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Co-Headteachers' Message

It was a wonderful day of comfort for everyone who joined in by wearing their pyjamas to school today to help raise money for Children in Need. This year's theme is Challenge Yourself 26, and each class set themselves the goal of completing 26 things together. The challenges ranged from doing 26 star jumps to telling 26 jokes! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far; we look forward to sharing our final fundraising total with you soon.

This week, we held our first Local Governing Board meeting of the term, led by our new Chair of Governors, Emily Fisk. These termly meetings give our governors the opportunity to celebrate our successes and review our progress against our key school priorities for the year. A vital part of their role is to provide healthy challenge, ensuring that our plans are making a real difference in the classroom for our pupils. This year, our priorities build on the many strengths highlighted in last year's Ofsted inspection as we continue to move forward as a school. Alongside these meetings, governors carry out termly monitoring visits, which give them valuable context and a chance to see our school development areas in action. We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are accepting nominations. Further information about the role and how to apply is included with this newsletter, and the final date for nominations is next Friday, 20th November.

On Wednesday, we came together as a school community to mark Remembrance Day by observing a silence at 11am. We paused to remember all those who have lost their lives in war and conflict, as well as those who continue to serve in the armed forces. The children also spent time in their classes this week reflecting on the importance of remembrance.

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 6 pupils are very excited about their residential trip to Bristol, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return. Back in school, we will be joining schools across the country to mark Anti-Bullying Week. A reminder, all children are invited to wear odd socks to school on Monday to raise awareness and help us kick off the week.

Mrs . Bugembe & Miss Oakley

Inclusion Insights

As the weather gets colder, children will need to bring a few more items to school, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves. This is a great opportunity to help children develop their independence and organisational skills.



At home, you can help by:

• Practising putting on and taking off coats, fastening zips and managing gloves and scarves.

• Encouraging your child to pack their own belongings using a simple checklist.

• Having a consistent place at home for outdoor clothing so items are easier to find.

• Labelling belongings to help children recognise and look after their own things.

Small, regular opportunities to practise these skills help children build confidence and independence. Please remember to name all items of clothing.

<u>Inclusion Parent/Carer forum</u>

Next week, we have our next Parent/Carer forum on *Wednesday 18th November at 2-3pm.*

We are lucky to have our Outreach worker from Freemantles, a school for autistic children, to come and speak with us, with a focus on *Supporting Children Who Mask – Strategies for Home.*

Everyone is welcome. Please come along - come to the school office at 2pm on Wednesday 18th November.

Staff News

We are delighted to share some lovely news; Mrs Geeves is expecting her first baby in early spring. We are thrilled for her and her husband and send our warmest congratulations as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

Procedure for children arriving late

The below procedure has been put in place for all children who arrive after the expected time of 8.45am:

- 8:45 am - the morning bell rings and all children are expected to be in school by this time
- All children arriving after 8:45 am must enter via the KS2 gate
- A member of staff will be waiting at the blue gates (past the bike shed) to greet you and sign your child in
- Parents/carers must wait with their child at the gate until a member of staff walks them safely into the school
- Parents/carers will then exit back through the KS2 gates

Any pre-arranged agreement to enter through the Main Office will continue as normal. Please ring the bell and the Office Team will let you in, we are hopeful that the reduction in people at the office will enable a calmer, smoother transition to school for these children.

If you need to speak to the office in the morning (e.g., to drop off medication), please ring the Main Office bell as usual. We are confident this new process will allow our Office Team to assist you much more efficiently.

Reminder of School Meal Orders

Please ensure you order your child their meals for next week on the Schoolgrid website. If you do not order a meal, your child will only be given a plain jacket potato and if they do not want that offer, you may be called to provide a packed lunch from home. Also, if your child is absent or you provide them with a packed lunch, please ensure you cancel their meal by 8.55am. If you do not cancel and your child is entitled to a free school meal, the school will get charged for this meal.

North East Surrey School Nursing Team

We have the North East School Nursing Team coming into Echelford on the following dates:

Thursday 26th November 2026 - 11am to 1pm
Thursday 7th January 2027 - 11am to 1pm

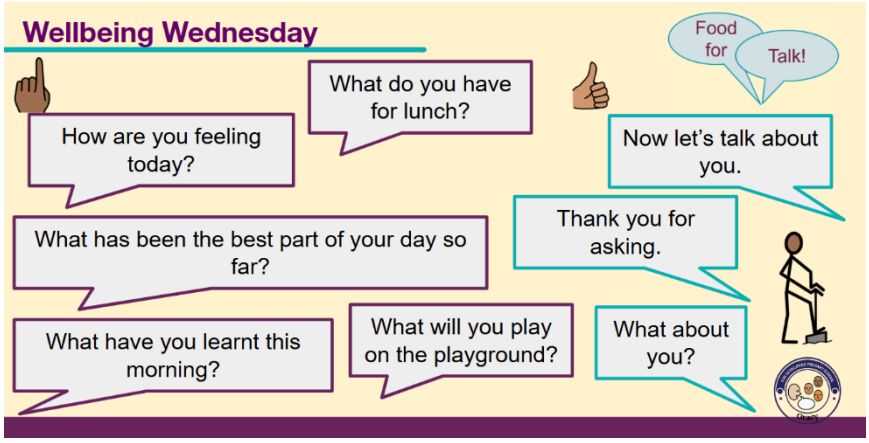
They will be providing 1-2-1 sessions to any parent/carer looking for advice on toileting, eating or sleeping which we know can be a challenge in family life.

If you would like to take advantage of this service, please ensure you make contact with Miss Munro via the office to book a suitable time.



Oracy - Food For Talk

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



Vacancies Within the Trust

Saxon Primary School is recruiting

We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant with a passion for creating lifelong learners, committed to inclusion who has a high expectation of themselves and every child. Working Hours: Monday to Friday, term time only (38 weeks per year) 31.25 hours per week, 8.30am to 3.15pm.

For more information on these roles please see: https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1583822

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.

Class Learning Awards

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



Class: 4A



Class: 2A

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	Immy	RC	Jaxson D	RG	Consent to publish name not given
1B	Radhya	1CJ	Faizaan	1I	Pedro
2A	Miguel	2B	Consent to publish name not given	2DT	Tharunika
3A	Aria	3B	Bentley	3D	Consent to publish name not given
4A	Effie	4H	Oliver	4L	Jasmine
5A	Veer	5B	Seth	5C	Rose
6GB	Elias	6R	Thomas	6W	Alex

Gold Leaf Achievers

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

Ronnie W, Ariana E, Oscar V, Saxon B, Ava C, Ava N, Otis F, Tegh M, River C, Jasmine D, Hugo J, Aiden P, Ronnie J, Connie B, Oliver D, Emmy B, Ellie C, Samara K, Hollie O, Dillon D, Asher J, Ronnie N, Esme N, Poppy B, Isha Y, Oscar B, Alex T, Jaanvi W, Ruben P, Carla V, Diyana P, Daniel A, Cooper M, Evie W, Florence-Lola B, Harrison D, Jacob S, May-Rose W, Noah C, Sachi B, Shanzay H, Sidney T, Zack J, Cody H, Tharunika B, Yuna M, Mariia L, Aryaa D, Kaleb T, Jovan G, Beau S, Octavia B, Jude T, Shiloh M, Nova D, Panav S, Arthur A, Frankie H, Kazim Z, Theo H, Albert M, Dotty H, Savannah P, Sienna Hi, Jasmine P, Owen J, Reggie C, Kaira G, Grace E, Ilyas M, Teeyan B, Ethan H, Levi-Rose M, Ellie P, Franco B, Jackson D, Ellie D, Saoirse M, Aubrey B, Elvy L, Georgina P, Elias M, Nova H, Arthur C, Connor R, Ava B, Arjan P, Ashreet K and Zack F.

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

Important Dates

A full list of this year's dates can be found on the school website

November		
Monday 16th – Friday 20th		Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th		Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Alliance
Wednesday 18th	9.00am	4L Class Assembly
Wednesday 25th		Individual and Sibling Photo Day
Friday 27th		Santa Fun Run
Friday 27th		PTFA Mufti for Christmas Fair
December		
Wednesday 2nd	2.00pm	Reception Nativity
Thursday 3rd	9.15am	Reception Nativity
Friday 4th		PTFA Christmas Fair
Wednesday 9th	2.00pm	KS1 Nativity
Thursday 10th	9.15am	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 15th	9.15am & 2.30pm	UKS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 17th	9.15am & 2.30pm	LKS2 Christmas Performance
Friday 18th	**1.45pm**	**End of Term**



KEMPTON STEAM MUSEUM

The museum is housed within a Grade II listed Scheduled Monument made from Portland stone and glazed bricks and is located at the Kempton Park Water Treatment Works.

Located near to Sunbury-on-Thames in South West London and operated by Thames Water, this site continues to supply water to London to this day.



Kempton Steam Museum

is the home of the world's largest working triple-expansion steam engine known as 'The Sir William Prescott Engine'. The engine sits alongside two steam turbines and opposite an identical twin called 'The Lady Bessie Prescott Engine,' which is currently being restored.

The machines are as high as four stacked double-decker buses and closely resemble those used in the steamship RMS Titanic. The two triple-expansion engines and steam turbines pumped vast volumes of London's water supply from 1929 until 1980 when electrically driven pumps in an adjacent building superseded them.



The mighty triple-expansion steam engines and the turbine engines, along with their water pumps and other machinery have been restored and preserved since 1995 by volunteers of the Kempton Great Engines Trust.

The museum opens for about eight weekends each year when 'The Sir William Prescott Engine' can be seen in action. Full details are on our website: https://kemptonsteam.org

