

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you, we hope you all had a wonderful break and are ready to tackle 2020.

We are starting off the new year with a new House system for the children and staff. The houses will now be known as Earth, Water, Air and Fire and the children are being told today in assembly. There will also be a whole school competition to design a logo for their house. House Captains and Vice House Captains (girls and boys) will be elected from Y6.

Consideration when Parking

Once again we have had complaints from parents and residents regarding the parking at the beginning and end of the day. Please can you get to school in plenty of time to drop or pick your children up from school to ensure that you can park safely, legally and are not the person responsible for causing an accident that could result in an injury to a child.

Reading at home

It is so important that children read everyday at home and children benefit so much in many ways;

- **Children** who **read** often widely get better at it.
- **Reading** exercises our brain.
- **Reading** improves concentration.
- **Reading** teaches **children** about the world around them.
- **Reading** improves vocabulary and language skills.
- **Reading** develops a **child's** imagination.
- **Reading** helps **children** to develop empathy.
- **Reading** is fun.

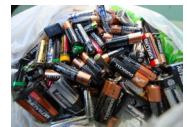
Books for Schools

Thank you for all your book tokens so far. We would ask that future tokens be placed in an envelope with the number you have collected written on the front. Thank you for your help.



Battery Collection

Just a reminder that we are still collecting used batteries. Please can you remember to bring them into school for us to recycle in the New Year.



Winter Coats

Please can you make sure that your child comes to school in a **named** winter coat; we have had lots of children who are still not bringing their coats to school.



Dates for your diary

Monday 13th.....Cheerleading Club to start

Wednesday 15th ... Street Dance to start/Year 5 Boys Football Match v St Elphege's at 2.30pm

Thursday 16thYear 5 & 6 Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics / EYFS Film Fundraiser/

The Hungry Caterpillar and Library Relaunch Day for Reception, Years 1 & 2

Monday 20th..... Dance Workshop for Year 4 & 5 from 4-5.30pm at Carshalton Girls.

Thursday 23rd..... Boys Football Match v All saints at 3.45pm

Tuesday 28th Boys Football Match v Hackbridge at 3.45pm

February

Tuesday 4thBoys Football Match v Muschamp

Wednesday 5th.....Year 2 Trip to the Tower of London

Monday 17th-Friday 21st.....Half Term

Monday 24th.....Boys Football v Highview at 3.45pm

*Future dates are available on our website
calendar*

Breaking News.....

Congratulations to Olivia-Jane of Hummingbird Class who is the first pupil to get 5 House Points for Fire House under the new system. Olivia-Jane was very brave and stood up in front of the whole school and explained to Reception what the purpose of an Achievement Assembly.

