

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

"Together we are Better"



Weekly Focus

Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The children have had a great last few days of the Spring Term and today we have all enjoyed dressing as our favourite Superheroes or in clothes that make us feel happy! The PTA mufti day has been a perfect way to celebrate the end of a successful term, where children and staff have shown a tremendous amount of resilience. We have been so pleased to have everyone back together and we are extremely optimistic and excited about the Summer Term ahead. On behalf of the Goldsworth Trust, the Governing Board and Knaphill staff, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Easter break and hope you enjoy seeing friends and family. We will continue with the current school start and finish times for at least the first two weeks and will inform you of any planned changes at the start of the Summer Term, so you have time to make arrangements if needed. Please take care, stay safe and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday 19th April**.

Miss J. Concannon
Federation Headteacher



Goldsworth Trust – KFOS Remote Learning Survey

Many thanks to all of our families who have already completed The Goldsworth Trust Survey on your child's experience during the last lockdown and the quality of the remote learning provision. If you have not yet completed the survey, it is not too late, please can we ask you to contribute by the end of today. Please note: **You do not need to fill the survey in if your child was in school during the lockdown.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HT5JWZTfsCS6_i-LEJ_qcmZ2xD7Fh2lwk5LY0ctqWGO/edit



What is going on for Autistic Girls in Surrey this month?

Appeer Community Interest Company was set up to benefit autistic girls and women and those around them (including their families and professionals). They offer peer group activities and social interest-based sessions for autistic girls and young women and support and expert talks for their parents/carers. Currently these are online due to the pandemic, but they also run real life groups and events in Surrey and beyond. Follow them on their website www.appeer.org.uk or Facebook @positivepeerapproach or Twitter @AppeerCiC

Please find attached to the Weekly Update their April Information Flyer.

Surrey History Centre

Normally at this time of the year, the Surrey History Centre would be welcoming Parents and families into the centre to make crafts for Easter, but this year they have gone virtual! Please watch the video below, which explains how to make a pop up honey bee!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a9VqKb3Emaw>



[Health, Wellbeing and Emotional Support for Children in Surrey](#)

As we begin to come out of the national COVID-19 lockdown, it is important that we know how to access the right advice, guidance and support for your family. This brief guide highlights a range of resources to help maintain your child's wellbeing and to address any emotional needs, as well as guidance about self-harm.

[Guide for Parents and Carers, April 2021](#)



[Family Learning – Parenting Support Summer Term](#)

As the Spring Term comes to a close, Family Learning are already planning for the summer term and their new programme of free courses and workshops is [open now](#).

Family Learning, part of Surrey Adult Learning, offers free support to parents and carers, including grandparents, who lack confidence to support their children. It has been a stressful year for all, but as we follow the government roadmap out of lockdown many parents/carers will be looking for ways to support their children's development, learning and wellbeing.

These parenting courses provide vital support in helping parents understand their children's behaviour, how to manage their child's anxieties and their own stress. The wellness courses are supplemented by a range of practical educational support courses to help parents/carers understand the school system and curriculum. From 'How to be a Times Table Rock Star' to 'Reading with your child'.

[Family Learning have supported over 400 families this year!](#)

[Parents share what Family Learning courses mean for them.](#)

They surveyed parents at the end of their course and here's what some of them said to us from this term:

- **I learned how to promote my child's self-confidence and deal with situations calmly.**
- **We talk more! We started a nightly routine by telling each other our 'good and bad' for the day.**
- **I've been given a lot of tools for dealing with my children's behaviour when it's challenging.**
- **Amazing tutor, making it fun and understandable. Now I know how to assist my son in Y2 maths and my younger one, starting reception next year. Thank you.**
- **I have learnt a lot about the education system in the UK and how I can help my child.**

[All Family Learning courses are free to attend. Currently being held online via Zoom due to COVID-19.](#)

These maths, english, parenting, and wellbeing courses offer families support to be able to help their children with school, homework, and behaviour issues. There are also courses for EAL parents/carers.

Course enrolment details:

Online - [surreycc-familylearning](https://surreycc-familylearning.com)

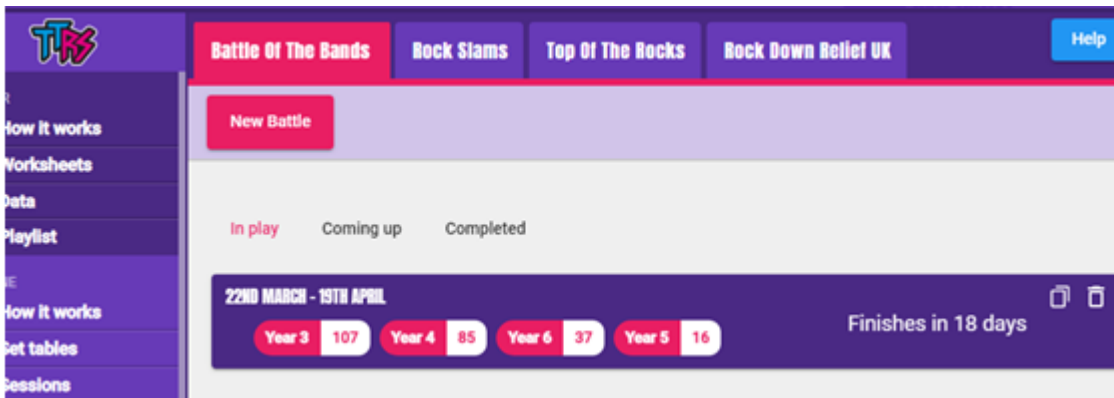
Email - family.learning@surreycc.gov.uk

Call – 0300 200 1044

[Times Tables Rock Stars](#)

Our latest Junior School Times Tables Rock Stars challenge continues until after the Easter break, where each year group is battling against each other. Year 3 have impressively taken the lead, but who will win? Every time you practise your times tables, it means points for your year group and even more importantly, will make you feel more confident in Maths.

<https://trockstars.com/>



PTA Update

Your support of the Federation and the PTA this year has meant that the total amount raised for the Spring Term is an amazing £2,805.53! This is a similar amount to what was raised during the Autumn term, despite the fact that we have only had a few weeks of all the children at school.

Some of the highlights of the Spring Term fundraising include:

- Superheroes Mufti Day - £377.50
- Easter Raffle - £484.76
- Easter Bags - £170.62
- SpringIntoAction - £249.50
- Recycling - £172.04
- Your school lottery - £328.40
- Parent donations (direct & donated lottery winnings) - £129.50
- AmazonSmile - £96.14



Thank you so much for all of your donations, help and support for the PTA who have worked really hard throughout the pandemic to continue to raise money for the schools. We cannot thank you enough and are amazed at the amount we have all been able to raise! **THANKYOU!**

Happy Easter from some of our Superheroes!

