

Votes for Schools

Last week's votes for school topic was a particularly important one and provided a lot of interesting discussion around the significance of the 'Windrush Generation' seventy years on. In answer to the question 'Is this year's Black History Month more important than ever?' 57% of children voted 'Yes'. It was interesting that many of the children who didn't vote 'Yes' felt that it was just as important as ever.

This week's topic is quite different and children will explore the vastness of the universe and ask whether we are all alone and answer the question, 'Do aliens exist?'

Netball

Chipstead Valley Netball A team have not won a match for a few years, honestly! However, in their first game of the year against Coulsdon C of E, they won 3-0! Mrs Nicholls just wanted the girls to remember what they had been taught and do the basics well. They all played brilliantly for their first match.

The B team lost 2-0, but again it was their first match of the season and some of the girls have only just started playing netball. The end score was a good result against a strong Coulsdon side.

Cross Country

It has been a very busy week with a number of cross country races taking place against a large number of Croydon schools at Lloyd Park. Year 1&2 children ran in a fun 'Ocean' themed event with many dressing up in fun costumes and face paint. Well done to those who took part in what would have been their first chance to represent Chipstead Valley.

Teams from KS2 also took part in a series of races with children running a distance of either 1200m or 1600m. With more than 150 children in each race, our children did remarkably well with some finishing in positions as high up as 6th, 9th and 16th. The Y5 boys team did particularly well, finishing 3rd overall. It was a fantastic effort from all those who ran!

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

We are aware that some children did not receive their flu vaccination last week despite some parents giving consent online. We have been in contact with NHS over this and they have agreed to come back to catch up on those children who missed out. When we have more details we will let you know.

Half Term Holiday

School will close at 3.15pm on **Friday 19th October** and will reopen on **Monday 29th October** at the normal time.

Attendance

The attendance percentage for each class is shown below for the week beginning **Monday 8th October**. Overall Attendance for this week was **97.7%**. Well done to our winners **1T, 4F and 2D**. Thank You for your support.

Key Stage 1 & Reception

1=	1T	99.3
1=	2D	99.3
3	2M	98.1
4	1W	98.0
5	1L	97.4
6	2B	97.3
7	Hedgehogs	96.5
8	Squirrels	95.3
9	Rabbits	94.5

Key Stage 2

1	4F	99.7
2=	6G	99.1
2=	6H	99.1
4=	3G	99.0
4=	4C	99.0
6	5B	98.4
7	4H	98.0
8	5C	96.5
9	3M	96.1
10	3C	95.5

Please remember that anything over 96% is considered to be good attendance, whilst anything below 92% is a cause for concern.

Digiverse

We are planning to hold a launch event for the Digiverse on **Tuesday 30th October**. Look out for more information later in the week.

Fireworks

Just a reminder that this year's Bonfire and Fireworks display will take place on **Sunday 28th October**. Year 6 children will be receiving a separate letter inviting them to be part of the torchlight procession.

Harvest Festival

Just a reminder about our Harvest Festival on **Thursday 18th October**. We would be grateful for donations of food to go to the Salvation Army in Croydon who will distribute them to those in need. They have particularly asked for packets and tins of food with a long shelf life. The children should bring their donations in to school on **Wednesday 17th October** and they should be taken straight to the KS2 Hall. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please remember that we are unable to accommodate parents at the assemblies.

Purple Mufti Day

Please see a reminder below of our 'Purple Mufti Day' on Friday.

*Please join in our charity Mufti Day on **Friday 19th October**. We encourage your children to wear purple for South East Cancer Help Centre's campaign and to donate £1 to the Centre, on the day. The Centre is based in Purley and two of our school mum's are working on this campaign, to enable them to help more local people affected by cancer.*

This small charity has to raise all their own funds and offers all kinds of support to those people affected by cancer, and their family members and carers too.

They provide all kinds of support, from complimentary treatments, support groups and counselling to yoga, Thai chi, art sessions, drama, writing, special courses and individual complementary therapies such as reiki, massage and reflexology. There is also a nutritionist, skin care and hair care advice, and activities like lunches, cinema club and more. Support at the Centre for those affected often goes on long after treatment ends, as people can use the centre for up to three years after initial diagnosis.

The older children will get an overview of the centre's work and Purple campaign at an assembly on Tues 16th October.

Starting from 19th October, the charity will be collecting money across half term and at Tesco in Purley, where they are based. The Centre encourages you to join in with other events during the week so please see www.bit.ly/EventsSECHC and www.Sechc.org.uk for more information. Please tell your friends, relatives and neighbours as you don't need to be referred.

Please remind your children to wear mufti, preferably something purple, on Friday 19th October and donate £1.00 to this local charity.