



West Byfleet Junior School

Week ending: Friday 23 February 2024



Free Maths Webinars for Parents and Families

ExpertEdLive are offering an evening online programme offering the opportunity to connect with expertise from across the UK and beyond. 'Midweek Maths' aims to stretch and challenge interested pupils in Years 5&6 and to encourage conversations about the subject between children and their parents. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend together with their child. The series will be hosted live events. Each week will feature intriguing problems that encourage logical thinking and discussion of different approaches with input from specialist guests and the audience at home. Participants will also be able to submit their own questions to be answered by our expert guests and attempt takeaway questions with prizes awarded to the best answers. Sessions will be delivered as Zoom webinars on four Wednesdays starting Wednesday 28 February, 7-7.40pm. The registration link is [Register here](#). For more information www.expertedlive.org. Places are limited.

Parking

It has come to the schools attention that there is illegal parking taking place against the Parvis Road access gate onto the Recreation Ground which is blocking emergency vehicles. Please do not block emergency access to the field and create dangerous road situations by reversing onto a main road.

Forest Schools

Kew Class had their final session of forest school this week with Whittle & Spark. It was a beautiful day when they searched the woodland and fields for signs of spring. They looked really closely at the shape of leaves so they could find and identify them as they explored. They ran across the fields to find out about the little stone age willow village. They found it fun to run and go into the little structures and see how they were made. They gathered kindling and fire wood and cooked popcorn on the fire. It was great to hear the little explosions and to rest the popcorn. They had time to play with the mud kitchen and make things and play games in the woods.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5 Swimming: Focus of the week:

Group 1: Kicking on front and back with and without floatation

Group 2: Back stroke, kicking/leg technique

Group 3: Backstroke, floating and arm and kicking techniques

Group 4: Breathing, kicking technique for front and back stroke

Group 5: Diving skills, butterfly stroke on front and back.

Letters this week

Y4 Forest Schools

Y4 Residential Trip Meeting - Zoom Code

International Days (Whole School)

Frameless the Immersive Experience

Payment Reminders

Y4 Hooke Court Residential Trip

The final payment is due by **Thur 29 Feb**

Y6 Brenscombe Residential Trip

Payments are due by Wed 31 Jan, Thur 29 Feb, Sun 31 Mar then final payment is due by **Tues 30 Apr**

Y4 Geography Trip to London - March 24

Online consent and payment due by **Fri 1 Mar**

Y4 Activity days (11-13 March - those not at Hooke Court)

Online consent and payment due by **Tues 27 Feb**

Y6 Natural History Museum Trip - March 24

Online consent and payment due by **Tues 27 Feb**

Problem of the Week:

<https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12198&type=pdf>

Stars of the Week

Years 3 & 4: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12195&type=pdf>

Years 5 & 6: <https://www.westbyfleetjunior.org.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=12196&type=pdf>

Diary Reminders & Updates
Newsletter week ending Friday 23 February 2024
Please check weekly, as dates are occasionally subject to change

DATE	YR GP/CLASS	EVENT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Mon 26 Feb	Nightingale	Forest Schools - session 1	Children arrive wearing Forest School Clothes, AM group bring in school uniform, spare socks and shoes to change into
Tue 27 Feb	Years 3&4	International Day, Y3&4 children may wear Flags of the World Mufti	
Wed 28 Feb	Y3	Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Wed 28 Feb	Y5	Swimming - session 7	
Wed 28 Feb	Y6	Booster Groups (selected children)	15:30-16:15
Thur 29 Feb	Y4	Open Morning	08:30-09:00
Thur 29 Feb	All Years	Joy4Kids Theatre Visit	
Thur 29 Feb	Y4	Final Parent Information Meeting for Hooke Court trip	16:00 via zoom
Fri 1 Mar		Governors B&S Meeting	08:00-10:00
Fri 1 Mar	Nightingale	Forest Schools - session 2	
Fri 1 Mar		Parent Rep Meeting	14:15 via zoom
Mon 4 Mar	Nightingale	Forest Schools—session 3	
Mon 4 Mar		Parent Consultations	16:00-18:50—in person
Tue 5 Mar	Y4	Geography Trip to London	
Tue 5 Mar	Years 5&6	International Day, Y5&6 children may wear Flags of the World Mufti	
Tue 5 Mar	Y5/6	WASPs Cross Country Event	Selected Children
Wed 6 Mar	Y5	Swimming—session 8	
Wed 6 Mar		Parent Consultations	15:40-16:40—in person 17:00-18:00—online
Thur 7 Mar		Young Carers Club	12:15-13:00
Fri 8 Mar		Poetry Recital Final	09:00-10:00
Sat 9 Mar		It's a Fish Out Swimming Competition	Selected Children

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.

School Council

We celebrated the start of the Year of the Dragon with a special Kumquat fruit sale organised by the School Council. Kumquats look like miniature oranges and the children showed lots of interest in their particular colour and elongated shape. Their name comes from the Cantonese, kam kwat, meaning 'golden orange'. The flesh of a kumquat has a sharp flavour, while the skin is sweeter. The two different flavours complement each other well and make a sweet-sour sensation when eaten whole. Well done to the many adventurous children who tried this exotic fruit for the first time and thank you to those who came back for more and to tell us how much they enjoyed them!

