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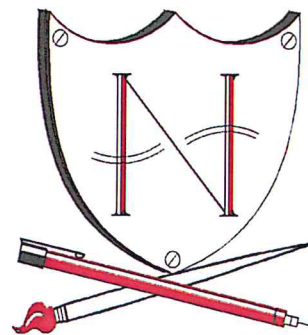
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## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents

The children have returned to school rested after the half term break and are working enthusiastically in class. The weather is improving and we are starting training for the District Sports - summer must be on the way!!



**The disco will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the school hall as follows:**

**The Years 3 and 4 Disco will run 5-6.15pm.**

**The Years 5 and 6 Disco will run 6.30-7.45pm**

An email will be sent to confirm your child's place.

A paper version will only be sent if we do not hold a valid email address on file.

We would be very grateful if children DO NOT bring any coats, bags or other belongings.

If your child is attending they will need to be picked up after the disco from the school door; children cannot walk home. Please advise the school office if your child is to be collected by someone other than yourself.

### Staffing

Mrs Powell leaves on Friday 17th March 2017 to start Maternity Leave. We wish her and her husband all the very best and we look forward to seeing the baby photos in due course.

Miss Webster will be teaching 4P for the Summer term.

### Matchattack/Pokemon Cards

Sadly these have been causing issues in school so please do not allow your children to bring them into school.



**Once again we are collecting Active Kids vouchers. Last year we were able to buy some excellent items last year and a lot of cookery equipment. There is a collection box for vouchers in the Reception Area.**

### ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance awards for last week

Lower School	3B	98%
Upper School	5B	99%

The whole school attendance was : **95%**



### Mayan Visit ~ Year 3

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, Year 3 had an exciting adventure travelling back in time. We found out all about life in Ancient Maya times from our visitor named 'Big Nose'.

In the morning, we discovered interesting facts about the Maya people including what they ate, where they lived, how they farmed and very strange facts about their deaths.

In the afternoon, we took part in a drama activity which was really good fun and some of us got to dress up. One new fact we learnt was that the bigger or wider the headdress worn, the more important the person was.

We experienced tasting dark chocolate; however it was a little too bitter for most of us. Our teachers were given real Maya chocolate, and by the look on their faces, it was disgusting!



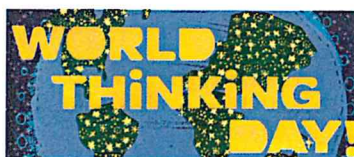
### Google Expeditions

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Google Expeditions visited our school. They provided an interactive experience, which allowed all students to participate in different virtual reality school trips. We were able to visit many places around the world such as a rainforest, the Egyptian pyramids and Antarctica. Thanks to Miss Lockie for organising this exciting experience for our children.



*Year 3 enjoyed it when Google came to our school because everyone used a virtual reality headset. We were able to visit the rainforest. In the rainforest, we could see lots of tall trees, drip tips and other plants. It was fun!*

*By Holly Whiting 3L*



It was great to see so many of our children in school dressed in their Rainbow, Beavers, Cubs, Brownie, Scouts and Guide uniforms to mark World Thinking Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. You can see some of their uniforms in the Google Expeditions photographs.

### The week ahead

Tuesday 28th February	6 - 7pm	Parent information evening for Accelerated Reader
Friday 3rd March		School Disco

With Best Wishes

*D.G. Brown*

Debbie Brown  
Head Teacher

### **DIARY DATES - check out what is happening and how you can be involved!**

Please be aware that these events are planned a term in advance and sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, some dates have to be changed. If there are any changes, or additional dates we will endeavour to inform you at the earliest opportunity (usually via text message, school newsletter or school website)

Tuesday 28th February	6 - 7 pm	Parent information evening for Accelerated Reader
Friday 3rd March		School Disco
Thursday 9th March	1.30 pm	School Closes early for parent consultation meetings
Friday 10th March		<b>INSET DAY Safeguarding Training</b>
Monday 13th - Wednesday 15th March		Year 5 Group 1 to Marchants Hill
Wednesday 15th - Friday 17th March		Year 5 Group 2 to Marchants Hill
Tuesday 14th March		Mrs Brown to Visit Year 5 at Marchants Hill
Wednesday 15th March		G-Live Music Concert
Thursday 16th March		Mrs Brown to Visit Year 5 at Marchants Hill
Thursday 30th March		Decorated Egg Assemblies
Friday 31st March	1.45 pm	Whole School Closes for Easter Break

### **Easter Holidays**

Tuesday 18th April	8.30 am	Return to School for Summer Term
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**Innovate Guildford** is a free festival of science and art, taking place at G Live on **Saturday 4 March from 10am until 5pm**. From Supermassive Games to Surrey Satellite Technology, Pirbright Institute to the Planetarium, Minecraft Club to McLaren, there's something for everyone. Experience interactive performances and hear inspiring speakers, including leading gaming pioneer Peter Molyneux and animal health expert Professor Nick Bacon. Theatre, music and comedy will feature throughout the day, with everything from how technology might have affected Shakespeare's plays to risky recycling and photographic secrets. A variety of competitions are taking place on the day with fantastic prizes up for grabs. It is a family event that is not to be missed!