



## Virtue of the month – Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers

### Attendance Cup

**Congratulations to Pine Class** for winning the **Attendance Cup** this week! Your excellent attendance shows great commitment to learning and sets a brilliant example for the whole school. Let's keep the momentum going! The Attendance Cup is awarded **every week**, so there are plenty more chances for other classes to win. Being in school every day helps us learn, grow, and achieve our best together! let's see who will take the trophy next week! Keep up the great work, everyone!



### Larch Class Assembly

Larch Class gave a beautiful and thoughtful assembly that celebrated their learning across many subjects. The children shared their work on **RE, History, Art, and Science** with great pride and enthusiasm. They spoke clearly and confidently, showing how much they had learned. They read aloud with expression and clarity, showing how much their reading skills have grown. Well done, Larch Class, your assembly was a wonderful celebration of learning and teamwork.



### Choir Festival

This week our Choir took part in the Inter Schools Choir Festival at Woldingham. They enjoyed the afternoon practising and listening to the other schools and in the evening sang beautifully. While they didn't come away with a win this year, the competition was incredibly strong, and we are so proud of their performance and enthusiasm. Thank you to Mrs Hardy and to the parents who helped during the day.

### Harvest Liturgy Celebration

On Thursday we celebrated a wonderful Harvest liturgy. We are reminded of the many gifts God has graced us with and how, if we are in a position to help the hungry and poor. We thank you all for your generous donations. This has shown how we are a generous and giving community and continue to live out Jesus' mission. Thank you to all the parents who joined us.



### Thank You from PTA Chair Amiee Morell

As I step down from the role of Chair, I'd like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone, your support has been truly appreciated. I'd also like to add a personal thank you for making my time as Chair such a positive and rewarding experience. Your encouragement and involvement have meant a great deal. Although I'll be stepping back, I'll still be around to help and offer advice where needed. I'm really excited about what's to come, the new team will be fantastic! The **PTA AGM will take place on 13th November, time TBC**, and **everyone is warmly invited**. During the meeting, the **new committee will be confirmed**, and we'll look ahead to another brilliant year of events and fundraising for our children.

Our amazing **PTA are already busy planning this year's Christmas Fayre**, which will take place in **early December** (exact date to be confirmed). It promises to be a fun-filled event for all.

If you have **culinary or beverage experience**, or would like to help in any way, your support would be **greatly appreciated**. Every helping hand makes a difference and helps us create a magical event for the whole school community. Please do get in touch at [sfpta3@gmail.com](mailto:sfpta3@gmail.com)

## Book Fayre

Thank you to everyone who helped helping to organise our Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to all the parents that made time, either before or after school, to purchase books. All the money spent will help us to purchase new books for your children to enjoy and learn from. I hope your children enjoyed the book fair and enjoy their new books even more.

## Christmas Card Designs

Reminder that all PTA Christmas card designs must be returned by **Monday 20th October**. This is the final deadline to ensure your child's artwork can be turned into beautiful, personalised Christmas cards and gifts, perfect for sharing with family and friends!

## Playground Equipment

Please keep your children with you when you come to collect them at the end of the day - they know that they are NOT to go on the equipment in the playgrounds as there are no staff on duty should an accident happen. It is your responsibility to keep younger children with you at all times and not allow them on the equipment. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Secondary School Applications

If your child will reach the age of 11 between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026, they will be due to start secondary school in September 2026. You can apply for a secondary school place from 1 September 2025. The closing date for applications is **31 October 2025**. If you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child. To help you prepare, click below to find out everything you need to know about the schools application process.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary/apply>

## Open Mornings for next year's Reception Parents

It was lovely to see so many parents at our recent Open Morning. We received wonderful feedback, especially about how knowledgeable and informative the children were while leading the tours, a real credit to our school community. Our next Open Morning will be held on **11th November @9.15am**, and we look forward to welcoming even more families then. **We invite all prospective parents who wish to attend contact the school office to book place.**

## Celebration Assembly

Well done to all the certificate winners this week and to **Maragret Clthrow** for winning the house cup points.

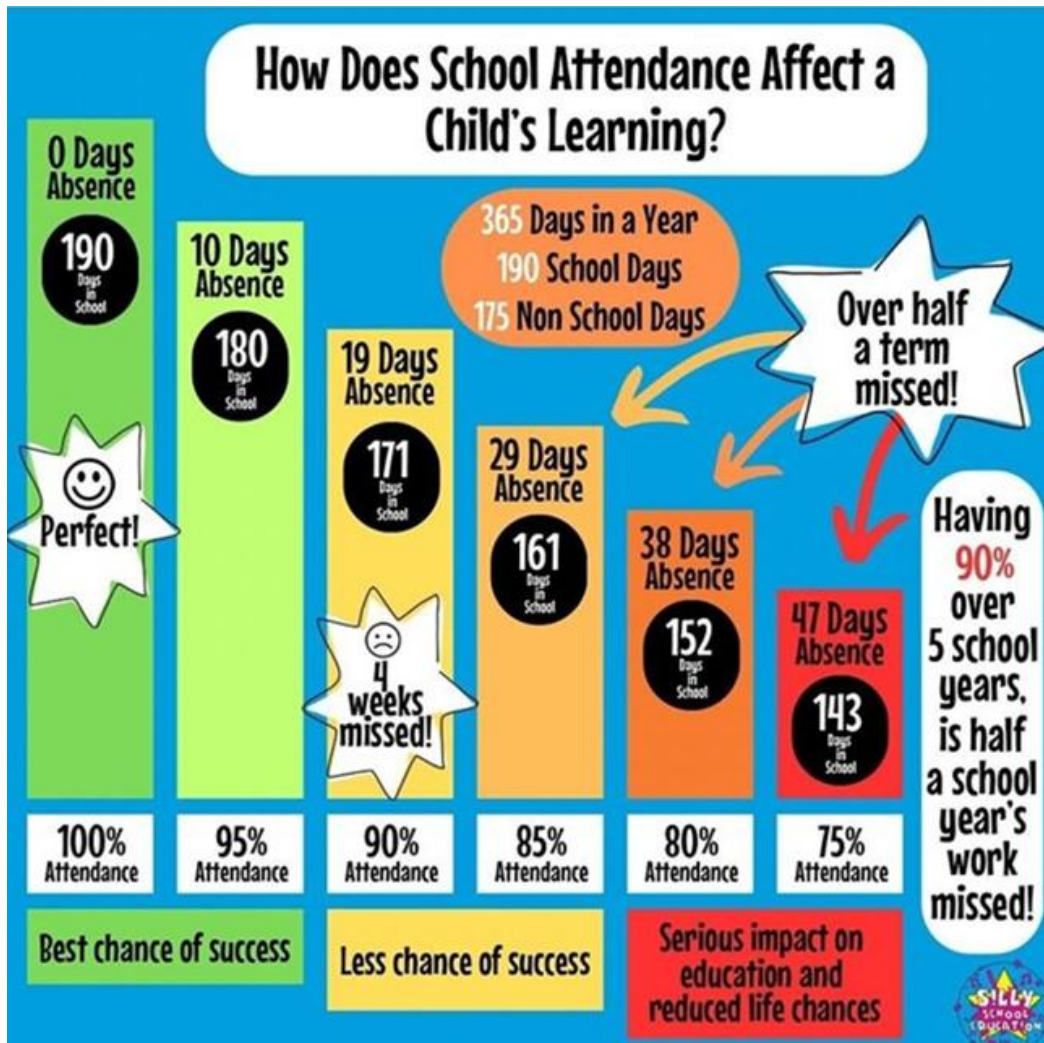
Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr Doyle & Staff



## RE

Today's gospel talks about having faith in actions. From one year to the next, I ask children to provide food for others - our harvest collection. One child brings on a tin of beans, another a can of tuna fish; and yet, through the giving of small amounts, a huge collection of food is gathered. The parallels to Jesus feeding the five thousand are here - what can you give? Often we look at our offering and think "How can this little bit help?", but when we work together, we can make the tide of change. Catholic Social Teaching is all about this, working in solidarity with the poor, offering preferential treatment to help, respecting the human dignity of life everywhere whether in a foreign country or our next-door neighbour. So, from me to you I would like to extend a huge "Thank You" for your support, and modelling these positive behaviours on how we can work for the common good for all people.





### Calendar Dates

16 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Linden Class</b> Assembly to Parents @9.10am
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Phonics Meeting for Reception, Year1, Year 2 @9am
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening Details to Follow
27 <sup>th</sup> October- 31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Half Term</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Reopens @9am
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual Photographs
13 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA AGM
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Beginning of Advent
1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Xavier Day School Closed</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Westminster Carol Service- Details to Follow
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto Day
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cedar Tree Carols and Switching on Christmas Lights 6.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Clubs Finish
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Trip - Polka Dot Theatre
19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>School Reopens @9am</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Dorking Hall Festival -Details to Follow

