



# West Byfleet Junior School

## Week ending: Friday 22 September 2023



### Year 5 Residential Trip

The annual Year 5 residential trip to Hindleap Warren was blessed with some good weather despite the rain around elsewhere this week. The children enjoyed a wonderful week of many varied activities including high ropes, challenges, team building, orienteering, pioneering, making and using a large catapult and campfire, all amongst the beautiful grounds of the Ashdown Forest.

A huge thank you to all the staff and helpers who gave up their own family time to ensure the trip could take place: Mrs Turitto for leading the trip for the first time, Miss Westmacott for her first trip to Hindleap, Mr Gale (volunteer), Mrs Mosko (parent volunteer) and Mrs Atkins (experienced LSA). I thoroughly enjoyed my two days at Hindleap and these have provided lasting memories of a great residential.

Please see the school website for extensive photos from the trip. These may be found on the Curriculum page/residential trips/Hindleap Warren 2023.



### Year 5

This week, the Year 5 children who were in school had a great week full of different activities. This included an afternoon brush party where they painted a frog; autumn cookie baking; a film afternoon; music; P.E; team building activities, such as building a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows, as well as a great day hosted by the Outdoors People. During their outdoor day the children learnt how to purify dirty water by using sand, charcoal and gravel, in order to turn it into drinking water for a hot chocolate.

They also learnt survival and den making skills using tarpaulin and rope as well as how to work in a team completing different activities. After school they enjoyed playing Kin ball and having a campfire and marshmallows. What a fun week!



### Parking outside West Byfleet Schools and Nursery

The parking at the end of Madeira Rd, West Byfleet (Camphill Road end) at school pick-up and drop-off is once again getting very bad, especially since the start of the new academic year. Cars are parked half on the pavement, restricting the passage of pedestrians and endangering primary school children. There are usually 7 or 8 cars parked in this way at the end of Madeira Rd. Some also park on the bend and on double yellow lines. Cars drive onto and off the pavement as young children are walking past and it is a matter of time before an accident happens. As you will know, there are parking spaces a short walk away in the village at 20p for 30mins so there is no excuse for breaking the law. Surrey Parking Enforcement have been notified and will be increasing their patrols. Please park responsibly.

### Year 4 Hooke Court Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the initial Year 4 Hooke Court meeting. This is another of our very successful and hugely enjoyable residential trips and I look forward to seeing as many taking up this opportunity as possible. As usual please do let me know if you are having difficulty regarding payment.

### Science Lesson

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed using microscopes in their science lessons this week to investigate and classify different types of rocks. A big thank you to science teacher, Mr Metcalfe from BDB for loaning the equipment.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.  
Miss Lawrence



**Diary Reminders & Updates**  
**Newsletter week ending Friday 22 September 2023**  
*Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change*

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 25 Sept	Y6 Aviemore	Forest Schools– session 1	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Wed 27 Sept		Parent Volunteer Safeguarding Session	09:00-09:30
Wed 27 Sept	Y4	Swimming - session 2	12:30-15:30
Fri 29 Sept	Y6 Aviemore	Forest Schools - session 2	Children to arrive in Forest School kit and bring uniform in bag
Mon 2 Oct	Y6	NHS National Measurement Programme	
Wed 4 Oct	Y4	Swimming - session 3	12:30-15:30
Tue 31 Oct		Year 4 Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Wed 1 Nov		Year 5 Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Thur 2 Nov		Year 6 Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Fri 3 Nov		Year 3 Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Mon 6 Nov		Parent Consultations - face to face only Booking details will follow mid October	16:30-18:50
Wed 8 Nov		Parent Consultations—zoom only Booking details will follow mid October	15:40-17:50

This week we were lucky enough to be visited by Claire Galvin, who is a Team Manager for Surrey Young Carers. Whilst she was here Claire, along with Mrs Clarke and Mrs Segal, lead an assembly celebrating our Young Carers. After many months of hard work, we are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded the Surrey Young Carer's Angel award. This award acknowledges the achievements of the Young Carers team and the amazing support these pupils receive in school. During her visit, Claire commented on how West Byfleet Junior was 'a shining example' of what the Angel award stands for. Well done to everyone involved.



#### Unauthorised Absence from School

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child/ren out of school without authority for five or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), you will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

#### Stars of the Week

PowerPoints can be found on the pupil zone section of the website.