



SYTHWOOD PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Message from the Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy, wet couple of weeks it has been!

Our Pupil Parliament have been extremely busy meeting the Mayor and visiting other schools. See further news stories in this newsletter for more information.

Thank you to Sequoia class for their class assembly today all about the human body. We saw the different body systems on trial and some very interesting facts were learnt by all.

Year 5 have been on their residential trip this week. Although it has been extremely wet, we hear that the children have had a fun time and enjoyed their disco last night. Our two stars of the trip were Megan and Rayyan!

We are continuing to take Coronavirus seriously but we also do not need to cause undue alarm. It is important for the children that we remain calm, sensible and work together as a school community to follow the national guidance.

The advice to us from Public Health England and Surrey County Council remains the same and is as follows:-

- Where a suspected case has been in a childcare or educational setting, **there is no need to close the setting or send other learners or staff home.**
- Even if there is a confirmed case in your childcare or educational setting, **in most cases, closure of the childcare or education setting will be unnecessary and advice would be provided by Public Health England.**
- As always, everyone should continue to promote good hand and respiratory hygiene

Remember, if you have any direct medical concerns, to contact NHS 111.

Have a nice weekend

Mrs N Matheson (Head of School)

WORLD BOOK DAY

It was wonderful to see so many children and staff dressed up as their favourite book character yesterday. There were many Harry Potters, Princesses and some extremely scary dinosaurs! We hope that your children enjoyed the day and you found some time to share your favourite book together.

Children were each given a £1 book token that can be exchanged in a supermarket or book shop for one of the £1 books. We hope you get the opportunity to buy a book with your child.



SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinner money for next half term is £68.15 or £11.75 a week. Please ensure school dinner money is paid in advance.



On 11th February we visited Greenfield school to take part in a Children's Festival. We made a presentation about the UN Sustainability Goals focussed on how we can protect the world's oceans. We also debated issues such as whether professional male and female tennis players should be paid the same and whether rich people should be allowed to pay to see a doctor more quickly than everyone else. Local MP Jonathan Lord even dropped by to tell us what it was like to work in the real-life parliament at the House of Commons in London.

A special visit from the Mayor of Woking

Our KS2 children were very lucky to meet the Mayor of Woking on Monday afternoon as part of our aspiration assemblies. The children loved hearing about her inspirational journey to become Mayor and found out lots about her responsibilities. A key message that she shared was the need for teamwork and collaboration for good things to happen. Our Pupil Parliament were proud to help her during assembly and had just enough time for a photo at the end.



Coronavirus DfE number

The Department for Education have set up a Coronavirus helpline (tel 0800 046 8687) for queries relating to schools and other educational establishments in England. Lines are open Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.

Governors: What have you done to benefit Sythwood?

We asked Mrs Matheson and the Senior Leadership Team how they think we benefit Sythwood and these are their answers. Governors are advocates of Sythwood, so they promote what we do; they are supportive of staff; offer different perspectives on what the school does; challenge us to reflect upon what we do and why and help us develop our plans for the future.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

24th to 28th February: **Sequoia Class** (98.6%)
and **Holly Class** (98.1%)

2nd to 6th March: **Pine Class** (99.5%)
and **Chestnut & Sycamore Class** (98.7%)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Friday 6th March | Sequoia Class assembly 2:30pm |
| Monday 9th March | Year 6 SATs information evening 6pm |
| Friday 13th March | Elm Class Assembly 2:30pm |
| Friday 13th March | VI coffee morning 9am |
| Tuesday 17th March | Reception Farm visit |
| Wednesday 18th March | Sequoia Junior Citizens pm |
| Friday 20th March | Oak Class assembly 2:30pm |
| Friday 20th March | Magnolia and Sycamore Junior Citizens pm |
| Friday 20th March | Reception height, weight and vision check |
| Monday 23rd March | Year 4 trip to The Living Rainforest |
| Wednesday 25th March | Year 5 Easter Investigation at St Andrew's Church |