for the offence for which the Notice was originally issued.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a Penalty Notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice.

If there are two parents, and two children incur unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two Penalty Notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

Advice and support is available from an Inclusion Officer by contacting your local Education Office as follows:-

North West - Tel: [01483 518130](tel:01483518130)

South West - Tel: [01483 517179](tel:01483517179)

North East - Tel: [01372 833588](tel:01372833588)

South East - Tel: [01737 737777](tel:01737737777)

Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents and Carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our Lumen Learning Trust privacy notice for pupils, parents and carers explains how we collect, store and use pupil & parent/carers personal data. This document can be found via this link: <https://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk/about-us/lumen-learning-trust-policies/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr>.

Your child's profile name within Google Classroom

Your child will automatically be provided with their own personalised profile to enable them to access Google Classroom as part of their educational experience at our school. This is a fantastic online tool that allows a virtual learning environment to connect teachers and classmates from any location. Additionally, both in certain and uncertain times it ensures that we can provide a safe, secure and reliable way to continuously deliver education. You can read more about our remote learning offer, how and why we use Google Classroom and the security of your child's data by visiting our school website and navigating to Curriculum > Remote Learning Offer.

Each child has a unique profile which represents them in the online classroom, this is comprised of a name tag. Only the individuals in the virtual class can view this profile and all members of a Classroom are bound by the Lumen Family Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement and E-Safety Rules. For clarity purposes their name tag is comprised of their forename and surname. However, if you would like your child's profile name to show only the first initial of their forename and full surname please do contact our school office who can action this for you.

Sharing data and information with NHS Surrey to support children to access local health and wellbeing services

Surrey Children's Community Health Provider, Children and Family Health Surrey request regular information from us about our children to support planning and delivery of school based health screening at different points of a child's life. Information provided to them by the school is Name, Gender, Address and DOB. Assurances have been received from the Service that this request is in accordance with Government guidelines and adheres to the required Data Protection standards. If you would like further information please refer to <http://childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk>. <https://childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk/about-us/privacy-policy>

Vacancy within the Trust


Saxon Primary School is looking to recruit a 1:1 Teaching Assistant who has a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion and has a high expectation of themselves and every child.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-11-1366495>

Best wishes,

Karen Oakley
Co-Headteacher

Jess Bugembe
Co-Headteacher



Word of the week

Each week, we will be sharing a word of the week. Please use this word with your child where possible, and encourage them to use it at home and school.

Achieve (verb)

Meaning: To bring about or reach a desired objective or result by effort, skill, or courage.

Example: "I want to achieve my best gymnastics score."

Origin: Old French, 'to bring to a head'



ACE Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have received this week's ACE Award.

Class	Name	Awarded
1A	Grayson	Grayson has made a big effort to help tidy the classroom and get involved with carpet learning.
1C	Leo	For his engagement and enthusiasm in all of his learning this week.
1H	Sienna S	For having an excellent first week in Year 1, always following the class expectations and going out of her way to help others.
2B	Tommy	For his fantastic attitude to learning by having a go and sharing his ideas with the class.
2K	Veer	For his enthusiasm in answering questions and always giving it a go.
2W	Kaira	For challenging herself in our Maths learning this week and explaining her understanding so clearly.
3BT	Thomas	For making excellent contributions to class discussions, particularly in our Maths learning this week.
3H	Alex	For his fantastic effort in our first week of learning and for his excellent contributions to our class discussions.
3S	Sofia	For making a fantastic start to Year 3, making green choices and continually showing a positive attitude in the classroom.
4LJ	Archie	Challenging himself in his Maths learning and showing fantastic focus within his learning
4M	James	For an amazing first week, where he has followed the classroom expectations and shown his passion for learning.
4S	Isla	For a fantastic first week of year 4, showing that she is ready to learn and always helping to keep the classroom tidy.
5B	Preston	For supporting others and working incredibly hard to settle into Year 5!
5G	Rajveer	For his brilliant attitude and desire to be challenged in all areas, particularly during his Maths learning.
5W	Oscar	For his wonderful positive attitude towards his learning and consistently aiming high.
6H	Zack	For his tremendous effort and contributions in our maths lessons.
6J	Johan	For showing enthusiasm and positivity for the year ahead.
6W	Neveah	For showing resilience when facing new challenges in her maths learning.

Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Billy M, Sienna H, Savannah P, Preston H, Max O, Alexia G, Caitlin M, Isobel P, Erin H, Misha M and Oscar C.

Achievements outside of school

If your child would like to celebrate success within the school community, please inform your class teacher or the office staff of your news.

During the holiday season, Cameron in 6W and his team, The Guildford Fireflies, participated in two Ice Hockey tournaments. The initial event was held in Hull, drawing top-tier teams from both England and Wales, among them Cardiff, Middlesbrough, Manchester, Leeds, Hull, and Slough.

Cameron scored five goals, assisting his team win the Under 10's Tournament.

The second under 12's tournament was held in Bracknell, featuring Milton Keynes, Chelmsford, and Billingham (Kent).

In this tournament Cameron scored 4 goals including the winning goal in the penalty shootouts in the final against Chelmsford.

Well done Cameron on this amazing achievement.



Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

September		
Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd		Meet the teacher week – Please see above for the date for your child's class
Monday 18th		First Week of Enrichment Clubs
Wed 20th	9.00am	6H Class Assembly
Thursday 21st	3.00pm	Year 6 PTFA Bake Sale
Wednesday 27th	9.00am	2W Class Assembly
October		
Sat 1st – Tue 31st		Black History Month & Walk to School Month
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	6J Class Assembly
Friday 6th		National Poetry Day
Mon 9th - Fri 13th Oct		Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 10th		Hello Yellow Day/World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 10th	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11th	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 11th	9.00am	4S Class Assembly
Wednesday 11th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 12th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 12th	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Thursday 12th	3.00pm	Year R PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 16th - Fri 20th		Put your Phone Away week
Mon 16th - Fri 20th		Recycling Week
Monday 16th		Author visit for Put your Phone Away
Wednesday 18th		Individual and Sibling photos
Wednesday 18th	9.00am	6W Class Assembly
Thursday 19th		PTFA Spooky Disco
Friday 20th		Harvest Festival
Mon 23rd – Fri 27th		Half Term
Mon 30th Oct		INSET Day 3
Tuesday 31st Oct		Children return to school
Tuesday 31st Oct		Flu Vaccinations
November		
Wednesday 1st		Flu Vaccinations
Tues 7th – Fri 10th		Year 6 Bristol Residential
Wednesday 8th	9.00am	5W Class Assembly
Monday 13th		World Kindness Day
Mon 13th – Fri 17th		Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 13th		Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance
Wednesday 15th	9.00am	2B Class Assembly
Thursday 16th	3.00pm	Year 1 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 17th		BBC Children in Need
Wednesday 29th	2.00pm	Reception Nativity
Thursday 30th	9.15am	Reception Nativity
December		
Friday 1st		PTFA Mufti for Christmas Fair
Friday 1st		Santa Fun Run
Wednesday 6th	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 7th	9.15am	KS1 Nativity
Friday 8th		PTFA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th	2.30pm & 3.30pm	Upper KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th	9am	Headteachers' Assembly
Thursday 14th	2.30pm & 3.30pm	Lower KS2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 19th	1.45pm	End of Term
January		
Thursday 4th		Children return to school
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	4M Class Assembly
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	2K Class Assembly
Mon 29th Jan - Fri 2nd Feb		Maths Week
Wednesday 31st		1C Class Assembly
February		
Friday 2nd		Year 3 Sleepover
Friday 2nd		Young Voices Concert at Wembley
Mon 5th – Fri 9th		Echelford Expo Week
Monday 5th		Year 3 Feet First
Tuesday 6th		Year 3 Feet First
Tuesday 6th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Tuesday 6th		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 7th	9.00am	3BT Assembly
Thursday 8th	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Thursday 8th		Year 3 Feet First
Thursday 8th	3.00pm	Year 2 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 12th – Fri 16th		Half Term
Saturday 17th		Random Acts of Kindness Day
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	5B Class Assembly
Friday 29th		Costume Sale for World Book Day Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale
March		
Wednesday 6th		3H Class Assembly
Thursday 7th		World Book Day
Fri 8th – Sun 17th		Science week
Wednesday 13th	9.00	1H Class Assembly
Friday 15th		Young Carers Day
Fri 15th - Sun 17th		Bowles
TBC		Red Nose Day
Wednesday 20th		1A Class Assembly
Tuesday 26th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 27th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 27th	9.00am	Headteachers' Assembly
Thursday 28th	1.45pm	End of Term
April		
Monday 15th		Children return to school
Wed 17th - Fri 19th		Year 4 Bikeability Level 1
Monday 22 nd		Earth Day
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	5G Class Assembly
Thursday 25th	3.00pm	Year 4 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 29th Apr - Fri 3rd May		Year 6 Bikeability
May		

Wednesday 1st	9.00am	3S Class Assembly
Monday 6 th		May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 8th		RG Class Assembly
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th		KS2 SATs week
Thursday 16th	3.00pm	Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 20th - Fri 24th		Year 4 Rise Up Festival (Exact dates TBC)
Tuesday 21st	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22nd	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22nd	9.00am	RL Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd	9.30am	EYFS Stay and Learn
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st		Half Term
June		
Mon 3rd (two week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wed 5th		Sports Day
Friday 7 th		PTFA Lolly Sale
Mon 10th -Fri 14th		Y1 Phonics Screening
Wednesday 12th	9.00am	4LJ Class Assembly
Friday 14th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 14th		Mufti for Summer Fair
Mon 17th - Fri 21st		Book Fair
Mon 17th - Fri 21st		Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 19th	9.00am	RD Class Assembly
Friday 21st		PTFA Summer Fair
Friday 28th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
July		
Mon 1st - Fri 5th		Celebration of Us week
Friday 5th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 10th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 10th	6.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 12th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 17th	TBC	Year 6 Celebration Day and Colour Run
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	Headteachers' Assembly
Friday 19th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th		End of term
Monday 22nd		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23rd		INSET Day 5

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WITH ADHD



Come and share experiences with other parents/carers and learn more about ADHD over a coffee. Primary school aged children (newly diagnosed or awaiting diagnosis). 3- week course with professionals plus the opportunity to continue peer support after the group finishes.

Please be aware that there is no childcare available during the group.

ADHD PARENTS GROUP

10.30-12.30

TUESDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER

THE LOCAL CONVERSATION, 112 HIGH ST, STANWELL, STAINES, TW19 7JS

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT JO HERNANDEZ
JOANNE.HERNANDEZ@SURREYCARETRUST.ORG.UK

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Is your child starting school in September 2024?



If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **30 October 2023** and **15 January 2024**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

Apply online
between
30 October 2023
and 15 January 2024



Is your child in year 6?



If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2023**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Apply online
apply on time by
31 October 2023



THOMAS KNYVETT COLLEGE

YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

**THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
5PM TO 8PM**



- Student-led tours of the school with opportunities to participate in activities.
- Presentation from the Principal throughout the evening - at 5:15pm and 6:30pm.
- An insight into our broad and balanced curriculum and excellent extra-curricular opportunities.
- Meet our students and staff.
- Speak to the SENDCo and Inclusion Department.
- Explore how we "Bring out the Best" in all of our students, regardless of their ability or background.
- Understand more about our PROUD Values: Proud, Respectful, Open-Minded, Unified and Determined.



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SAL **FAMILY LEARNING**



Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to school in another country?
These free courses and workshops are delivered online and can help you support your child with school and family life.

What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills

New EAL workshops:

Adapting to Secondary School

Let's talk about Life Online

How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child

**For course dates, more
information and to book your
place please click on [this link](#) or
scan the QR code**



Come and find out how to get the best out of family life

Over the 10-week Parenting Puzzle Programme, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

- Understanding why children behave as they do
- Recognising the feelings behind behaviour (ours and theirs)
- Exploring different approaches to discipline
- Finding ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Learning the importance of looking after ourselves



To find out more about the Parenting Puzzle course and book yourself a place contact

Jane Hughes (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07766 385113

Linda Lenton-Clark (HSLW) at Riverbridge on 07825 742508

Course will be run at our Knowle Green Base from 9.15am-11.15am on Thursday mornings on the following dates

September 28th, October, 12th, 19th November 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and December 7th, 14th