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## Newsletter 6 – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy half term we have had! It was lovely to see so many relatives on Special Relative Day last Friday. The children were so excited to share their work with their relative. We look forward to seeing more relatives on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.15pm** and **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 9.00am**.

### Staffing

We are delighted to announce the birth of Miss Fellhauer's second child, a baby boy called Miles, born 10<sup>th</sup> March weighing 7lbs 8oz. Congratulations to the whole family.

Mrs Eglin, Wise Owls class teacher, is expecting her second child in September. Therefore, if your child has an illness which could be detrimental to her ie: chicken pox, scarlet fever etc, could you please notify the school office immediately.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Wisken, our Deputy Headteacher, who had been seconded to Southwood Infant School in Farnborough, on being appointed as the school's permanent Headteacher after Easter. The Governors are preparing an advert for a new Deputy Headteacher for our school.

### Pupil Progress Meetings

We have met with each year group recently to evaluate each child's progress. We are very pleased to see that each child has made excellent progress from their starting points. Their work ethic has developed well and lesson observations, informal learning walks and exercise books demonstrate that all children are excited and engaged in their learning. Children take pride in their books and respond to 'Green to Grow' feedback to improve their work. Please set aside some time to read with your child each day, especially during the Easter holidays. Their progress would accelerate even more with your support.

### Parent Support

We have added The Incredible Years parenting support to our school website.

<https://incredibleyears.com/>

*'The Incredible Year® is a series of interlocking, evidence-based programs for parents, children and teachers supported by over 30 years of research. The goal is to prevent and treat young children's behaviour problems and promote their social, emotional and academic competence. The programs are used worldwide in schools and mental health centres, and have been shown to work across all cultures and socio-economic groups'.*

There is a wealth of information including how to support challenging behaviours at home, supporting children with ADHD or Autism. Please take the time to explore their website....it might just give you the 'lightbulb' moment.

### Belongings

Please check the lost property box in the office porch which is full with many unnamed items. Please ensure you label all your child's items.

### INSET Days – School year 2023 – 2024

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Headteacher: Mrs Larissa James BA (QTS) NPQH



### Governors

The school's Governing Body is looking for additional members. We meet five times per year and also participate in three Governor Monitoring Days in school per year. It is a very rewarding role in developing our school priority areas. Please see the school office for an application form.

We wish you all a Happy Easter. Thank you for your continuing support.

### Key Dates

29<sup>th</sup> March - 9.00am Easter Assembly for Y1 parents

31<sup>st</sup> March - Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle  
Break Up

17<sup>th</sup> April - School starts at 8.45am

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L James'.

Larissa James  
Headteacher