



**Leatherhead Trinity School and Nursery**  
**Inspiring Learning, Unlocking the Future**

**Spring Term**  
**Newsletter No. 16**  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we were visited by two Education Safeguarding Advisors from Surrey County Council. They rigorously inspected all areas of safeguarding across the school – speaking to groups of staff and students, as well as interviewing individual staff with safeguarding roles.

Our safeguarding team is:

Anna Gattey Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Elizabeth Killin Deputy DSL, Hannah Gray Deputy DSL and Sarah Harrison Deputy DSL.

We are pleased to share that the outcomes of the Safeguarding learning Review were very positive indeed. The team complimented many areas which we will share with you all, once the final report is available.

#### **Final reminder for applications for September 2024**

All parents/carers of children in Nursery or parents/carers with pre-school siblings, who are due to start Reception in September 2024, please remember that you need to have submitted your Reception application form on-line by **15th January 2024** at the latest. Even if you attend our nursery, you will still need to apply for a reception place via Surrey County Council.

You can complete the online application by clicking on the following link

<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> You can apply online from a smart phone or tablet as well as a laptop. You can request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004 Mon-Fri 9am-5pm).

**Kind regards,**  
**Mrs Elizabeth Killin**  
**Headteacher**

## **Attendance**

### **96 DAYS OF SCHOOL LOST IN WEEK 1**

This is across all the classes from Reception to Year 6. Ladybird, Redwood and Oak have lost the most days of learning with 10 days or more absence during the week. Hawk, Fox and Badger are the best and Hawk win the prize bag and Lindy (the hamster) for the week!

Next week let's try to reduce that number of days as a whole school community by:

- a) Not keeping children at home for any other reason than significant illness
- b) Bringing children in by 8.50AM daily

- c) Remembering that a days lost learning and a day of not being with your friends can have a major impact on learning and happiness.

Next week we will be sending out your child's personal attendance sheet for the school year so far. We continue to incentivize attendance for the children in every way we can including badges, certificates, wrist bands, prizes and school pets.

Please read the statement lifted from our attendance policy below which outlines when penalty notices might be given to parents and carers. We have issued penalty notices for unauthorised holiday in the past and will continue to do so in 2024. Please also check your child's attendance record for 'zero' codes which show your child has had an unauthorised absence/absences. If your child's attendance is below 90% and they have had seven or more unauthorised absences across the previous term, you may also receive a penalty notice going forward. Having said that, we would always be keen to work with families to improve attendance rather than fining.

To allow us to work together and to make the best possible start to the new term, I will be inviting parents/carers of children who have attendance below 90% (7 or more days off so far this year) to meet with me over the next three weeks so we can work together to improve this together.

Thank you

Hannah Gray

### **Attendance Policy**

***Where a child is taken out of school for 5 days or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the head teacher, each parent may be liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. In these circumstances, a warning will not be given where it can be shown that parents had previously been warned that such absences would not be authorised and that they will be liable to receive a Penalty Notice if the leave of absence is taken.***

***A Penalty Notice will also be considered where attendance has fallen below 90% and there are no less than 7 unauthorised sessions during the preceding 6 school weeks. The parent's failure to engage with supportive measures proposed by the school or the Inclusion Service will be a factor when considering the issue of a Penalty Notice. Unauthorised absence will include late arrival after the close of registration without good reason.***

***With the exception of unauthorised leave taken in term time, parents will be sent a formal warning of their liability to receive such a notice before it is issued.***

***Parents will be reminded of this policy on a termly basis.***



### Top Classes for using TTRS this week

- 1<sup>st</sup> Eagle
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Osprey
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Redwood

### Highest number of coins

- 1<sup>st</sup> Thaksmiga
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mouna
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Aniketh

### Most improved studio speed

- 1<sup>st</sup> Lenny
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tireni
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alisa

### Numbots (Key Stage 1) – highest number of coins earned:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Aagash
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alfie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Harper



### Congratulations for passing the next stage of Numbots:

Rowan, Carly, Alfie, Elianna

### Fine Diners

Charlie T, Reggie O, Dilan B, Ariva , Xaris, Reggie and Rochelle

**Congratulations to all!**

## Christian and Learning Values

**Well done to the following children who received a values award this week:**

**Commitment:** Rastin (Squirrel), Ava (Osprey), Damian (Hedgehog), Carl (Badger), Ta'Andrew (Owl),  
Yeva

**Perseverance:** Kyla-Mai (Willow), **Reflectiveness:** Jessica (Oak), **Resourcefulness:** Leo (Fox),  
**Curiosity:** Louie (Hawk)

## Athlete Visit

Please keep going with fundraising for the visit from Lily Woodham. We need the form and any money to come back to the school on week beginning 22/01/2024. The more we raise, the more sports projects we can introduce to the school.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/leatherheadtrinityschool>

The event takes place on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Thank you  
The PE Team

## Online Safety

On Monday, Mrs Gattey spoke to the children about how to stay safe online. We looked at the following top ten tips.

[Childline](#) also have a great article which can support parents and cares with protecting their children from online harm.



**Mrs Gattey**  
Designated Safeguard lead/ Assistant Headteacher

# Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Time
<b>SPRING TERM 2024</b>		
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm - <b>POSTPONED</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5/6 Trip to Hampton Court	All Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Visit to Leatherhead Library	1pm-3pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>FOLT</b> – Second hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>*NEW*</b> Year 6 SATS Parent Information Meeting	6pm – School Hall
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>*NEW*</b> Year 2 African Drumming Workshop	All Day
Thursday 01 <sup>st</sup> February	Athlete Visit - Lily Woodham	All Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	All Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>*NEW*</b> Parents Evening	1.30pm – 7pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Squirrel class visiting The Beeches Care Home	1.30pm-2.30pm - <b>POSTPONED</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Hedgehog class visiting The Beeches Care Home	1.30pm-2.30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>FOLT</b> – Valentine Bake Sale	After School
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>All Week</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term	All Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 1 Trip to Brooklands Museum	All Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>FOLT</b> – Second hand Uniform Sale	3.10pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Junior Citizen Event	12-3pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>FOLT</b> – Mother's Day Sale	During School

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; 6 Class Assembly</b>	2.30 – 3pm - <b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 5 River Dipping activity</b>	9.45am-11.45am 1 <sup>st</sup> Group 12.45pm – 14.45pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 6 River Dipping activity</b>	9.45am-11.45am 1 <sup>st</sup> Group 12.45pm – 14.45pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Group
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 1 Class Assembly</b>	9am School Hall
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Year 2 Class Assembly</b>	9am School Hall
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Term</b>	Early Finish 1.30pm
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Start of Summer Term</b>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 3 Class Assembly</b>	9am School Hall
<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>	<b>All Week</b>
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Inset Day</b>	All Day
<b>Wednesday 05<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Class Photos</b>	All Day
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reception Class Assembly</b>	9am School Hall
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 Class Assembly</b>	9am School Hall
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>End of School Year</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>