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***Through Christ who strengthens us, all will flourish at our school, with
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Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Staff

Thorpe Band Please come along and support our Year 4 & 5 children perform pCornets at the Winter Wonderland Fair at St Mary's - 3-5.30pm on **Saturday 3rd December** (tomorrow).

Also, on **Monday 5th December**, Year 4 and the Thorpe Band trio from Year 5 children will be **performing at St John's Church Egham** for The Mayor and parents from Thorpe, Manorcroft and St Jude's (approx. 150 children) all parents are invited, and the event starts at 7.30pm. Please can our pCornet children to be there at 6.45pm – if you haven't already signed up, it's not too late.

Farewell On Tuesday, at our Full Governing Body Meeting, we said a fond farewell to Mr Eric Peacock. Eric has been at our school as parent, key member of FOTSA and Governor for many years and his integrity, passion and calm focus supported our school, and me personally, so well over the years. We will miss you very much but wish you all the very best with your next adventures.

Y5 & 6 Football Team A tremendous WELL DONE to our brilliant football team who won their last two matches against local schools. Thanks to Mrs Ambridge, Mrs D'Abreo and Mr Mazzone for supporting. Thanks also to parents who transported children to the match. For those who come along to support, please ensure you are following the EYRPSSA Code of Conduct for everyone's safety and enjoyment.

Diocese A big thank you to all the children who made a bauble for Guildford Cathedral's exhibition on the theme of 'Prince of Peace'. We have had some photos of children at the Cathedral... keep them coming in and we will publish before Christmas.

Movie Night Many thanks to FOTSA for organising and to teachers for facilitating this event. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

Wellingtons, Slippers and Crocs So that we can use the field, even when it's wet, please can you ensure your child has a pair of wellingtons that fit them. If you have any old slippers or crocs at home that could be donated to school for when children need to come inside for any reason, please could you pass them to your child's class teacher. Many thanks!

Keeping Healthy We continue to ensure children are washing their hands thoroughly and sneezing into a tissue crook of their elbow etc. to ensure we stay healthy over the winter months. We are using the CO2 monitors the government gave us last year to ensure a good circulation of air in the classrooms. If your child would like to wear a school colour hoodie and or warm boots, please feel free to do so.

Attendance

- This week we had another visit from Surrey Inclusion Officer who has highlighted several children who must come to school more regularly.
- We have a **massive 35 children who are under 90%** attendance. This will impact their life chances and it means they are missing out on vital skills and knowledge.
- We will be writing to those parents and request that you do not take your children out of school during term time.
- We appreciate the cost of living crisis is making things difficult but it has a massive impact on unsettling the class as a whole when a child is absent.

Thank you for your consideration for the good of our school community.

We are not asking you to send poorly children to school. If your child has a bug, please keep them at home. Our attendance has been damaged by those parents taking their children on holidays during term time. If your child has a **temperature, sore throat, vomiting &/or diarrhoea or rash**, please keep them safe at home and follow advice from [NHS](#). Please see Fact Sheet below about Strep A and Scarlett Fever both of which have been in the news recently.

If you would like to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact us and arrange a time to meet.

Wishing you all a very restful, healthy weekend.

Kindest regards

Mrs Helen Southgate

Headteacher





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Fact sheet for schools and parents about Group A Streptococcus (GAS)/Scarlet Fever.

What is Group A Streptococcus?

Group A Streptococcus or *Streptococcus pyogenes* is a bacterium that can be found in the throat and on the skin. People may carry it and have no symptoms of illness or may develop infection.

How is it spread?

Group A Streptococcus survives in throats and on skin for long enough to allow easy spread between people through sneezing and skin contact. People who are currently carrying the bacteria in the throat or on the skin may have symptoms of illness or they may have no symptoms and feel fine. In both cases, these bacteria can be passed on to others.

What kinds of illnesses are caused by Group A Streptococcus?

Most Group A Streptococcus illnesses are relatively mild, with symptoms including a sore throat ("strep throat"), scarlet fever or a skin infection such as impetigo. However, on rare occasions, these bacteria can cause other severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases.

Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others.

The **symptoms** of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly-pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it will still feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth.

Children who have had **chickenpox** or **influenza ('flu')** recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately.

What is invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) disease?

Although rare, invasive Group A Streptococcus disease may occur when bacteria get into parts of the body where bacteria are not usually found. These infections are called invasive Group A Streptococcal disease and can be very serious and even life-threatening.

What are the symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease?

The most important thing to be aware of are the early signs and symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. These are:

- High Fever, Severe muscle aches, Localised muscle tenderness, Redness at the site of a wound
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What should I do if my child becomes unwell?

If your child becomes unwell contact your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call NHS111 and you should also call NHS111 if your surgery is closed.

If my child is unwell, should they stay off school?

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms you should contact your GP practice or call NHS111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If your child is unwell they should stay off school until they are better.

What else can I do to prevent my child from becoming unwell?

Because Group A Streptococcal disease is spread through coughing, sneezing and skin contact, it's important to have good hand hygiene and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and throw these away. If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice. This will all help limit the spread of other infections, which are common this time of year.



WINTER WONDERLAND

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, THORPE

SATURDAY 3 DECEMBER

FAIR FROM 3 - 5.30pm

BBQ, Stalls, Tombola, Grand Prize draw, Christmas decorations, Santa's Grotto, nearly new gifts and much more!

4pm CHRISTINGLE

*With Egham Band P
Comets followed by the
switch-on of the Tower
Christmas Lights by the
Mayor of Runnymede.*

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Dates for your Diary 2022-23 [INFANTS: YR, Y1 and Y2] [JUNIORS: Y3,Y4,Y5 and Y6]

September AUTUMN TERM 2022

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| December | |
| Friday 2 nd | Movie Night FOTSA |
| Sat 3 rd Dec | Winter Wonderland Fair at St Mary's - 3-5.30pm – Egham 'p' cornets playing |
| Monday 5 th | pCornet Concert at St John's Egham with The Mayor for Y4 and the Thorpe Band trio from Y5 (plus Manorcroft and St Jude's approx. 150 children) all parents are invited, the event starts at 7.30pm children to be there at 6.45pm. |
| Tues 6 th | INFANTS only – Christmas Dress Rehearsal with KS2, Nursery & guests from Noah's Ark 9.30am |
| Thurs 8 th | 9.30am 1st Performance Christmas Play - 2pm 2nd Performance (INFANTS only) |
| Fri 9 th | PANTO for children FOTSA |
| Mon 12 th | Junior Carol Service at St Mary's 1.45 – 2.15pm All children to be walked back to school. JUNIORS ONLY. |
| Thurs 15 th | Christmas Jumper Mufti Day 50p Christmas Lunch Last day of term – pick up at 3pm |
| Fri 16 th | INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED – Curriculum |
| | CHRISTMAS BREAK Mon 19 th December to Tues 3 rd January 2023 |
| 18 th Dec | 6pm Traditional Lessons & Carols service by candlelight. |
| 24 th Dec | Family Crib Services 3pm and 5pm. (Real donkeys visiting between services) |
| Sun 25 th | Christmas Day – all are welcome to services at St Mary's Church - https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/ |

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| January | |
| Tues 3 rd | INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED Deep Dive – Training from DBE Elevate |
| Wed 4 th | Spring term begins – 8.50am |
| | SATS Meeting for Parents Y6 Class teacher and Y2 Class teacher |
| Mon 9 th | Haslemere Museum rocks and fossils workshop in school am |
| Fri 13 th | Primary Council Meeting |
| Wed 18 th | 10am Finance and Staffing Governor Committee |
| Fri 20 th | Year 2 rescheduled trip to Windsor Castle from year 1 |
| w/c Mon 23 rd | Lesson Observation Week |
| Wed 25 th | 1pm Children's Learning Committee |
| | Heads' Briefing with SurreyCC 9.30 – 11am |
| Fri 27 th | Parent Voice – Rep Meeting with Headteacher – 9.30am (comments to reps please) TBC |
| Tues 31 st | 9.15am Coordination Meeting |
| February | |
| Wed 1 st | 9.15am Amber Class Assembly● |
| Mon 6 th | Anti-Bullying Week with e-safety |
| Tues 7 th | 9.15am Ruby Class Assembly● |
| Fri 10 th | Break up for Half Term – 3pm pick up |
| | HALF TERM 13 th – 17 th February |
| Mon 20 th | Return to school – 8.50am |

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| Tues 21 st | 9.15am PEC Governor Meeting |
| Wed 22 nd | 9.15am Amethyst Class Assembly● |
| Mon 27 th | Book Week including World Book Day Themes TBA |
| March | |
| Tues 7 th | 10am Finance and Staffing Governor Meeting 5pm Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Thurs 9 th | Heads' Briefing with Surrey CC 9.30 – 11am |
| Weds 15 th | VIAM at SSE Wembley Arena |
| Fri 17 th | Red Nose Day /Sports Relief – Wear something Red – Donate to the worthy cause. FOTSA Someone special craft tbc |
| Sunday 19 th | Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's |
| Thurs 23 rd | Primary Council Meeting |
| Tues 28 th | Parents' Evening 3.20 – 6pm |
| Thurs 30 th | Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7pm |
| Fri 31 st | Easter Service 9.30am ~ whole school to St Mary's: children only for this service - Break Up at 3pm |
| | EASTER Break Mon 3rd – Fri 14th |
| April | |
| Sunday 2 nd | Palm Sunday |
| Fri 7 th | Good Friday |
| Sunday 9 th | Easter Sunday – all are welcome to services at St Mary's Church - https://www.stmaryschurchthorpe.co.uk/ |
| Mon 10 th | Easter Mon |
| Mon 17 th | INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED – Curriculum |
| Tues 18 th | Return to school – 8.50am |
| Mon 24 th | In lieu of St George's Day ~ members of Brownies, Beavers, Guides or Cubs may wear uniforms |
| Wed 26 th | 10am Finance and Staffing Governor Meeting |
| May | |
| Mon 1 st | May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed |
| Thurs 4 th | Primary Council Meeting |
| Fri 5 th | 9.15 Sapphire Class Assembly● |
| w/c Mon 8 th | SATs week KS2 – Start of SATs for KS1 Horizon Class Photographs |
| Wed 17 th | 9.15 Garnet Class Assembly● |
| Wed 10 th | 9.15am Coordination Governor Meeting Haslemere Museum Egyptian workshop at museum all day |
| Saturday 20 th | FOTSA Summer Event tbc |
| Mon 22 nd to Fri 26 th | Year 6 Residential Trip to High Ashurst |
| Fri 26 th | 9.15 Emerald Class Assembly● Break up for half term at 3pm HALF TERM 29 th May to 2 nd June |
| June | |
| Mon 5 th | Return to school – 8.50am, Swimming tbc |
| Tues 6 th | 9.15am PEC Governor Meeting |
| Wed 7 th | Heads' Briefing with SurreyCC 9.30 – 11am |
| Fri 9 th | FOTSA Someone Special event tbc |
| Mon 12 th | Phonics Screening Week |
| Wed 14 th | Provisional District Sports date for JUNIORS To Be Confirmed |
| Fri 16 th | Sports' Event – Parents welcome from 12.30 for Carousel and Races |
| Tues 20 th | Y6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral for students only 10am |

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| Wed 21 st | 10am Finance and Staffing Governor Meeting |
| Thurs 22 nd | Parent Voice - Rep Meeting with Headteacher - 9.30am (comments to reps please) Transition Morning for classes (not Y6) 8.45 to 12.00 (Y6 with YR CT) Meet the Team Evening Celebration 6pm LRS, 6.30 Hall, 6.45 1 st Class Talk 7.15 2 nd Class Talk |
| Fri 23 rd | INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED - Assessment |
| Tues 27 th | Transition for Y6 to TMCS tbc |
| Wed 28 th | 1pm Children's Learning Governor Committee 1pm |
| Thurs 29 th | 5pm Full Governing Body Meeting |
| Fri 30 th | Back up Sports' Day |
| July | |
| Wed 5 th | Primary Council Meeting |
| Mon 3 rd | Y6 Production Week |
| Thurs 13 th | Infant Disco 3.00 - 4.05 Juniors 4.20 – 5.45pm |
| Mon 17 th | Y6 Leavers' Party Annual Reports given to parents |
| Tues 18 th | Leavers' Bible service at St Mary's at (drop off at church at 8.50 – Y6 parents welcome to attend) |
| Friday 21 st | Last day of academic year – pick up at 3pm |

Please note that some diary dates may change.

We will endeavour to give you as much notice as possible and they will be highlighted in **YELLOW**.

Thank you!