



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Issue: Friday 7th May 2021

HEAD TEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been coming into school for the past fortnight on my gradual return to work and I am thrilled to be back in school – it is wonderful seeing the children and staff again and all the classes gave me such a warm and emotional welcome. I am looking forward to the future with new positivity and an inexhaustible amount of appreciation for life thanks to the expertise of the neurosurgery team at St. George's hospital.

Whilst I was unwell, I was encouraged by messages and best wishes from children, staff, governors and parents. The atmosphere in school is, as ever, enthusiastic and upbeat and the children are so pleased to see me – lovely to see them again and catch up with how they have been getting on.

I would like to thank the Chair of Governors, Mr Anthony Mollet, for his support, communication and liaison between school and myself. I know that in order to facilitate my recovery school matters were not discussed but I was reassured that all was going well. I am back now and catching up with the news and latest developments.

With the national vaccination programme proving highly effective and the lockdown easing according to the government road map, we are looking to a brighter and much more 'normal' future beyond the realms of Covid restrictions. We have a full programme of wellbeing activities and support in place with the children back in class now, and school is the best place for them.

Thank you again for all your support and messages of good will – they made a huge difference and really helped my recovery. I am back on the gate as much as possible so I hope to see you there and it is wonderful to be back at school. Have a lovely weekend and take care.

Mr Steve Lee, Head Teacher



[Click here](#) to watch Mrs Day's celebration assembly.

WELLBEING COMPETITION LAUNCHED

We are inviting all our children to create an A4 poster to reflect what wellbeing means to them. The poster must be submitted via Google Classroom by Monday 17th May at 3.30pm. To help us achieve our fundraising target of £1000, there is a £5 entry fee for each competition entry. [Click here](#) to donate via bank transfer. Please do help us and donate even if your child does not want to enter, every little helps and gets us closer to our target.



The Winning Wellbeing Poster will go on the WALL OF FAME in a FRAME in THE WELLBEING CENTRE! Donations will go towards making the room soft and cosy to support children, who need a nice place to go to discuss their problems with the Wellbeing Champions and ELSAs.

[Click here](#) to see a **NEW VIDEO FUNDRAISING FOR WELLBEING ROOM**. The video shows you how the room looks now.

YEAR 6 CELEBRATIONS FRIDAY 14th MAY

Year 6 have plans to celebrate the end of mini test week on Friday afternoon at school. It will be an afternoon full of fun activities and a special treat for all their hard work this year. Thanks to the PTA and Joe Butler in advance. More details to follow.

SHOE BOXES PLEASE

If you have any spare shoe boxes at home, please can you send them in with your child as soon as possible for the Year 4 teachers. Thank you Miss Day.

YEAR 4 –D&T ITEMS NEEDED

The children will be working to make their masks 3D and as well as shoe boxes they will need items to stick onto a base to create a 3D shape (e.g. milk bottle lids, egg boxes, pipe cleaners). The children have been thinking about what they would need to bring in to make their creation. Please can parents /carers support the children with finding their necessary crafting equipment. This needs to be brought in by Wednesday 12th May. Thank you.

PETS IN YEAR 4

We would like to welcome three Giant African Land Snails to 4G and four Minnows to 4D.



Thank you to Mrs Clowser who donated the snails. The snails have been named by the pupils in 4G: Giant Potato, Chunky, and Avacado. The minnow fish have been named: Bubbles, Diamond, Aqua and Gary.

URGENT WARNING ABOUT “EDIBLES” - CANNABIS INFUSED SWEETS

We are writing to make you aware of a serious incident involving the consumption of edibles, which are food products that contain drugs, by a group of children in Epsom. In this case, the edibles were in the form of sweets and, shortly after consuming these, the children became very unwell and were hospitalised as a result. Fortunately, the children have recovered and have been released from hospital, however, DS Lisa



Betchley from Surrey Police said yesterday that, ‘these children were incredibly lucky that they were not more seriously affected by whatever it was that they ate.’ It is very important that you are aware that the sweet versions of these edibles are widely available on the internet and cannabis-infused sweets are evidently circulating in the Epsom area. Sadly, the marketing of these edible drugs, or sweets, is designed to be appealing to young people and does little to indicate just how dangerous they are.

Teachers have talked about their dangers in circle time but we urge you to also talk to your child about the dangers of eating and drinking anything which contains, or may contain, drugs. Should you become concerned that your child, or another young person, is demonstrating the symptoms of consuming a drug-laced substance, you should call 999 immediately. **You can find advice about cannabis, here:** <https://www.talktofrank.com/drug/cannabis> For friendly, confidential advice, Talk to FRANK on 0300 1236600

YEAR 6 IOW TRIP PAYMENT REMINDER

Please remember that the **final balance is now overdue**. Email reminders have been sent out to those parents with an outstanding balance. Please login to your Scopay account for your current balance under IOW Trip 2021. Please also complete the **consent form** and return to the School Office by Monday 10th May.

REMINDER BOOK CLUB NEXT WEEK

Don't forget Book club is next week with Year 4 & 5 on Monday and Year 3 & 6 on Tuesday. Enjoy your reading!

MILK BOTTLE TOPS PLEASE

Please can any children bring in plastic milk bottle tops (green/blue/red - any of the above!) for an outdoor sculpture. Please can they be put in a sandwich bag or plastic wallet labelled for Year 5. Thank you Miss Katie Sarjeant

ZEPH'S CHARITY RUN

Zeph's Mum has asked us to share this with all parents: "This month Zeph has run 72km, in memory of his Grampy, who died last April of Covid-19, aged 72. From everyone's generosity we raised over £2,300 (with gift aid) for two charities, with the money being divided equally between them; Sheffield hospitals charity, in support of those who cared for my Dad last year when we couldn't be with him, and Christians Against Poverty (CAP) whom, support people who find themselves in financial difficulties. Their slogan is "Always hope", which is a great message for all of us during this period of uncertainty which the pandemic has brought." [Click here](#) you still wish to donate go to:



PTA

We are busy working on the plans for

CELEBRATION EVENING - Friday 2nd July

– thank you so much to all of you who have already offered your help. We will be sharing a link early next week for parents to sign up to volunteer for the event—many hands and it'll be a breeze!

RAFFLE: Reminder that we will now be holding the raffles at the start and end of each term so our next one will be drawn on **Thursday 27th May** but don't worry, we'll send a reminder in advance to give you plenty of chances to get involved!

HAPPY BAGS: Don't forget to fill your Happy Bags

with clothes and other recycling ready for collection on **11th May 2021**. Parents to drop off bags at school gates before 9.30am.

SCHOOL OFFICE CONTACT DETAILS:

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How Parenting Puzzle Workshops have helped other parents

"So helpful to have ways of dealing with situations that happen on a daily basis"

"Wonderful Could do this every day"

"Better than expected, made me think differently about toddler behaviour"

"It was a completely new experience for me but after the first week I was completely relaxed"



check out familylinks.org.uk

The Nurturing Programme Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Where:

Epsom Family Centre
Pound Lane
Epsom
KT19 8SD

When:

From 10th June to 8th July 2021
Every Thursday from 9.45 to 11.45 a.m.

Contact details:

Email Home-Start or Epsom Family Centre
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Parenting Puzzle Workshops

Information for parents and carers

A colorful poster for "Happy School Bag" fundraising. The background is blue with a yellow sun, white clouds, and a green landscape with a school building, trees, and children. The text is as follows:
happy school bag (with a green bag icon)
SCHOOL FUNDRAISING
Help the school to raise funds by bringing all your unwanted yet reusable clothing, paired shoes, handbags & accessories. Happy Fundraising!
Bring all clothing on: 11th MAY 2021
Please bring your clothing in the bags
For any queries please call 0800 242 8828 or email info@happyschoolbag.co.uk
Facebook icon: [happyschoolbag](https://www.facebook.com/happyschoolbag)



COMPETITION ANNOUNCEMENT!

A **huge** thank you to all the children who came up with some wonderful ideas for the Wellbeing Centre, and some fantastic competition ideas. One of which is a **wellbeing poster competition**, which launches **NOW!**

We are inviting all our children to create a poster to reflect what wellbeing means to them.

Examples could include, but are not limited to,

A drawing of something they like to do or something which relaxes them

An inspirational or motivational quote

A mindfulness picture

A picture of their happy place



There will be **one winning poster from each year group** and the winners will have their posters **framed and presented on the prestigious wall of fame in the Wellbeing Centre.**

To help us achieve our fundraising target of £1000, there is a **£5 entry fee** for each competition entry. Please do help us and donate even if your child does not want to enter, every little helps and gets us closer to our target.

ENTRY DETAILS:

Poster size: All posters must be A4 sized

Submissions: Entries must be submitted via Google Classroom

DEADLINE: Monday 17th May at 3.30pm

Please donate via bank transfer, details on the weekly Bulletin