

The Echelford Echo



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Happy New Year to you all and a warm welcome back to the start of the Spring term. The shorter week has been a good way to ease ourselves back into the routine of the school day and it has been lovely to see how positively our children have settled. We have enjoyed spending some time visiting classrooms this week, the children have dived straight into their learning and are excited to start their topics in their curriculum and begin reading the texts which will drive their learning this term. The Spring term is always a busy one and there are lots of events to look forward please do take the time to look at the dates section at the end of the newsletter to help you plan ahead. One of the highlights from last year was our Echelford Expo and you will be pleased to know that this event will be repeated after school on Wednesday 7th February. More details will be shared in our coming newsletters but we wanted to make sure the date was highlighted now.

From next week we will be introducing some exciting updates to the format of our newsletter. Inline with these changes we have also replaced our Weekly ACE award for the children with the new Green Values Award. Just like the ACE award each teacher will nominate one child each week. This will be based on who they feel has demonstrated one of our school values throughout the week in their learning and participation in class. The children will be announced in our Friday celebration assembly and their name will be displayed in the newsletter. Of course, our celebration assembly will also continue to celebrate the children who have reached Gold and received a Gold Leaf in recognition of their consistent green behaviour choices in class and around school in line with our behaviour policy. This information was shared with the children in assembly this morning and we are all looking forward to sharing our first recipients of the new award next week.

Staff News

This week we welcomed a number of new staff to the Echelford team. Miss Ambridge, has joined the year 2 team as class teacher for 2A, Mrs Davod has joined the year 3 team and will be sharing class responsibility with Mrs Tarry for 3DT and Miss Evans has joined the year 4 team and will be sharing class responsibility with Mrs Johnson.

We are excited to share the happy news of the safe arrival of Miss Egleton's baby who was born in the early hours of this morning. Baby Timothy and mum are both doing well and we look forward to meeting him soon!

Reception 2024 applications

The closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 entry is **15 January 2024**. Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Uniform reminders

The children pride themselves on wearing their Echelford uniform and representing the school. A few key reminders at the start of term especially regarding accessories to ensure that all children are looking smart:

- A small wrist watch (or one that can count steps) is permitted. Smart watches that can be used to communicate are not permitted.
- Small & discreet stud earrings (these earrings must be removed for PE in compliance with Surrey's safety rules). No other jewellery is permitted.
- Nail varnish, false nails, make-up and temporary tattoos are not appropriate for school and a pupil will be asked to remove these accessories if seen by a member of staff.
- All children with shoulder-length or longer hair must have it completely tied back; hair should not be worn in a half-up-half-down style.
- Hair bands should be small and plain in the neutral colours of white, black, brown, beige and blue only.
- Decorative and large accessories such as bows, headbands and long ribbons are not appropriate for school as they serve no functional purpose. Pupils will be asked to remove these if worn.
- Short hair should be uniform in length i.e. not shaved in one part and excessively long elsewhere.
- Extreme hair styles are not permitted in school; this includes patterns cut into hair e.g. tram lines, excessive use of hair products e.g. gel, the use of hair dye in non-natural colours or bleach.

Vacancies within the Trust

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference?

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see:

<https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1390677>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

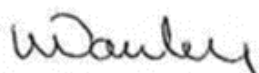
We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220>

Best wishes,

Karen Oakley
Co-Headteacher

Jess Bugembe
Co-Headteacher



Word of the week

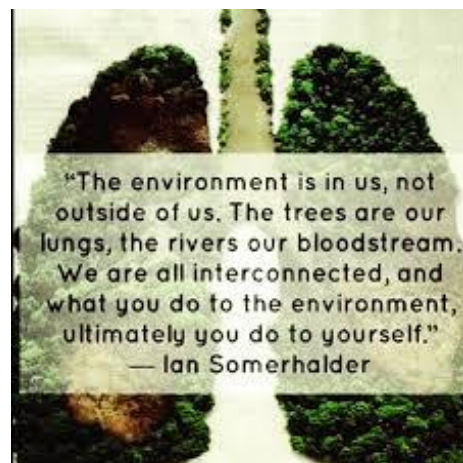
Each week, we will be sharing a word of the week. Please use this word with your child where possible, and encourage them to use it at home and school.

environment (noun)

Meaning: the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates.

Example: "They recycled to look after their environment."

Origin: Middle English (formerly also as *inviron*): from Old French *environer*, from *environ* 'surroundings', from *en* 'in' + *viron* 'circuit' (from *virer* 'to turn, veer').



Gold Leaf Achievers

Special congratulations to: Jesse S, William G, Elia D, George W, Sienna H, Florence M, Willow C, John B and Elliot P.

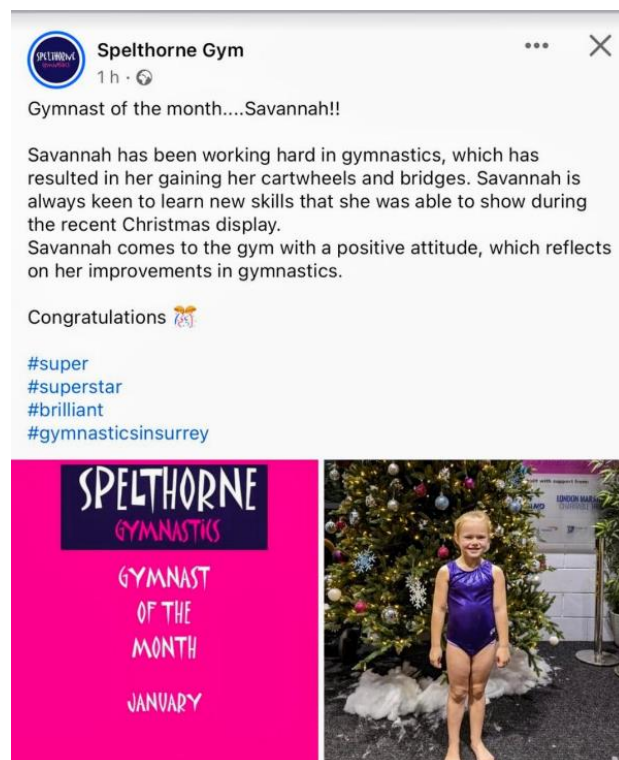
Achievements outside of school

If your child would like to celebrate success within the school community, please inform your class teacher or the office staff of your news. Along with the Newsletter, we will display any sports achievement photos and information on our 'Sports Shout Outs' board in the gym.



Well done to Harry in 4S who won a trophy last December for 'Most Improved Boxer' of 2023 at his boxing club. He has worked very hard this year and is extremely proud of his trophy. Congratulations Harry on this amazing achievement.

Congratulations to Savannah in 1H who has won Gymnast of the Month at Spelthorne Gymnastics Club. As you can see she has had a glowing report from the club. Well done Savannah on this fabulous achievement, keep up the good work.



Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

January		
Wednesday 10th		Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	4M Class Assembly
Wednesday 24th	9.00am	5B 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
Friday 23rd		Year 5 day trip to Milestones Museum
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	2A Class Assembly
Friday 29th	3.00pm	Costume Sale for World Book Day and 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		Year 5 Bowles Residential

Friday 15th		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)
Mon 20th - Fri 24th		Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 21st	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22nd	2.30pm	EYFS Stay and Learn
Wednesday 22nd	9.00am	RL Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd	2.30pm	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
Mon 10 th – Fri 14th		Y6 Bikeability
Wednesday 12th	9.00am	4EJ 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	9.00am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th		End of term
Monday 22nd		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23rd		INSET Day 5