

Newsletter

Dear Families,

As this is my final newsletter to the Kite family, I would like to thank you all for your support over the last eight years. The journey of the Kite has been an exciting one, starting with five Heads and Chairs of Governors discussing working together. We all had a vision that working in a more formal collaborative way would give our children, families and staff the very best. Over the years our staff and Governors have worked closely together to develop a truly collaborative Trust.

This is an exciting time for Lakeside Academy as they get ready to move to a new site in September. The Mindenhurst site is a purpose built two form entry Primary with a Nursery. This has been a big undertaking and the Trust and Surrey have worked closely together to move things forward for our families. The majority of the move will happen over the summer holiday, although there have been a number of preparations that have taken place over the last two terms. Thank you to all of Lakeside staff for the preparation ahead of the move and also to many members of the Central Team who have been working on the Estates, IT and HR aspects of the move. We look forward to the children starting in their new building in September.

As we move to a new leadership, I wish the Trust all the best under Jeremy Meek's leadership and will be proud to watch the Trust grow from strength to strength.

Best Wishes,

Christine Dickinson
CEO

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Learning Together

The Holly Lodge Year 3 children visited Butser Ancient Farm where they were able to step back in time and experience a range of activities linked to their topic of the Romans. The children made mosaics, created flint walls, made jewellery and joined in with an archaeological dig.



Some of The Grove's budding mathematicians represented their school when they took part in the first ever Kite Times Table Championships. The brightest brains from across all 10 academies in Years 2-4 took part in two rounds in front of a live audience. The Grove finished in 1st Place, closely followed by Hale in 2nd. We are so proud of all the children who took part.



Lakeside Years 2 to 5 have been having some skateboard training! This is in anticipation for next year as the academy are introducing scootering and skateboarding provisions during their lunchtimes. The children learnt the basics of pushing off, balancing and turning. Watch out Tony Hawk!



Cross Farm Reception children have been planting cress and beans and watching how they grow. They have learnt how to care for caterpillars and watched them hatch into butterflies. They have also cared for snails and for other wildlife.



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Getting Physical!



Lakeside Year 6's residential this year included fantastic activities such as Mission X, Escape Room, Crate Stack, Buggy Building and Water Wars. The activities required lots of problem solving, teamwork, listening to each other and trust. The evenings included fun games such as the construction challenge and a quiz!



Mytchett Year 6 children were very lucky with the weather on their residential trip this year. They enjoyed daring activities such as skiing, sailing, kayaking, climbing, archery and high ropes as well as plenty of fun in the evenings.



The Holly Lodge children in Year 5 took part in kayaking! They visited 'Explore Activity and Education Centre' in Mytchett where the children were taught how to stay safe on the water and how to control their kayaks. They did brilliantly and thoroughly enjoyed the day out.

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Getting out and about!

A number of the Hale children, staff and members of the PTA entered into the Hale Carnival with a pirate theme this year and came in second place - Don't they look fabulous!



Holly Lodge Reception children recently went to Tri-Lakes where they were able to get up close to a range of animals, supporting their learning. They also had a visit from Mrs. Ballard's animals where they got to find out all about how to care for different animals kept as pets.

Folly Hill's Reception children enjoyed a lovely walk to Farnham Park and Castle, soaking in the sun and admiring nature.



Lakeside Reception children went on their first school trip to The Look Out! They spent the morning exploring the zones in the science and discovery centre including water, wind, the body and forces. After this they explored outside, creating nature bracelets, nature art and explored micro-habitats. They also took part in a Bugs and Beasts workshop and built natural dens in the forest. The children had the most fantastic time and were so well behaved, making their teachers very proud!

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Sports Events



Folly Hill Year 1 children had a fantastic afternoon at St Peters School in Farnham participating in a range of athletic events.



Thankfully, the rain held off at Wyke for a wonderful Sports Day on Wednesday 5th July. Well done to everyone for trying really hard and supporting each other and a big thank you to the parents who came to support.



The Sports Day at The Grove was an enjoyable one, with lots of different games and races. The children also got to share a picnic lunch with their parents. Thank you to all parents who came to support the children!



Sandringham's Sports Day was a great success! The children all worked really hard, showing off their sporting skills.



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Champions Day



On Wednesday 21st June children across all 10 of the Kite academies came together at Holly Lodge for Champions Day.

Each academy selected their teams to represent them in this inter-Trust competition, completing a carousel of sports activities.



We are delighted for this year's winners: Cross Farm who received the Infant Cup Holly Lodge who received the Junior Cup

Well done to all the children that participated in the event - you are all champions and made us all very proud.



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Summer Events



The Ferns Summer Fete was a great event, with lots of support from the community. There were traditional games such as Lucky Dip and Tin Can Alley, as well as a Chocolate Tombola. The Ferns managed to raise some extra money which will go towards supporting educational trips next year.



Folly Hill's Summer Event was a wonderful day, with many familiar faces and some new ones! Folly Hill would like to say 'Thank You' to The Friends (PTA) for organising such a memorable event, to the Golden Committee for collating a brilliant memory room and to everyone who popped by to say 'hello' and celebrate Folly Hill's 50th birthday.



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Tea Parties

The Grove's Strawberry Tea event was held on Wednesday 5th July, hosted by some of the Year 6 students who helped make the scones and served tea and coffee.

It was to say a huge 'Thank You' to all their regular volunteers throughout the year and Academy Council Governors. The Grove choir entertained the room with their rendition of a Spike Milligan Medley.



Sandringham held their Golden Tea Party which is a very special event with the Head Teacher, designed to recognise and celebrate the children for outstanding behaviour and a positive attitude to learning.

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Award Winners

The Grove were excited to receive the runner-up prize - a cheque for £200 - in a competition run by Michael Usher Mortgage Services. The prize will go towards revamping the 'Friendship Garden' - an area of the playground specifically designed to give a quieter space for children who struggle with the playground hustle and bustle. It was received by the Head Boy, Head Girl, Heads of the School Council, the School Council Staff Lead and a member of the 'Friend of The Grove' (PTA) team. A heartfelt 'Thank You' goes out to everyone that helped them achieve this runner-up prize - it's astonishing the amount of support they had!



10 of the Year 5 Hale children took part in a STEM Math's challenge at Collingwood College. They all did fantastically well and won a certificate for being the Best STEM Mather Team.



To celebrate Folly Hill Infant Academy's 50th birthday, the children learnt a dance to the 1973 smash hit 'Tiger Feet' and went on to win first place at Hale Carnival - Go Folly Hill Tigers!



Surrey Gardens Trust awarded Wyke £200 plus £50 of vouchers for Squires Garden Centres to improve the school grounds. They used the money to refresh the very tired planters at the front of school and add some plants to the growing areas in Reception. Huge thanks goes to the parent volunteers - they did a wonderful job!



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Folly Hill Celebrate 50 Years



The Folly Hill Fantastic 50 challenge has been running throughout the year with children (and some staff) completing 50 things of their choice. There have been 50 hops, 50 drawings, 50 cartwheels, 50 bounces, riding 50 miles to and from school...the list goes on! Three members of staff cycled the Downs Link Way for their 50k challenge. The academy also aimed to have 50 trips and visitors throughout the year, which they achieved and more. The children have enjoyed some wonderful experiences including authors, dog agility, theatre, a poet, healthcare workers, an athlete, lots of animals, a science workshop, magic show, choir workshop, an artist and much more. The 50th visitor was very special as it was Mrs Green - the previous Head Teacher - who gave an assembly to the children about her time at Folly Hill.

At the school fair, there was a memory room with pictures and artefacts from the last 50 years which was very popular and lots of ex-pupils and staff came to celebrate. The academy have had 4 members of staff turning 50 this year with each one doing something special on their birthday - planting a tree, a rose bush, a time capsule and one had a Sports Cup named after them, which was presented on Sports Day. The parents also joined in, making a display with 50 plants!



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Leavers Plays

The children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in their school leavers plays, impressing us all with their singing, dancing and acting skills. We have seen renditions of Holly Lodge's 'Robin Hood', 'Sandringham's Got Talent' and Mytchett's 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan'. Well done to all the children who have already performed their plays – you were brilliant!

Many of the other academies have shows scheduled for the last week of term and we wish them the best of luck!



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The Kite Family Food Bank

Farnborough



Nobody in our community should have to face going hungry.

Our team of Family Support Workers have been working in collaboration with the Farnborough Foodbank to set up food parcel collection and drop off points from our Kite Family Hub.

Working as part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, the foodbank provides three days' worth of nutritionally balanced, emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis.

If any Kite Families are struggling over the summer holidays, they can come to the Kite Family Hub on a Friday between 10am – 12pm.

Our Family Support Workers will also be able to provide information on other support that is available for families.

Our partnership agencies are also able to refer families to our Friday collection point at the Kite Family Hub.

If any of our families would like to donate to the foodbank, the best way to do this is by leaving donations at collections points in local supermarkets as the supermarkets will match the weight of donated items, increasing the overall donations the foodbank receives.

Please visit the website below for a list of donations that the foodbank would appreciate and collection point locations:

<https://farnborough.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food>



The Farnborough Foodbank, The Kite Family Hub, Hamesmoor Road, Mytchett, GU16 6JB
Every Friday 10am - 12pm

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Staying Safe Online This Summer

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

SHARE FEEL-GOOD CONTENT & LEAVE POSITIVE COMMENTS

NEWS DOUBLE CHECK STORIES - DON'T FALL FOR FAKE NEWS!

USE CAUTION ON PUBLIC WIFI

MAKE THE MOST OF THE OUTDOORS

BE KIND & BE TOLERANT

Report bullies & ignore trolls

KEEP YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS PRIVATE

AVOID BINGE STREAMING AND ALL-DAY GAMING

BE CAREFUL WITH IN-APP SPENDING

ENJOY SCREEN-FREE ACTIVITIES

TAKE FREQUENT BREAKS

THINK BEFORE YOU POST

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Frimley Green Library Activities

Looking for ways to entertain the children this Summer Holiday? Head down to Frimley Green Library who have lots of activities for both children and their families this summer. For more information, please visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/frimleygreenlibrary or their social media - [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#) [Instagram](#)

The Summer Reading Challenge is ON! For this year's Summer Reading Challenge, The Reading Agency have teamed up with the Youth Sport Trust to inspire children to discover the power of sport and play through reading. With free rewards to collect and plenty of brilliant books, eBooks and audiobooks to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to keep young minds and bodies active over the holidays



Join us on Thursdays this Summer for an extra special Summer Reading Challenge Stories & Rhymes event. This free event is suitable for children aged 4 – 11 years old.



Sharing books and stories with young children can help to build good language and listening skills and give them a head start when they begin school. Library story times are held every Monday between 2.15-2.45pm and can foster a lifelong love of reading, showing children that a library is a fun place to be! This free event is suitable for children aged 0-5



Explore Learning are delighted to be a returning sponsor of the 'Ready, Set, Read!' Summer Reading Challenge 2023's Library Zone! Designed for children aged 5-11, they will embark on a thrilling quest that'll put their skills in Maths and English to the test! They'll overcome challenges and puzzles to uncover the mystery of the missing Blaze the Phoenix, mascot of The Explore Games!



Nursery rhymes are great for language development, they have a lot of rhythm which catch baby's attention, and repetition, which is good for speech development. It is also a nice way of introducing babies and toddlers to their local library!

This free event is suitable for children aged 0-5



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Summer Stay and Play Sessions



Do you have a child joining one of our academies in September? If so, please come and meet some other families with children joining us at one of our summer Stay and Play sessions. Enjoy a cup of tea and chat whilst the children explore books, toys and messy play.

Sessions will be held at the Kite Family Hub (located next to Mytchett Primary Academy, Hamesmoor Road, Mytchett, GU16 6JB) on Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st August.

Places can be booked via EventBrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/641617183267>



Kids Eat Free or for £1

PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE 6 WEEKS SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2023
 COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

<p>ASDA Kids eat for £1 All Day. Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.</p> <p>TESCO Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from Mon 24th July - Fri 1st September 2023</p> <p>SAINSBURY'S CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.</p> <p>BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult</p> <p>TABLE TABLE Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!</p> <p>TRAVELODGE Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays & up to 2 Kids get free breakfast with 1 adult breakfast</p> <p>PREMIER INN Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free</p> <p>SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.</p> <p>IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am</p>	<p>MORRISONS Spend £4.49 & get one free kids meal all day, every day.</p> <p>GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants</p> <p>PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms</p> <p>BILLS 2 kids eat FREE all day, every day from Monday 24th July - Friday 1st Sept 2023</p> <p>BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.</p> <p>WHITBREAD INNS Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased</p> <p>SA BRAINS PUBS Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Valid All Day Wednesdays</p> <p>FUTURE INNS Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays</p> <p>PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm</p> <p>YO! SUSHI From Mon 17th of July until Fri 11th of Aug kids eat free with every £10 adult spend</p> <p>TO BE CONFIRMED... M&S and Farmhouse Inns</p>
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From our Chair of Trustees



On behalf of the Trust Board, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to Christine Dickinson for her many years of service to the children and families in our community. Having joined Sandringham initially as Deputy Head Teacher in 1988, then becoming Head Teacher in 1996, Christine was instrumental in the inception of the Kite Academy Trust in 2015, taking on the role of CEO. The Trust was formed with 5 local schools coming together with the aim of collaborating at every level for the benefit of children and Christine has continued to embody this commitment as she has led the Trust to grow to where it is today. I would like to thank Christine for her many achievements and to wish her all the very best in her retirement.



Saying Goodbye

Sadly, we say goodbye to 3 teachers across the Trust, who will be retiring at the end of the term. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication throughout the years and wish them all the very best for the future.

Judith Kelly
Sandringham



Joanna Emsden
Lakeside & Mytchett



Charlie Farr
Folly Hill



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Our Staff

Our staff are our greatest asset, through their enthusiasm, dedication and collaboration the children have enjoyed a fantastic year of laughter while learning. As we look forward to a new year, we would like to whole-heartedly thank all our staff for their hard work and commitment to ensuring our children are always at the heart of all we do.

For those staff who are leaving us, we wish you all the very best for the future!

Term Dates

Kite Academy Trust Term Dates and Holidays 2023-2024

Autumn Term – Thursday 7th September - Friday 15th December 2023

INSET Days - Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th September*
(Half Term - Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October 2023)

Spring Term - Tuesday 2nd January - Thursday 28th March 2024

INSET Day – Monday 15th January 2024*
(Half Term - Monday 12th - Friday 16th February 2024)

Summer Term - Monday 15th April - Tuesday 23rd July 2024

INSET Day – Thursday 28th March 2024
(Half Term - Monday 27th - Friday 31st May 2024)

* With the exception of The Grove Primary Academy – please see the academy website for dates

*We hope you have a wonderful summer
See you next year!!*

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