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THIS WEEK'S...

SCHOOL VALUE

Kindness

BIG QUESTION

Can kindness change the world?

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ava-Mae B, Year 5

BEST ATTENDANCE

Robins Class

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB THEME

Valentine's Day

LATEST NEWS

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- **National Safer Internet Day** was on Tuesday this week - thank you to Mrs Swallow for organising two special assemblies and different activities for the classes.
- **Year 1 and 2's School Trip to Tilgate Nature Reserve** this week was great fun - the children met animals from around the world and took part in a workshop to find out more about them. Thank you to all of the parents who gave up their time to accompany the trip.
- **Parents' Evenings** - Year 3 will have their parents' evenings on Tuesday 26th February (3.30pm - 6.00pm) and Wednesday 27th February (3.30pm - 6.00pm). For the rest of the school parents' evening will be held on Wednesday 27th February (3.30pm - 6.00pm) and Thursday 28th February (4.00pm - 6.30pm). Please click [here](#) to book an appointment.
- **Well done** to everyone who had another (or their first) attempt at the new Times Table Challenge with Mr Leach on Wednesday. Here are the current results:

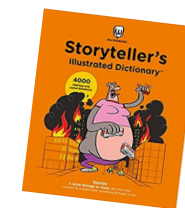
	Gold passes	Silver passes	Bronze passes
Year 3	0	1	10
Year 4	1	2	19
Year 5	8	11	26
Year 6	16	19	28

Our long-term aim is that every child in the school can recall all of the times tables at speed by the end of Year 4.

Children who have Gold will be now given a 'speed test' by their own teachers before the next Times Table Challenge on March 20th, which, if they pass, will allow them to enter the final 'Grandmaster' stage of the challenge. A particular well done to Toby H who is the only Y3 to have gained silver, Lara W who is the only Y4 to have gained gold, and our **star of the week**, Ava-Mae B in Y5, who made the biggest improvement between tests. We are hoping some Year 2 children might be ready to attempt their bronze awards next half term... keep practising at home!

- **Year 3 and 4:** Please could all children be in school for **8:40 am on Thursday and Friday next week**, in order to get ready for their costumes, microphones, facepaints etc. ready for their class productions, which start at 9:10am. There are still tickets available for the performances to parents on Friday - please see the office if you would like to purchase additional tickets.

- **Year 6 Morning Maths Masters** will **not** run on Thursday and Friday next week, due to the Year 3 / 4 production.
- **Netball Club** will not run on Thursday after school next week due to Mrs de la Hoyde attending the Sportshall Athletics Competition.
- **Recommended:** The Mrs Wordsmith Illustrated Dictionary, available from [Amazon](#), is a fantastic book to build vocabulary and help improve writing. We are hoping to be able to buy one for each class in Key Stage 2, but would highly recommend them if you want to help your child improve their writing at home!
- **Scott-Broadwood Infant School** in Capel is looking for a Midday Supervisor to cover lunchtimes, initially on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:55-13:10, during term-time only (38 weeks per year). The role is Surrey S1/2 and pays £8.70/hr, annual salary £942.41 (FTE £16,333). If you have any questions or would like an application form, please contact the school office on info@sbinfant.uk



REMINDERS

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- **WANTED: Chair of Governors!** Our current chair, Hannah Pearce, sadly finishes her term of office on 13th May. Do you know someone who has what it takes to lead our Governing Body? Further information available via the [eteach website](#), or drop Hannah an email to find out more: hannah.pearce@pcps.uk
- We have had a complaint from a local resident regarding the amount of rubbish being left on the turning circle at the top of Longfield Road and Longfield Road itself. Please be considerate when disposing of your rubbish and use the new bin at the top of the school drive or take it home with you. Thank you.

SAFEGUARDING

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- **YouTube Content Alert:** We are aware of some children following or watching a fictional character called [Yandere, on YouTube](#). Having looked into the pages featuring this character, we are concerned this is not suitable viewing for primary-aged children. She is described online as *a character, usually a girl, who fits the archetype of being genuinely kind, loving, or gentle, but suddenly switching to being aggressive or deranged, often homicidally so*. We are concerned about the influence she can have, and urge parents to check the YouTube content that children are accessing, **blocking inappropriate sites if needed**.
- **IMPORTANT - Social Media:** We are aware of a number of children in school who have accounts on Social Media sites with age restrictions over their actual age. Parents should be aware that **Whatsapp recently increased its minimum age to 16** (follow link to [Parents and Carers Guidance](#)), whilst Facebook and Instagram currently have a minimum age of 13. This means that any primary school child with an account will have had to fraudulently enter a false date of birth in order to create their own account. **Many children tell us they do this with their parents' consent.**



We cannot stress enough that this almost always causes issues, which range from others feeling peer pressure to do the same, to children communicating in ways they are not mature enough to deal with and suffering upset / anguish as a result. The repercussions are often brought into school, and can affect school work, mental health and attendance. **Please check the age restrictions on your child's social media**, and monitor their internet use carefully. As a school, we have a duty of care to all children and **will report to the service providers** any accounts we are aware of which have been opened with false personal data. **It would be preferable for parents to proactively review the age-restrictions on social media and close any inappropriate accounts, so that the school does not have to take this measure.**

- **Meeting of Friends** - FOPCS are holding a meeting to discuss upcoming fundraising events to support our school. This will be at 2pm on Tuesday 12th February in the After School Club hut. There's plenty of space for younger siblings and buggies so please do join us. We'd love to see you.
- **Second-hand Uniform Sale** - On Thursday 14th February we'll be having a second-hand uniform sale at school pick up. All items are priced 50p - £1, so remember your change and stock up! We'd be very grateful for any donations of good quality, clean uniform. Please just drop to school by the 14th.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Year 1 Parents' Phonics meeting
at 2.30pm

*No MMM for Y6
Years 3 & 4 in at 8:40am please*

Dorking Schools Sportshall
Athletics Festival at
The Ashcombe at 12pm

Years 4, 5 and 6 to visit The Priory -
Gym and Dance Show at 1.00pm

No Netball Club after school

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Years 3 & 4
'Ye-Ha!' Production at 9.10am
(you will need a ticket)

Years 3 & 4
'Ye-Ha!' Production at 2.00pm
(you will need a ticket)



SCHOOL CALENDAR

WEBSITE

RECENT LETTERS

USEFUL CONTACTS