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Dear Parents/Carers



House Gems

Congratulations to the following children who have been nominated to receive a Values 'House Gem'.

Arpan V	Jellyfish	Fire	Quality in Maths
Kavya N	Longwings	Earth	Kindness and generosity
Grace T	Octopuses	Water	Independence and perseverance in Maths
Joshua S	Stingrays	Fire	Cooperation and confidence to learn
Amelia L	Eagles	Fire	Showing confidence and creativity
Leon D	Stingrays	Fire	Determination and perseverance in his reading



Value of the month - Courage

During July we will be exploring the value of courage to help us at a time of change as we either move class or onto secondary school. We will reflect on the idea that it's okay to feel afraid as being courageous means having fears that you overcome not never feeling fear. We will link courage to our other values such as determination and positivity as we look for solutions to challenges we may face. We are also including with this newsletter a VibEs leaflet linked to courage and invite you to explore this together as a family.

Collection of pupil belonging/return of school resources

During the week of the 13th July families whose children have not returned to site will be invited to come to school to collect their belongings. These belongings will be made available for collection on tables outside, under the covered walkway to the office, between 4-5pm on the date allocated for your child's year group.



The dates for collection will be as follows:

Monday 13th July Nursery and reception

Before Lockdown we sent home your child's Learning Journey (blue folder). Please use this opportunity to return this to school. There will be a drop box next to the collection tables for the folders. These folders will be passed onto Year One and be sent home in the Autumn Term. If you are leaving at the end of the year, we will then send the Learning Journey to your child's new school. Mrs March, Foundation Team Leader

Tuesday 14th July Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 15th July Year 3 and Year 4

Thursday 16th July Year 5 and Year 6

When visiting site to collect belongings please keep your group to the smallest number possible, observe social distancing and do not enter the school building. Thank you for following these requests to keep us all safe.

Full re-opening of schools in September

Yesterday it was confirmed that schools should plan for a full return - by all pupils - in September. Alongside that confirmation we received a lengthy document of requirements and guidance which we are to follow. We will now be reviewing that document and planning against it. We will write to you again soon with further details of our subsequent planning and risk assessment for September.

School Library page

The School Library page, on the Learning Platform, offers a range of book related resources for children. These include links to JK Rowling's latest book 'The Ickabog' published free online, information about Wokingham Borough Libraries Summer Reading Challenge, author information and library puzzles, polls and discussions. Please encourage your children to take a look! Mrs Screene, Librarian

Father's Day Display Co-Op Funeral Directors Wokingham Road

Well done to the children who contributed to this community project for Father's Day. It has been a pleasure to see your art work on display.

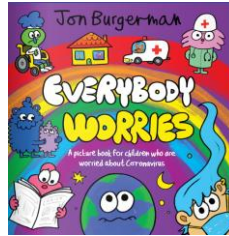


Art For Research Reading 2019/20

It is with great sadness that Art for Research Reading have made the decision to cancel the [Art For Research Reading](#) 2019/20 Exhibition, this academic year. They were really looking forward to seeing over 300 entries displayed in the University of Reading's Great Hall and presenting prizes to the winners and runners up. Please find below a link to a video from the Committee that they would like to share with you:

<https://youtu.be/bBuCVXrZ-uE>.

We will do our best to ensure that the pupils get their artwork back, along with a personalised certificate and a copy of the exhibition programme for those selected for the exhibition, and that the winners receive their prizes. Miss Binmore, Art Subject Leader



Everybody Worries by John Burgerman

Here is a link to an online resource written to support children with any worries they may have.

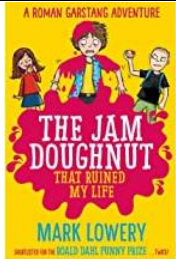


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Mrs Didcock, Inclusion Leader

Books we love...

This week's book recommendations have been written by Year four children.



 <p>"I recommend The Jam Doughnut that ruined my life, by Mark Lowery. This is a funny and amazing book. It is about a boy called Roman Garstang, he is a year six student and he goes on a school trip to an aquarium. On the coach he snuck a doughnut but he couldn't eat it so he tried to eat it at the aquarium instead. A jellyfish attacked his face to try to get the doughnut, then his best friend Darren Gamble (trying to help) poured a potty all over Roman's girlfriend instead of Roman. I love this book so I rate it 5 stars."</p> <p>By Paige S, Kites Class</p>	 <p>"I recommend Lemony Snicket: A series of unfortunate events: the bad beginning. In this book series, Violet, Klaus and Sunny Baudelaire's parents have died in a terrible fire so the orphan's father's friend, Mr Poe, has chosen their carer/ guardian - the awful Count Olaf. Will the children escape Olaf's grasp?</p> <p>This book has a lot of twists and turns - I couldn't put it down. I recommend it to someone who loves mystery and laughs. There is also a Netflix series based on the books. I'd give the book a five out of five stars."</p> <p>By Peggy, Kites Class</p>	 <p>"I recommend The Creakers by Tom Fletcher. The Creakers is a fantasy story about the wonderful world under every child's bed. Are they under yours? One evening Lucy gets sucked under her bed and into the land of the Creakers. Everything is back-to-front in Lucy's mind and there are things in the strange land only a child would dream of. This fantastic book written by Tom Fletcher is one that once you pick it up you won't be able to put it down" I would give this book 5 stars.</p> <p>By Chloe M, Hawks Class</p>
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Enjoy Reading

Can't find what you're looking for? Book start has a variety of booklists that cover a large range of subjects, from everyday issues to genre, disability, diversity, sporty books, funny books, watch our online storybooks, or just see what's out this month. the link below will direct you to many interactive books to read online or watch with singing.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Mental Health Foundation

Mental Health Foundation have launched a guidebook 'Thriving With Nature' which explores the relationship between nature, wellbeing and mental health. It is packed with inspiration and information that helps connect with nature throughout the year, plus sensory activities to maximise the benefits we get from nature on our doorstep - whatever the weather!

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/Thriving-With-Nature-Guidebook-Digital-Copy.pdf>

Scooter competition

Well done to Eesha N in Year 4 who won a micro scooter by winning the scooter hero writing competition. This was a competition launched by the Wokingham School Travel Adviser. Look out for further competitions from this team.



Year One have been using their gardening skills to smarten up some areas of the school grounds. Starfish have pulled up the weeds in the FSU allotment and discovered lots of interesting things hiding underneath, including some vegetables that we planted last year in Reception! They also planted seeds, and hope that the radishes will be ready to eat before the end of term. Seahorses weeded a flower bed beside the playground and planted sunflowers, geraniums and buddleia. They also have some planters with more sunflowers, sweet peas and begonias outside their classroom. The begonias are already in bloom, and the bees have been visiting them. Thanks to Samuel and Izaak for donating many of the flowers. *Year 1 teachers*

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Phillips - Headteacher