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School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Parent Consultations – We look forward to Parent consultations on Tuesday and Wednesday. The alley gate will be open throughout.

Because of Parent Consultations we will be unable to run Explorers club or Newspaper club this week.

We have a governors' meeting for parents on Wednesday at 7pm and you are all welcome. I sent a letter out last week.

Sports News

Our netball teams have been going from strength to strength recently. On Tuesday they played in a Croydon competition at Royal Russell. The match report below is by Lulu and Jasmine:

'On Tuesday, Margaret Roper netball team went to a tournament at Royal Russell. The A team played three matches, winning them all, and the B team played three matches, winning two and losing one. At the end of the tournament, Margaret Roper A won their league and the B team came second in theirs. This meant that the A team will go through to the Croydon Finals as part of the London Youth Games.'

On Friday I was pleased to be able to attend games at Beaumont School. Three games were played with our A team winning 12-0 and 14-0 and our B team winning 8-0. Well done to all concerned, and special thanks to Mrs. Piper and Mrs. McCabe for all their hard work and support.

Cross Country – This Saturday sees the last of the South London Harriers Woodcote races and I have issued letters to all children interested. It would be really fantastic to see a good turnout and full teams. I attach the letter to this newsletter in case you haven't seen it. Please try to support if you can.

Coronavirus – This is causing a good deal of uncertainty at present, in terms of what the government response might be as the virus spreads into the general population. We are receiving daily updates from the DfE and Public Health England. I know that there are many possible outcomes, including possible closure of schools, however we must continue to run our school as normal and respond to advice from Public Health England. Our school has not got any trips using public transport planned at present, however we may consider if these are sensible as time goes on. All school activities will continue unless we are advised to the contrary. If you are worried that a member of your family is suspected to have contracted the virus, please inform us and self-isolate and follow NHS advice.

We have been contingency planning for the possibility that school closure may be mandated and we propose to use online resources and direct learning through our website. I will, of course, keep you updated as regularly as necessary.

In school, we have focused on ensuring that we promote good hygiene with our children, teaching them how to hand wash properly, provided access to hand sanitisers (which doesn't replace but augment) hand

washing, and will continue to do so. All we can do is take sensible precautions and be hopeful that the impact of this outbreak is minimized.

Bookweek – We had bookweek this week and I must say that the ‘Potato Characters’ you all created with your children were just marvellous! We have a gallery in the link and in the Y2/3 corridor and I encourage you to have a look at parents’ evenings. Thank you so much for your support – I know the children enjoyed this very much. We had lots of other bookweek activities too – ask your child what they were up to.

Masses and Liturgies – Thank you to Blue Class, who led us in a lovely class assembly on The Eucharist this week. The children led our prayers and singing very well indeed.

PTA News

Spring Fair – Tickets are available for the spring Fayre from today. You will remember it from last year. Don’t forget to buy – I know the children will absolutely love it!

Mufti Days – There will be a mufti day on Friday 13th march and the PTA would like you to bring in chocolate eggs as your donation. The day of the spring fayre will also be a mufti day.



Margaret Roper PTA

Spring Fayre

Please join us for our fabulous
springtime extravaganza after school on
Friday 20th March 3pm – 5pm

**Ticket only
£5**
(under 3s go free)
and includes:

- Egg hunt
- Bouncy castle
- Arts & Crafts
- Face Painting
- Bubbleologist
- Fire Engine
- Martial Arts display
- Irish Dancing display
- Outside games

There will also be a **cafe**, **egg tombola**,
pocket money toys, **sweet stall** and **raffle**
so please bring along some cash

Tickets will be sold in the playground from 9th March but if you would prefer to transfer please contact your rep for bank details.

Margaret Roper School Society Golf Day – Last chance for booking!

Saturday 4th April 2020

Farleigh Golf Club, Old Farleigh Road, Warlingham, CR6 9PE

We have organised a Margaret Roper School Society Golf Day at Farleigh Golf Club on Saturday 4th April 2020. The package includes tea, coffee & bacon rolls, 18 holes of golf and a one course sit down meal.

The total cost is £50, which is extremely reasonable and includes prizes on the day and a small donation to the school. Farleigh Golf Club have also kindly donated a Farleigh fourball and an Afternoon Tea for the school to auction at the Spring/Summer Fayre.

All very welcome including Mums, Dads and wider family and friends! The plan is to have a beer or two at the golf club in the evening before moving on to the Horseshoe in Warlingham.

In order to book your place, please email Jon Vellacott (jonvelly@hotmail.co.uk) to confirm your name, email and contact number no later than Friday 13th March 2020. If you would like more information please contact Jon on 07976525902.

Week Ending 28th February	Stars of the week	Star Writer
Red Class	Anna & Alex	Taliyah
Orange Class	Leah & Thomas	Gabrielle
Yellow Class	Elsa & Felix	Tristan
Green Class	Arthur & Ana	Isabella
Blue Class	Kaylie & Sophie	Carla
Pearl Class	Henry & Oliwer	Leah
Indigo Class	Isabelle & Jessica	Amare
Violet Class	Jack & Gabriella	Francesco

The attendance was shared between Red and Orange Classes. The punctuality award was shared between all the junior classes. Keep it up!

Have a good weekend (*Sorry – I've just realised that this email did not send, so I'm reissuing on Monday*).

Mr Mooney

Encl. –
SLH Cross Country Letter