



UPCOMING DIARY DATES 2015-2016

26th April & 4th May

Mgr Overton form signing for nurse-ry intake 2.30 at the school

29th April

Open Afternoon from 2p.m onwards

2nd May

Bank Holiday—SCHOOL CLOSED

5th May

Election day—SCHOOL CLOSED

10th May

Year 2 trip to the British Wildlife Cen-tre

14th May

First Holy Communion for Year 3 chil-dren

18th May

Year 6 parents meeting about the Isle of Wight trip 6.30p.m

18th May

PTA meeting—7.30 a.m.

20th May

Year 1 trip to the seaside

27th May

INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED

w/c 30th May

Half term week SCHOOL CLOSED

10th June

Year 5 trip to Kidzania

w/c 13th June

Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight

17th June

Parent Playtime 2p.m. followed by presentation at 2.30 pm

Next week, we will be following menu 3

Headteacher's Update

We officially launched our play project this week. The children were given an extended playtime on Magic Monday to allow them to explore all of the new resources. They wasted no time in building dens and tyre swings, dressing up, playing in our new sand trays, listening to music, drawing on our new giant chalkboards and pulling each other around in the storage boxes! There is also an Arts and Crafts room open during lunchtimes. They had a fantastic time and we have rolled out this approach each day to fully embed it. Please see the [gallery on the website](#) for more pictures of 'Magic Monday'. We have already seen less accidents and lots more collaborative and imaginative play between children of all ages. Of course, despite our supervision, accidents will still happen but we are spending a lot of time teaching the children how to self evaluate and manage risk effectively to minimise the risk and develop their awareness of one another. They will need these skills for life and, of course, when using tyres, planks and piping to play with! This is only the beginning of our play project and we hope to use PTA funds and charity funding to develop the school grounds in the future so that we can offer a range of exciting spaces for the children to play. I would like to thank you for your generous donations of resources so far - please keep them coming! I will, of course, keep you informed of developments as will the children I'm sure. **I would also like to invite you to come and see playtimes for yourself on Friday, 17th June. From 2pm**, we would like you to come and play with the children for half an hour and then Michael Folland will lead a presentation on the project in the hall from 2.30pm. Please don't forget the **Open Afternoon next Friday from 2pm**. This will give you a chance to visit your child in their classroom so they can show you their work and share their achievements with you. I do hope you are able to attend. In the meantime, have a great week. Mr Lane

Open Afternoon: Friday 29th April, 2pm

We would like to invite you to visit your child in their class from 2pm next Friday. This is so that you can see the class work the children have completed this year and they can share their proudest achievements. If you have siblings at the school, please give yourselves enough time to visit them all.

Upcoming school closures

Please be reminded that the school will be closed for 2 days during the week after next. **Monday, 2nd May** is a bank holiday and on **Thursday, 5th May** the school will be used as a polling station.

Play Resources Appeal

We have had a fantastic response to our appeal for 'loose parts' and playground resources. From car tyres to costumes and everything in between, we will be happy to continue to receive *as much as we can* so that our children have a rich variety of replenished resources to create fantastic play. We would especially like to receive: **skipping ropes; logs of natural wood; children's garden furniture; fabrics and materials; scarves, hats, handbags etc.; props for all ages; small world toys such as animals, dinosaurs and dolls; toy cars; old phones; old keyboards; bags; suitcases and brief cases.** Please leave any donations with the ladies at the Front Desk. Thank you!



Mr Ottmann Half Marathon!

Mr Ottmann, our fabulous teaching assistant and sports coach, has been so inspired by our play initiative, he has decided to run a half marathon next month in order to raise money to buy more play resources for the children. He aims to raise £1000. It is a fantastic gesture and I hope you will be able to support him and the school if you are able. He has set us a ['Just Giving' page](#) to organise his fundraising. Thank you!

Bob

Bob, our lollipop man, remains absent. **Please take extra care when crossing the road and do not park outside the school gates or on the school side of Feltham Hill Road as this obscures children that may be crossing.**

Raincoats

You should have received a parentmail today explaining that children will be allowed to wear light raincoats/mac's. They must be plain and bottle green. We have found a suitable option but will not be selling them ourselves. Please see the parentmail for further details.

Nursery Applications for September 2016

We are now taking applications for children wishing to join the nursery from September 2016. Applications are welcome for consideration from families whose child reaches his/her 2nd birthday or 3rd birthday between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016. The deadline for applications is Friday, 13th May. Please see the [website](#) for more details or contact to the school to receive an Admissions Pack. If you are a member of Saint Michael's Parish, Monsignor Overton has arranged to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice at the school on **Tuesday, 26th April and Wednesday, 4th May at 2.30-3.00pm.**

Pender's Project Family Disco: 23rd April, 7pm-10.30m, Saint Michael's Church Hall

A St George's themed family disco will be held to raise funds for the Pender's Project. There will be competitions, a raffle, refreshments & drinks available. Tickets are £3 each or £10 for a family. Please contact Nicola Deeks or Tina Gale on 07914 716 858.

Thank you from Laura Matthews!

In a previous newsletter, I shared a link for Laura Matthews' fundraising page. On her behalf, I would like to thank you for generously supporting her and her charities.

