



# NEWSLETTER

20th October | Autumn Half Term 2017

## Words from our Headmaster

The Autumn term has seen a wonderful start with all the pupils settling in well to their new classes. We extend a very warm welcome to all the pupils and parents who are joining us for the first time this year. We are delighted to see that the Nursery, Pre-school and Class 1 children have adjusted to their new routines extremely well and are enjoying the exciting challenges that starting school brings. We are proud of all their achievements so far.

Parents will have been aware that inspectors visited the school this month and I am delighted to report that they were highly impressed by our pupils. Not only was the standard of work described as 'well above average' but their behaviour and manners were seen to be excellent by the inspectors. I am very proud of the teachers and the feedback they received from the Chief Inspector with regard to the teaching, even though in the final report the only grading is 'met or not met'. Furthermore, the overall care of the children in all areas exceeded expectations. Inevitably, there were a few areas for improvement but these all referred to administrative procedures and have mostly already been addressed.

This term we have introduced a new initiative for our French teaching. Maitresse Celine, from Les Puces French school, has joined us to work with all pupils from Class 1 upwards. Maitresse Celine is also running a popular lunchtime club. In addition, we are starting a lunchtime Chess Club for Juniors after half term to further increase our broad range of extra-curricular activities available.

We wish you all a lovely half term break and look forward to welcoming the pupils back on Monday 30th October.

**M.R. Donald**

## School news

### Harvest Festival


On Friday, 13th October, the whole school took part in a Harvest Festival at All Saints' Church, Warlingham. The service was lead by the Reverend Michelle Edmonds and we shared wonderful art work, poems and prayers. Thank you to all the parents who attended and thank you for the generous food donations which Class 7 distributed to the elderly in Warlingham.



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## Visit to Woldingham School GCSE Performances

At the start of October Classes 2 to 7 were invited to Woldingham School to enjoy the performances based on Fairy Tales by the GCSE students. Our pupils were treated to wonderful shows by very talented students and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Our pupils have taken away some encouraging and thought-provoking ideas that they hope to bring to the Warlingham Park stage as the year progresses! We thank Woldingham school staff and pupils for inviting us to attend.



### Class 6 and 7 Photos



**Class 5 and 6 Photo - 'Mixed Up Fairy Tales with a Twist'!**



## Class 2 Thank You Card





## The Body Coach Workout

Classes 5 & 6 took part with children across the country and worldwide following Joe Wicks 'The Body Coach' with an incentive to encourage children to get fit. Each morning for a week, for 30 minutes they would follow a Live workout on YouTube. Lots of fitness fun (Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Gravett enjoyed joining in too)!



## Class 4 Tesco Visit

Class 4 visited the Tesco store at Caterham to look at different types of food. They investigated where certain foods came from, then visited the freezer and store rooms. At the end of the visit, Class 4 tasted some fruit. It was delicious.



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## Chicks and weather monitoring in Class 2

We were very lucky to have a visit from some chicks. Coral brought them in as part of our Show and Tell session. Everyone had a chance to hold them. We also saw the eggs they had hatched from.



As part of our Science studies we are looking at Autumn. Class 2 recorded the weather for a week and observed how it is getting colder.



## Parents Association

The PA needs new members and helpers to run fund-raising events. Many of us are working parents and have commitments, so any amount of time or effort is appreciated no matter how small it is. If you can help please email [pa@warlinghamparkschool.com](mailto:pa@warlinghamparkschool.com)

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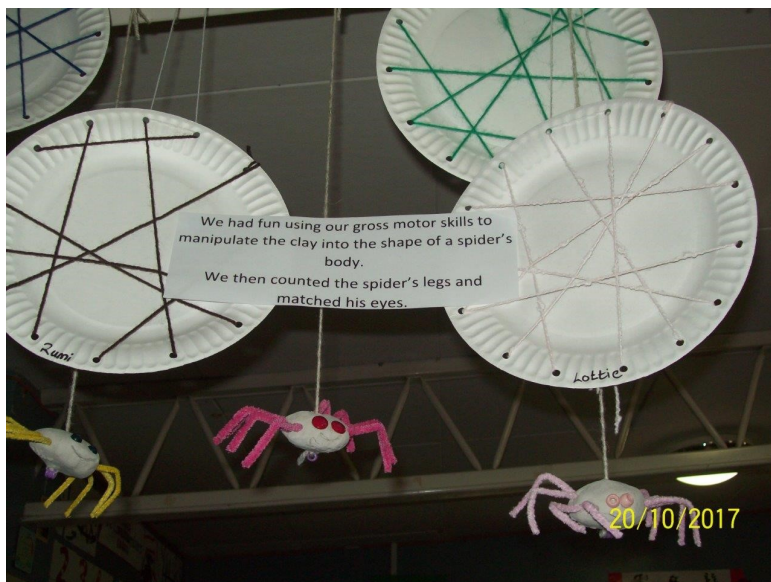
## Nursery and Pre-School News

In the Nursery we often go on nature walks around the extensive school grounds as we did last week. We collected lots of leaves, sticks and bark. When we got back we all had a turn of looking at, talking about and feeling our 'treasure', before putting some on the wall for our autumn display.



**Nursery Autumn walk**

### Pre-School 1



Pre-School 1 have been having fun using our fine and gross motor skills. We have been threading spider's webs. Also we have been rolling and manipulating clay to make spiders.

### Pre-School 2

We had a very interesting time last week - seeing something special happening. We began by sprinkling tiny brown seeds, called cress, on damp cotton wool in some little pots; then we covered them with black paper to keep them in the dark. We left them alone for a few days, wondering what was happening to them. At last we took the covers off and had a look! It was exciting to see lots of little plants had grown in each of our pots. They had yellow leaves at the top of thin stalks and in the cotton wool we could see little white roots. By the next day, the leaves had turned green.

After the growing came the harvest! We snipped off the stalks and leaves, then sprinkled them in our cheese sandwiches which we had made. So we had cheese and cress sandwiches to take home. It was fun to show our families what we had done.

## Note from the Trustees

As you know Mr Donald plans to retire at the end of this school year, July 2018. We are currently advertising the post of Headteacher and we already have some applicants. We would like to select the new Headteacher as soon as possible, but that depends on when we find the most suitable candidate. I will keep parents informed of progress.

Stuart Sexton, Chairman

## Diary Dates 2017

Mon, 30th October	World Relay Challenge, 3pm Parents vs Children Netball & Basketball Club, 3.45pm
Wed, 1st November	Football vs Oakwood, 2.45pm
Thurs, 2nd November	Class 6 to Emmanuel Church, 9.30am
Fri, 3rd November	U10 Netball & Football vs Essendene, 2.20 (provisional)
Thurs, 9th November	Parents Evening, 7-9pm
Friday, 10th November	Halloween Disco, 5.30 - 7.30pm
Mon, 13th November	U9 Football vs Oakwood, 2.15pm
Wed, 15th November	U11 Football vs Oakwood, 2.30pm
Sat, 18th November	Warlingham Green Christmas lights
Wed, 22nd November	Class 3 trip to Polka Theatre
Fri, 24th November	Class 1 trip to Polka Theatre
Fri, 24th November	O2 Music Evening (in aid of Lily Foundation), 6pm
Mon, 27th November	Class 7 to Greenwich Observatory U9 Netball & Football vs Bury's Court
Wed, 29th November	Nursery Music Morning, 9.30am
Mon, 4th December	U9 Football vs Oakwood, 2.15pm
Wed, 6th December	Pre-School Nativity, 11.15am Infant Play, 2pm
Thurs, 7th December	Choir singing at the Whitgift Centre (Marie Curie), 3pm
Fri, 8th December	Class 1-5 Flu Immunisations (spray) Infants Play, 2pm
Thurs, 14th December	Infants and Pre-School St Leonard's Church Service, 9.30am
Fri, 15th December	Junior St Leonard's Church Service, 9.30am Last day of term, 12.30 finish (Nursery and Pre-School 12.15)