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Co-Headteachers' Message

Monday was World Earth Day and throughout this week in our assemblies, we have taken the time to think about the beauty of our planet and the importance of taking care of it preserving it for the future. Our Wonderful World is one of our curriculum themes and there is opportunity for the children to consider the messages that World Earth day aims to share, throughout their learning at Echelford. On Wednesday, 5G shared a fantastic class assembly about World Earth Day - they shared the stark visual representation of the climate lines to show how our planet is warming. Shades of blue indicate cooler-than-average years, while red shows years that were hotter than average. You may be familiar with this visual representation as a similar display was along the side of the route for the London Marathon last weekend, near the end of the race route.



The second week of this term has been action packed with events including an Author Visit from Josh Lacey, a Viking Workshop for year 6 and our Rainbow Mufti event organised by the PTFA.

Thank you to the parents/carers who were able to attend and take part in the Online Safety workshop. The feedback from the session was very positive and we look to replicate this again in the future.

Tonight, we wish our boys football team the best of luck as they play in their cup final.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Uniform Reminders

The children pride themselves on wearing their Echelford uniform and representing the school. A few key reminders 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.
- Short hair should be uniform in length i.e. not shaved in one part and excessively long elsewhere.
- 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. We also now request that large plastic claw hair clips are not worn to school as they can be hazardous in the playground. Pupils will be asked to remove these items if worn.
- 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.

Polling Day 2nd May

The school will remain open for all children on Thursday 2nd May. Spelthorne council will be using the Community Room for the polling station instead of the main school building. Voters will not enter the main school site and will be separate from the children. Voters will be using the KS2 gates to gain access to the Community Room, which means children and parents will need to enter the school site via the staff carpark gates at drop off and collection times. (There will be no change for the way Year 1 children and parents/carers enter the site.)

Email Communication

It has been brought to our attention that some email communications are being sent into junk folders. Please check your junk folders in case this is happening and if so, please mark the emails as being from a trusted source. If you are not receiving any emails from us, then you may have unsubscribed from SCOPAY so please log in and subscribe in order for you to receive all the relevant information we share.

Parking Reminders

A reminder to ensure that you are parking responsibly when dropping or picking up your child. This includes making sure you are not obstructing neighbours' driveways or stopping on the zig zag lines. Please can we ask you to be considerate for other parents/carers and our neighbours when parking in the roads near the school. Can we remind you to treat our neighbours with respect at all times, especially in the presence of children. We also ask that you don't turn in the road directly outside the school as this causes extra congestion and makes it unsafe for pedestrians to cross. Many thanks for your support with this matter.



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)



Lumen Summer Camp 2024 now open for bookings



We are excited to announce that our 2024 Summer Camp is now live to take bookings.

Prices

'Early Bird' booked by end of Friday 24th May: £28 daily rate or £140 weekly rate

Places booked from Saturday 25th May: £32 daily rate or £140 weekly rate

Our online booking and payment portal will allow you to create an online account for your child/ren, complete all registration forms and book Camp day sessions. Childcare vouchers can also be used. For those parents who booked sessions for our previous Camps you are able to use your existing

Magic Booking account – your child details will be saved ready for use.

We strongly advise you to book early as places in the Camp are strictly limited. Please visit www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk and click on 'Summer Camps' in the top menu to be taken to our Camp pages or click on <https://lumensummercamps.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login> to access our payment portal.

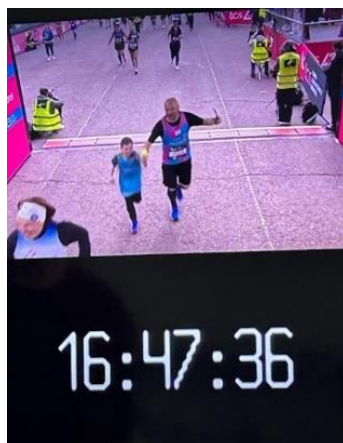
Achievements outside of school

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.

Congratulations to Louie in RG who has moved up to Level 2 in his swimming lessons. Well done, Louie, on this amazing achievement.



Well done to Harry in 4S and his dad who had an amazing day last Sunday. Harry's dad ran the London Marathon and Harry was able to run the last mile with his dad and felt extremely proud to share the moment with him as they crossed the finish line. Lots of money was raised for the Shooting Star Children's Hospice. Congratulations to you both on this fantastic achievement.





Congratulations to Saoirse in 2W who came first in the vault and third in the trampette discipline during her gymnastics competition over the Easter break. Well done, Saoirse, on this fabulous achievement.

Class Learning Awards

The following classes were this week's winners, working as a team whilst using our curriculum online resources. Well done!



Class: 3H



Class: 2B

Green Values Award

Every week, an award is presented to a child in each class for embodying one of our Green Values. Congratulations to those children who have represented one of our values so brilliantly this week.

RG	Harper	RL	Blake	RO	Amber C
1A	Eliza	1C	Dotty	1H	Willow
2A	Dylan	2B	Sahib	2W	Own
3DT	Hallie	3H	Arhaan	3S	Imogen
4EJ	Musa	4M	Vincent	4S	Finley
5B	Zack	5G	Hashveen	5W	Elijah
6H	Freddie	6J	Yo Yo	6W	Carmel



Gold Leaf Achievers

Every week, we celebrate those children awarded a Gold Leaf this week for their effort and achievement in their learning.

Savanna H, Teddy L, Harry E, Arjan S, Charlie P, Shiloh M, Louie H, Ema F, Liahna D, Isabelle S, Nellie-Mae H, Henry H, Evie S, Rohan M, Isaac P, Alex I, Adela F, Thea B, Madeline B, Lexi B, Daniela A, Teddy B, Jasmine D, Jeet O, Jess B, Lily W, Emilyanna B, Penny M, Noor V, Michael G, Millie J, Elodie P, Harry B, Ivy G, Grayson Bi, Laksh K, Ava Y, Leo W, Amelia D, Helina M, Joseph E, Rosie M, Maximillian S, Zainab F, Jaxon B, Elodie M, Rehanuddin M, Rose E, Rico P, William G, Own A, Jenson W, John B, Ellie D, Ella T, Aarav S, William W, Eesa N, Cody N, Kaya G, Amelia S, William R, Finley M, Mason D, Sara F, Alazne P, Noemi O, Zoe W, Juno M, Jocelyne S, Emmilija M, Harleigh B, Arthur P, Eleanor S, Rajveer B, Sydney M, Amber P, Summer H, Hashveen K, Timotei A, Kian C, Arifah R, Hubert O, Damian T, Freya M, Myla-Rose H, William M, Shane C, Sophia H, Ava A, Ilyas K, Elijah N and Yacine S.

On behalf of the Echelford Primary staff team, we wish you a pleasant weekend.



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
bit.ly/42KH8tR

- 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



Book now



We all shine, but
We're brightest together.
come and join us




#WE GOT GAME.

NEW! Girls' Cricket Sessions at Ashford Cricket Club

Short Lane, Stanwell, TW19 7BQ - Sundays 9.30-11am
Starting 5th May, for ages 8-18
Contact women@ashfordcc.co.uk for details

[@wegotgameofficial](https://www.instagram.com/wegotgameofficial)

COMMUNITY OPEN SESSIONS WITH SPELTHORNE EAGLES



WHAT'S ON

- U5's Saturday 9:15 - 10:00am
- U8's Monday 4:30 - 5:45pm
- U12's Thursday 5:00 - 6:15pm
- U16's Saturday 2:30 - 4:00pm

VENUE

Meadhurst Club
Chertsy Road
TW16 7LN

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