



WEEKLY FOCUS

Friday 14th February 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

It has certainly been a busy half term. It has been good to see the children participating in different inter-house competitions and various sporting events over the past few weeks. Our children have competed with good humour and sportsmanship, and our sports captains have shown their leadership and organisational skills.

Another highlight of the half term was the year 4 trip to Sayers Croft. I was really proud to witness the children's excellent behaviour and team spirit whilst they were away. The children all demonstrated our school values and were a real credit to the school.

I hope you all have a lovely half term. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday, 26th February and I am excited to once again be judging the cakes in the bake-off competition!

Best wishes, Mrs Wand

Dates for 24th—28th February 2020

Monday 24th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25th February	INSET DAY
Wednesday 26th February	Inter-House Bake Off and Charity Cake Sale
Friday 28th February	PTA Movie Night for Years 3 & 4—Toy Story 4

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Our dressing up theme this year is
Heroes and Villains

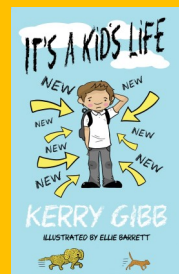
Children should come to school on this day dressed up as their favourite **villain** or **hero** from a book they have read.

They should also bring in a quote from the book about the character, this could be description or dialogue. We are going to have a graffiti wall set up in the library for them to write this onto.

Author Visit, 4th March 2020

As part of our celebrations of World Book Day, we will have a visit from Kerry Gibb, author of the It's A Kid's Life series, aimed at children aged roughly seven to eleven years old.

There are five books in the series: It's A Kid's Life, Arch-Enemies, Double Digits, Christmas Countdown, and Camp Chaos.



Informal Music Evening



Last night, 13th February, we had our first informal music evening. All the children who took part performed brilliantly, with confidence. "I really enjoyed being able to perform the piano to a group of people", Dylan

Please book school dinners for 2nd—6th March by Tuesday 26th February 2020

Year 4 Residential Trip to Sayers Croft

Last week, Year 4 had an exciting but tiring time on their 3 day residential trip to Sayers Croft. They did a variety of challenges and activities.

On the Ropes Course, they had to make their way through a series of different obstacles amongst the trees. They had to work with their partner to ensure that they were safe. For the Woods Compass activity, the children learnt how to navigate themselves around a wood from point to point using a compass. Other activities included orienteering, shelter building and blindfold trail.

The children also had the opportunity to show off their best moves dancing to songs DJed by Mr Penstone. The children came back exhausted but wished they could have stayed longer.



Inter-House Bake-Off

On Wednesday 26th February, children are invited to bring a home made cake to school for judging by our House Captains. Entries can be individual or in pairs from the same House. The cakes will be sold by the School Council on the same day, in the playground from 3pm. Proceeds from this sale will go to Cancer Research.

Rowan Class Valentine's Day Assembly

This morning, Friday 14th February, Rowan class gave a special Valentine's Day Assembly. We enjoyed a tasty poem about Chocolate Cake, as well as talented piano, saxophone and singing performances.

The class recited "Love is Patient" and reflected what love means to us.



NSPCC 20th Anniversary Number Day

On Friday 7th February Years 3, 5 and 6 took part in the NSPCC's 20th anniversary Number Day. The children came to school wearing 'green' mufti to help raise awareness and money for the charity. Each class participated in a range of fun maths investigations: creating mazes, participating in maths quizzes and extending classroom learning further by measuring feet, hands, arms and their heights. In total the children raised a total of **£314.99**. A big thank you to the parents and carers for sending in the donations for the NSPCC. The donations will go a long way in helping the charity to work with children and their families.

Indoor Kwik Cricket Event

On Wednesday, 8 children from Year 6 took part in an Indoor Kwik Cricket event hosted by Surrey Cricket Club at Hoe Valley School. Our team had a batting skills workshop followed by a bowling skills workshop and were offered lots of advice from Surrey Cricket coaches. The Tournament that was supposed to follow was somewhat hampered by schools dropping out at the last moment but our team did come away as comfortable winners of the game they did play. Thank you to the parents that helped with transport, Hoe Valley for hosting and to Surrey Cricket for providing our boys and girls with such a great opportunity.

Girls Football County Finals

On Thursday, our Girls District Football winning team made the early morning journey to Meadowbank Stadium in Dorking to play in the County Finals. The girls played extremely well, battling through the cold and rain. The girls were extremely unfortunate not to progress to the semi finals at the end of the group stages, missing out by 1 point. The girls should be very proud to have progressed so far in the competition, and of their brilliant performances, both in the District Tournament and at the County Finals.

Thank you to all of the parents that helped with transport and supported the Team so well.

Alternative to Sports Relief

This year, Sports Relief is on Friday 13th March. This is an extremely busy week at school, with amongst other things science week and parents evenings. We have therefore decided we will not take part in Sports Relief as a school this year, but will instead plan an alternative charity event in the summer term related to physical activity.