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Co-Headteachers' Message

Last weekend got off to a fantastic start as a dedicated group of volunteers braved the Saturday morning chill to plant 8 new fruit trees in our Forest School area. These trees, generously donated by Surrey County Council, are a vital addition to our 'Echelwood Forest.' We also have a number of whips that have been donated by Carbon Footprints and will be organising another planting session soon.

As these saplings take root, they will further enhance our Forest School provision, which remains a cornerstone of our curriculum. These sessions offer our children invaluable opportunities to bridge classroom learning with the outdoors, fostering teamwork, resilience, and practical problem-solving skills in a natural environment. Our thanks go to everyone who gave up their time to help our grounds flourish.

This week, we have been pleased to welcome several members of our Governing Body into school for their scheduled monitoring visits. The role of a Governor is essential; they provide the 'critical eye' and oversight necessary to validate and offer challenge to the leadership team to ensure we are delivering the highest quality education for your children.

By bringing a diverse range of professional experiences and fresh perspectives, our Governors help us stay focused on our key priorities. This week's visits covered several core areas:

- Inclusion: Observing how we are successfully embedding Nurture Principles across the school
- Early Years: Focusing on how staff interactions are specifically designed to enhance children's language development.
- Teaching & Learning: Reviewing our Reading and Writing provision throughout the school.
- Staff Development: Examining the ongoing training and learning opportunities we provide all staff.

These visits sparked insightful conversations with both staff and pupils. We are proud of the progress observed and the vibrant learning atmosphere our Governors experienced.

Next week, we are excited to open our doors once again to our Reception parents and carers for our 'Stay and Learn' sessions. These are wonderful opportunities for you to gain a glimpse into their school day.



Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley



Inclusion Insights

This week, we met with one of our Governors to share the work being done to support the social and emotional needs of pupils at Echelford. We spoke about how we are using the Boxall Profile to identify, support and monitor pupils across the school and the positive impact this is having.

Over the last year, we have been using the Boxall Profile to understand the social and emotional needs of our pupils through our work with Nurture UK, a charity who support social and emotional development through a nurturing approach to education.

The Boxall Profile is a tool used by teachers across the UK, and has been highlighted in the Department of Education's 2018 Mental Health and Behaviour in Schools advice. Schools use the Boxall Profile in different ways to help with identifying difficulties and planning interventions for individuals and across classes and groups.

At Echelford, we have assessed most of our pupils and we use this information to help us:

- Learn about what might be behind a child's behaviour
- Plan support and interventions for individuals and groups of pupils
- Understand whole class needs and set whole class targets

Family Voice Surrey are offering parents at Echelford the opportunity to join a webinar about Effective Communication between parents and teachers:

Title: *Effective Communication between Parents and Teachers webinar*

Dr Kathryn Hollins, Consultant, Parent, Child and Family Psychiatrist

Date: *Wednesday, February 4*

Time: *12-1pm*

Do you ever find yourself wishing for a better outcome to a conversation with a teacher? Do you ever feel uncertain about what to say; fearful about saying the 'wrong' thing; or feel frustrated about misunderstandings between you and your child's school?

If this sounds familiar, you are not alone. As part of PINS, we would like to invite you to take part in a webinar for parents. Dr Kathryn Hollins, Consultant Parent, Child and Family Psychiatrist, will be the keynote speaker, in collaboration with Kate Goode from Family Voice Surrey.

Kathryn will begin talking about how communication works between individuals, between groups and within communities. She will talk about why communication is so hard and what makes it easier. Then she will share how you may be able to help a teacher to listen to what you are needing to share. The webinar will finish with an opportunity to practice some new skills in break out rooms.

If you would like to register to join the webinar, please complete the form using the link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/B1Pm7Pises?origin=QRCode>



Plea for Tights and Socks

If you have any spare socks, both girls and boys, and tights for the younger children, we would be very grateful if you could pass them our way. If your child has had to borrow socks or tights from us, please can we ask they are washed and returned as soon as possible. With the weather being particularly wet at the moment we are unable to provide a change of socks and tights.

Oracy - Food For Talk

This is one of our Food For Talk topics that children have been discussing at lunchtime this week.

Friday - If I ruled an Ice Kingdom, I would...

Food for Talk!

If I ruled the an Ice Kingdom, I would...because...

I agree and I would...

I couldn't disagree more because...

Vacancies within the Trust

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are recruiting an Early Years Teaching Assistant (32.5 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.30pm), term time only (38 weeks per year), Monday to Friday. We are looking for somebody who is not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking to appoint somebody who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1523575>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting:

Do you have a passion for Early Years? This is an exciting opportunity for an Early Years Teaching Assistant to work in our Nursery, who is not afraid to immerse themselves in the children's play. We are looking for someone who can be flexible and support learning in a creative way.

For more information on these roles please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1529364>

Darley Dene Primary School is recruiting:

We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant on a fixed term contract to cover a maternity leave. This is an opportunity for individuals who are patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff.

If you actively enjoy working with children in a stimulating and creative environment, have experience ideally within the education sector and are professional in your approach with a desire to make a lasting personal contribution to our children's lives, we want to hear from you.

For more information please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1530260>



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 Hugo in 3S who won his first silver medal in an LTA Orange Ball tennis tournament. Orange ball is played on a full-size court and is the next step up from the mini court. Hugo has been training and working very hard to achieve this. Congratulations Hugo on this fantastic 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: 4GB		Class: 1A
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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.

RA	Thea	RG	Tilly	RO	Flynn
1A	Ivy	1B	Camellia	1CE	Eddie
2A	Jovan	2DB	Freya W	2I	Jack
3B	Yahya	3O	Helina	3S	Jess
4B	Brooke	4GB	Saoirse	4R	Amber
5L	Thomas	5M	Jennifer	5P	Maaria
6H	Yihui	6S	Amelia	6W	Bessie

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Shivaay P, Aaima H, Rahitya K, Vienna S, Hollie O, Ashton H, Remi W, Yuvi O, Mikail O, Dillon D, Maya S, Joseph D, Bey-Aaliyah B, Mason J, Kai J, Emily A, Rocky T, Alfie T, Jenson G, Luke N, Hugo W, Braydon H, Faizaan K, May-Rose W, Harrison D, Isha Y, Ivy C, Toby T, Kai Y, Radvin H, Cooper M, Sidney T, Florence-Lola B,



Miguel A, Lyra S, Daniel A, Daniel A, Tharunika B, Alex T, Zeyad A, Arabella M, Sulayman A, Eddie T, Erin P, Kaloyan D, Arvitha P, Joshua K, Reuben A, Blake B, Amrit R, Freya w, Shiloh M, Radin M, Nova D, Alfie M, Ayda W, Asil E, Logan F, Saira A, Ema F, Panav S, Anaiya O, Emilia R, Gurmehar K, Lily W, Inaaya Y, Thomas G, Elsie Da, Jessica J, Lily W, Rosie-Mae D, Theodore C, Ranveer S, Oliver H, Bodhi M, Laksh K, Learno P, Ivy K, Daniela A, Elsie D, Jeshvik N, Albert M, Jessica P, Georgina P, Sahara S, Rehanuddin M, Joseph E, Erin M, Victoria N, Alfie Z, Max S, Ayaan H, Teddy K, Aizah M, Amina R, Own A, Levi-Rose M, Ellie D, Navraj B, Ellie P, Jaylen M, Ellis L, William G, Zainab F, Swara S, Teeyan B, Kesar R, Nathaniel L, Saoirse M, Ethan H, Kaira G, Maxwell T, Issri R, Jasmine P, Vidhaan S, Reggie C, Amber J, Nainika B, Elodie M, Grace E, Veer A, Connor R, Toby M, Evie G, Rianna D, Abbie L, Dev L, Willow-Rae S, Poppy R, Darcy O, Verity V, Aurora J, Arthur C, Arjan P, Gurdeep B, Zachary A, Mason B, Tommy Y, Zack F, Amaani A, Iona S, Kaira S, Robert A, Daria B, Mustafa A, Deshawn S, Evie H, Nina P, Ellis B, Iommi J, Jessica W, Amir Z, Connie H, Hannah P, Jonathan B, Maaria K, Luna D, Robyn W, Mason Ja, Elias M, Liam N, Toby D, Mya A, Liliana R, Kaya G, Dexter D, Jake Me, Samuel W, Jasleen B, Freddie W, Raihaan P, Arjun S, Harry A, Arjun D, Indigo E, Millie G, Ethan T, Yuvraaj S, Harper L, Soha M, Finley M, Evie M, Vivaan K and Anaya A.

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

Important Dates

January		
Tuesday 27th	2.30pm	Reception Stay and learn
Wednesday 28th	9.00am	4R Class Assembly
Wednesday 28th	2.30	Reception Stay and learn
Thursday 29th	2.30	Reception Stay and learn
February		
Monday 2nd – Friday 6th		Maths Week
Wednesday 4th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 2
Wednesday 4th	9.00am	2DT Class Assembly
Friday 6th		NSPCC Number Day
Monday 9th - Friday 13th		Echelford Expo Week
Tuesday 10th		Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11th	9.00am	1CE Assembly
Wed 11th to Fri 13th		Year 3 Feet First
Thursday 12th	3.00pm	Year 2 PTFA Bake Sale
Mon 16th – Fri 20th Half Term		
Monday 23rd		Children return to school
Thursday 26th		Costume Sale for World Book Day Year 3 PTFA Bake Sale
Friday 27th		Reception Popcorn Club
March		
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Book Week
Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th		Year 5 Residential High Ashurst
Monday 2nd - Friday 6th		Level 1 Year 4 Bikeability
Wednesday 4th	9.00	2A Class Assembly
Thursday 5th		World Book Day & PTFA Wonky Bars
Monday 9th - Friday 13th		Book Fair
Wednesday 11th	9.00	1A Class Assembly



Wednesday 11th		Young Carers Day
Wednesday 11th	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Thursday 12th	3.30-6.00pm	Parent Teacher Consultations
Wednesday 18th	9.00	2I Class Assembly
Friday 20th		Red Nose Day
Saturday 21st		Single Parents Day
Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th		Year 4 Residential Henley Fort
Friday 27th	1.45 finish	End of Term
Mon 30th March – Fri 10th April Easter Break		
April		
Monday 13th		Children return to school
Monday 20th - Friday 24th		Science Week
Wednesday 22nd		Earth Day
Wednesday 22nd	9.00	3S Class Assembly
Thursday 23rd		Year 4 Bake sale
Wednesday 29th	9.00am	RO Class Assembly
May		
Monday 4th		May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6th		RA Class Assembly
Thursday 7th May		Year 5 PTFA Bake Sale
Monday 11th - Thursday 14th		KS2 SATs week
Friday 15th		Enterprise Day Year 6
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
Wednesday 20th		Year 1 Family Learning Session 3
Wednesday 20th	9.00am	3O Class Assembly
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th Half Term		
June		
Monday 1st		Children return to school
Monday 1st (two week period)		Year 4 Multiplication Check
Wednesday 3rd		Sports Day
Friday 5th		PTFA Lolly Sale
Monday 8th - Friday 12th		Healthy Eating Week
Wednesday 10th	9.00am	1B Class Assembly
Friday 12 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 12th		Mufti for Summer Fair
Monday 15th to Friday 19th	All day	Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
Wednesday 17th	9.00am	RG Class Assembly
Friday 19th		PTFA Summer Fair
Monday 22nd - Friday 26th		Celebration of Us Week
Wednesday 24th	AM	Class photo day
Friday 26 th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Wednesday 1st		Move up morning
Friday 3rd	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
July		
Wednesday 8 th	1.30pm	Year 6 production
Wednesday 8 th	5.30pm	Year 6 production
Friday 10th	3.00pm	PTFA Lolly Sale
Friday 17th	9am	Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17th		End of term
Monday 20th		INSET Day 4
Tuesday 21st		INSET Day 5



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Join us in conversation as we explore the best ways to support our children and young people navigating the online world covering topics such as:

- Artificial Intelligence - What to know and how to support your children and young people
- Resources to facilitate discussion with children and young people on online safety
- Top Tips and Tricks for Parents & Carers
- Particular Apps or Features to be aware of
- Interactive Q&A Session

ABOUT SCREENSAFE

I started Screen-Safe to help more parents, carers, teachers and anyone working with children, have access to support, the information they need now and the tools they need for the future when it comes to keeping our children and young people safer online. As a parent myself, I know just how challenging and sometimes, overwhelming it can be to navigate the digital world our children are growing up in. The online world can provide incredible opportunities but also some serious risks, especially where children are concerned.

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3rd February 10-11:30am

3rd March 7-8:30pm



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FEBRUARY 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

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Autism - Improving Communication	2 Feb 10am
Improving Family Communication	2 Feb 7pm
Supporting A Child with ADHD	3 Feb 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Feb 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Feb 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Feb 10am
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Feb 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Feb 10am
Introduction to OCD	17 Feb 7pm
FREE - Reducing the Harm from Screens	19 Feb 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	23 Feb 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Feb 7pm
Decreasing Depression	24 Feb 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Feb 7pm
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm



6pm - 7.30pm, Tuesday, February 10th

New Dad Workshop Online

Calling all dads-to-be and new dads with babies under 12 weeks old. We're excited to be working with Spelthorne Family Centre to offer a FREE New Dad Workshop, designed to support you through the early days of parenthood.

This relaxed and supportive session will cover:

- Bonding and attachment
- Mum's & dad's mental health and wellbeing
- Where to go for help, advice, and support
- Coping with a crying baby
- Supporting your partner

Whether this is your first baby or you're just looking for reassurance, this workshop is a safe space to ask questions, build confidence, and connect with other dads.

Sign up for free here: [NDWFeb10.eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk)

This workshop is only open to residents of Spelthorne, however Dad Matters Surrey regularly runs other events for new dads, so please follow us for other opportunities. This event will be delivered via Teams and a link will be shared once your booking is confirmed.



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Stay'n'Play for Dads Wednesday, February 4th

Clarendon Family Centre, 1pm - 2.30pm
1 Knapp Road, Ashford, TW15 2HZ

Dads - bring your little ones along to join us for a FREE stay'n'play session! Open to all dads and their kids under 5 - it's a relaxed and friendly space for games, activities and bonding time. A great opportunity for dads to connect with other dads over a cuppa!

Sign up for free here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/staynplay-for-dads-tickets-1979875039540>


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