

From Mr Gumbrell . . .

Another academic year has passed. As Year 6 move on to the challenges of Secondary school and the Year 2s start thinking of their new school, it's always a time of reflection. It's a time to think back to the good times and recalling the funny moments; the highs of the Ofsted judgements and the recognition of all the hard work that went into it; to Shakespeare Rocks and all the humour, fun and jollity that came with it. Pupils thinking back to the moment when they mastered their Times Tables, finally became a 'free reader', or understood a concept in Science. We consider the times that we have had with our 'staff leavers', Mrs Cooper, Miss Newman, Mrs Cusack and Mrs Bold and ask that you join us in saying good luck in their new ventures, as well as thank you for all that they have given to LDSM.

I hope that the Summer holidays are a restful period for you all. Enjoy the time with your children and make the most of the opportunities that are out there! Maybe try to set some targets for the holidays – to read 3 books, to clock 10,000 steps each day, to bake something each week, or to learn a new skill. As I am challenging you on this, I will endeavour to achieve all of these myself, too, wish me luck!

Attendance Policy . . .

You may recall that I wrote previously about the Platt vs Isle of Wight case, around term time absence of leave? In short, the Platt family managed to persuade a court to agree that they should not have been fined for taking their child out of education. This was because their child still had 'regular' attendance over the course of their time in school (despite these days off). It was this particular word that was brought under scrutiny and the definition of this word in terms of 'holidays in school time'. In the end, the judgement was overruled and the family were fined (by the Supreme Court) for taking this action.

In the light of the Supreme Court's judgement, Surrey has offered new recommendations to schools. Our Governors have now considered these and I wanted to bring this issue to your attention. The guidance states that Surrey will now revert to issuing penalty notices for 5 or more days 'unauthorised leave of absence' (not using the term 'holiday'), where it can be shown that the parents have been warned (via a recent newsletter) that if they took unauthorised leave of absence they could be liable to receive a penalty notice – [this is that newsletter](#).

The new attendance policy is available on our website if you wish to have more detail around the changes.

Ember Learning Trust

The Ember Learning Trust is looking for someone to act as (honorary?) independent examiner of their first annual accounts. This should be someone qualified or experienced in examining accounts under the Companies Act, SORP and Charities Act. Please contact the Treasurer, Stephen Ind, on indsb9@gmail.com.



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Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial,
for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life,
which God has promised to those who love him.

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Dates . . . Value for July - PERSEVERANCE

Fri 21st July 1.45pm End of Term, Sal's Shoes for Africa + £1/pair for postage

SUMMER HOLS

Wed 6th Sept Autumn Term Starts
Thurs 14th Sept 3.15pm Year 3 Meet the Teacher in Hornby Class
4pm Year 6 Meet the Teacher in Brecon Class
Tues 19th Sept 4pm Year 5 Meet the Teacher in Scotney Class
Weds 20th Sept 3.30pm Year 4 Meet the Teacher in Pendragon Class
Sun 24th Sept Friends' Social
Tues 26th Sept 3.30pm Bullying Workshop for Parents
Weds 27th Sept Closing day for entries to Elmbridge Literary Competition
Year 6 Shrewsbury House Festival of Sport
Thurs 28th Sept 3.30pm IoW meeting for Year 6 parents

Tues 3rd Oct Open Day for prospective parents
Fri 6th Oct 9am NSPCC free online safety for parents. More to follow
Mon 9th – Fri 13th Year 6 to the Isle of Wight
Weds 11th Oct Harvest Festival with LDIS at St Mary's Church
Weds 11th Oct Lower School Parents Maths Workshop (Helmsley)

Fri 21st Oct Half Term starts at 3.15pm

School Dinners . . .

Dinner monies for the first half of the Autumn Term (September and October), is £74.25. The meals will cost £11.25 a week (£2.25 per day). Payments made on-line, by cheque payable to 'Surrey County Council', or in cash are all welcome.

House Point Champions for 2016-17 . . .

CONGRATULATIONS to Windsor House for their extra efforts over this academic year. It has paid off by your being the 2016-17 House Champions. Well done!

Birthday Books . . .

New books for the LDSM library have been bought by Lily H and Lucas W. Happy Birthday and thank you to them both. On your child's birthday, please consider sending £3 to the office and help celebrate reading.

Art shirts . . .

Please could each child bring in an old shirt (one of Mum or Dad's is fine) to use as an art overall, next term? Many thanks!

