

## Nurture Group

This term, we are delighted to have launched our new nurture-based intervention programme, COMPASS, which stands for **Creating Opportunities to Maximise Personal and Social Skills**. The aim of the programme is to help boost pupils' confidence and self-esteem, as well as providing opportunities to develop key skills such as self-awareness, social-skills, emotional-regulation and resilience. Pupils' well-being is at the heart of this work. By providing opportunities for them to grow in confidence, we hope they will be engaged, successful learners and happy children. We are rolling-out this programme in phases, and hope that all pupils will participate in COMPASS at some point over the coming year. For further information, please contact Mrs Avenal, SENDCo.



### DATES FOR THE DIARY

#### **Surlingham**

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** - May Day Celebration 2.30-3.30pm

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> May** - No sharing assembly

**24<sup>th</sup> May** - Off road Cycling year 5

**11<sup>th</sup> June, 18<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Cycling proficiency year 6

**12<sup>th</sup> June** - New intake evening

#### **Rockland St Mary**

**11<sup>th</sup> June** - class photos

**19<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5

Cycling proficiency ( please note test date changed)

**12<sup>th</sup> June** - new intake evening

**23<sup>rd</sup> June** -School fete

### PE Kits

Please make sure your child has a full clean PE kit on their peg all week. It is not just needed for PE but is used as a change of clothes if your child gets wet or muddy



### Changing the times of the school day

Thank you to the four people who responded to our proposal to change the times of the school day. We considered all of the points raised at our Local Governing Body meeting on 19 April and have made the decision to go ahead with plans to change the times of the school day.

From 4 June, after May half term, school will run from 8:50am to 3:15pm.

Please be assured that school clubs will continue seamlessly from 3:15pm running for an hour until 4:15pm. (4.30pm for Film Club at Surlingham)

We recognise that this will inconvenience some parents and that it takes time to make alternative arrangements. We would like to support everyone in the transition - please have a conversation with the Headteacher or school secretary if the earlier pick up time will initially cause you difficulties.

We're currently looking at the case for introducing an after school equivalent of the breakfast club - like a homework club or general after school club, which would help provide wrap around care. If this is something that would interest you please complete this short

survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NW79ZWS>

### FEDERATION

#### Dates for the Diary:

Swimming every Wednesday 1.30-2.30pm from 18<sup>th</sup> April year 5.  
From 18<sup>th</sup> May year 6

**30<sup>th</sup> April** - Parent Literacy meeting 2.30 pm at SPS.

**3<sup>rd</sup> May** - BIG SING years 3 and 4.

**11<sup>th</sup> May** - Selected pupils from years 1,2,3, and 4 Golf at Barnham Broom in the morning

**May 14<sup>th</sup>** SATS Week

**21<sup>st</sup> May, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

**9<sup>th</sup> July** - Whitlingham Water

Sports for years 5 and 6

**13<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 5/6 residential Holt Hall

**20<sup>th</sup> June** - Basketball some of year 3 and 4

**22<sup>nd</sup> June** - Staff training Day. School closed.

**3<sup>rd</sup> July** - Olympic legacy event at Wymondham College year 4 and 5

**July 12<sup>th</sup>**. Super learning day at FEHS year 6

**July 13<sup>th</sup>** - Transition Day

**18<sup>th</sup> July** - Fencing taster Session

## Current News from the classes at Surlingham

### Chestnut

From our previous Topic 'Jungles and Rain forests' last half term we created a pillow with a picture of our favourite rain forest animal on. The children tried really hard and persisted with the sewing session.

This half term we have introduced our Topic 'Around the World'. The children have explored the 7 continents of the world and chosen a dream holiday place to visit. The children researched 5 top things about their favourite place and identified new adjectives they could describe the country with. The children have developed their knowledge of nouns, adjectives, verbs and different sentence types throughout these sessions.

Reception have been exploring different traditional clothes from around the world as well as looking at different types of houses. Next week they will be designing an outfit for their bear to take a trip to a new country.

### Hawthorn

We've kicked off summer term by getting stuck into our new topic; rivers. We're currently writing explanation texts about how rivers work. We've learnt lots of new technical vocabulary such as meanders, tributaries and mudflats. When we've finished writing our texts we will use Photostory3 to add pictures and sounds to our writing on the computer.

Our forest schools sessions with Mrs Wands are exploring other areas associated with our rivers topic. We will shortly be learning about the water cycle and will make our own boats out of found materials to sail on the river.

In maths, we have been extending and applying our knowledge of decimals to real life contexts involving money. We have learnt how to make different totals, add and subtract amounts and work out the change.

### Willow

Willow Class have begun exploring the world of Ancient Greece. We have discovered its location and we are beginning to establish a timeline of significant events for this civilisation. We have been inspired to write a fable like Aesop and will use the story of Medusa to stimulate some writing.

In PE, we have begun our term of swimming, Mr Henderson is teaching tennis and we have been practising our Maypole dancing ready for Mayday.

The class will continue to explore the Greeks and PSHE with Mrs Wands during their Outdoor Learning on a Thursday afternoon. Interwoven into these lessons we will continue to ensure the Year 6s are prepared for their SATs papers next month.

Another busy term ahead!

## Current News from the classes at Rockland St Mary

### Maple

Maple Class have started their journey around the world with a visit to Antarctica. They have been thinking about whether they would have liked to join Shackleton and his crew as they attempted to cross Antarctica, as well as considering the impact that tourists have on Antarctic. Closer to home they have been learning about the countries that make up the United Kingdom, the capital cities and the seas around us. We also welcomed Sunbeams for a visit on Tuesday morning, enjoyed the outside learning opportunities on Wednesday, before trying gymnastics and playing football on Thursday.

### Birnam Oaks

In Birnam Oaks we have had a super start to the Summer Term. We have been learning to solve problems involving money - some of us are still a little unsure about the value of the different coins and would benefit from looking at this at home. In English we have been developing our knowledge of poetic devices - this week we have written some very effective Kennings on rivers which are on display in our classroom. Please do come and have a look at them. The children have also enjoyed making up Kennings about famous people and people in school!

In science we are learning about friction - we will be carrying out difference experiments to explore this topic. We have started our outdoor learning which we are really enjoying - especially as the weather has improved over the last 2 weeks. We have enjoyed the start of our football sessions with Mr Mardell on Thursdays. In art and DT we are linking our work to our new inquiry topic of Mountains, Rivers and Coasts. We have created fantastic water-fall paintings using different tools such as sponges, rulers, bubble wrap and salt! During PSHCE this term we are looking at relationships.

### Redwood

Redwood have been getting really stuck into their new Biology topic in Science. The children started the topic by trying to locate all of the organs in the human body on a life size scale. There were some extremely interesting discussions especially about the size, location and number of some of organs. The following week, we looked more closely at the human heart. We turned our classroom into a heart with four chambers and moved around like blood cells picking up and dropping oxygen to understand how it worked. Finally, in 15 minutes (a speedy art challenge), we created these clay hearts!



# Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning got off to a fabulous start last week with some amazing weather.

Maple class were very busy exploring using all of their senses. They made some really smelly cocktails from natural resources, as well as making sound maps, leaf and bark rubbing and taste testing herbs.

Oaks and Hawthorns played some team building games and built some fantastic models showing the journey of a river. Willow class did an exercise which demonstrated how collaboration can be more effective than competitiveness in many situations; some trust and team building exercises and some amazing land art. The weather won't always be so great so please can children have coats and waterproof trousers in school for their outdoor learning.

## Governors Corner

We're interested in the demand for after school clubs, please take a couple of minutes to complete this short survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NW79ZWS>

We're also investigating the need for pre-school and nursery provision in our area, working with the Children's Centre and Sunbeams Pre-school.

Governors have met with teachers to monitor the use of funding for sports and pupil premium. Some of this money funds our new outdoor learning coordinator, Mrs Wands, and we will be monitoring outdoor activities this term.

All the chairs of governors from SET schools met last week to review the Scheme of Delegation for Local Governing Bodies. The Trust has recently been joined by Ghost Hill Primary & Nursery and Framingham Earl is expected to join later this term.

## IMPORTANT

### Travelling to School

With the good weather arriving, we appreciate that this gives children the opportunity to cycle or walk to school. This also means that some children have the chance to travel to school unsupervised. Whilst this is a parental choice, we would like to highlight the fact that there are safeguarding issues related to this decision which involve the school

Although extreme, without parental supervision, it is possible that an unsupervised child could be at risk of being involved in an accident or, sadly (it has to be said) there is the possibility of abduction. From the school's point of view it is essential that we know your child's whereabouts and, if they should be in school, that they have arrived safely.

Therefore, to ensure the safety of your child please can we ask you to ring in by 9am if your child is off sick so that this can be marked in the register.

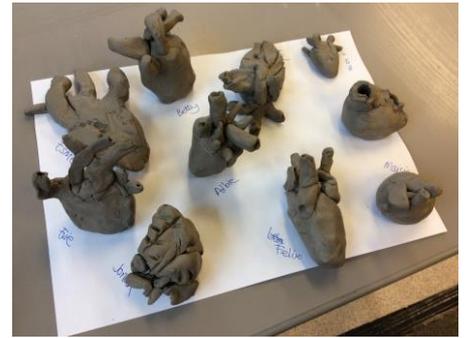
Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

## FOSS Dates.

**Dates have been set for the 2nd Busy Bee to tidy the school grounds on 20<sup>th</sup> May 1-4pm and the school fete, Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 12-3pm.**

**We will send out more information when we have it.**





Redwoods: Science topic on human organs and some carefully made clay hearts. Above and below.



James at Surlingham had his first Holy Communion on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Right. Independent projects Friday, Hawthorns, geography. Pupils select in groups their own subject and do their own research on areas such as language, food etc



Left. Chestnuts showing some of their pillows that they made by sewing.

**After School Activity Clubs**

**Surlingham Primary School:**

**AEM HAI Martial Arts** – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Pro Coach** – Monday KS2 and Friday KS1 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Cookery Club** – Wednesday. Year 5 and 6

**Film Club** – Fridays KS2 3.30-4.45pm

**Rockland St Mary Primary School:**

**Hip Hop Dance Club** – Mondays 3.30 - 4.30pm starting 19<sup>th</sup> Feb MMR

**AEM HAI Martial Arts** – Every Tuesday between 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Multi Sports**- Thursdays starts 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 3.30 to 4.30pm

**Spanish Club** – Fridays 3.30pm to 4.30pm

**Cookery Club** – Selected pupils

**Wanted.**

**Chestnut are setting up a construction corner so please can we have:**

- drainpipe pieces and plastic pipe
- wood, small planks, short branches, pallets and tree stumps
- plastic roofing (small bits), milk crates, cones and netting
- Hard hats, tyres, cable reels and breeze blocks

**Also smelly herb plants please and old wellies for planting.**

**Pots and pans**

Year 4 and 5 will be completing playground leader training in May with a view to them taking responsibility for the activities offered at lunchtimes.

**Our Safeguarding Statement**

Each individual child's welfare is of paramount importance. Our Federation will establish and maintain an ethos where pupils feel secure, are encouraged to talk, are listened to and are safe. Children at both our schools in the Federation will be able to talk freely to any member of staff at either school if they are worried or concerned about something.

There is a copy of the safeguarding policy on the school websites.

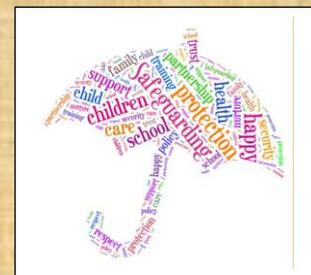
If you have any safeguarding concerns, please do speak to the Safeguarding designated professionals and these are:

Mrs Humphrey, Executive Head Teacher.

Mrs Bayliss, Senior Teacher, Surlingham Primary based.

Mrs Norris, Senior Teacher, Rockland St Mary based

Thank you for working together with us towards this, and striving to ensure a safe environment for all members of our school communities.



**Attendance for both schools for (6/9/2018 to 27/4/2018)**



**Surlingham**

**Rockland**

Chestnut:	97.15%	Maple:	95.89%
Hawthorn:	97.91%	Birnam Oak:	94.28%
Willow:	95.97%	Redwood:	97.15%
<b>School Total</b>	<b>97.08%</b>	<b>School Total</b>	<b>95.80%</b>

Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1876 – The alterations in the school room not being completed, the children reassembled after the Harvest Holiday in the Surlingham Chapel, borrowed for the purpose, Head Teacher Hannah Barker