

### Compassion. Courage. Respect.

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing break during half term. It has been great to see the children back on site and buzzing with excitement for the last few weeks of this academic year – we have much to look forward to!

We will celebrate another Wellbeing Day next Friday 21st June. Representatives from our charity partner, The Lucy Rayner Foundation, are visiting us to talk about wellbeing and pupils will be taking part in a Fundraiser Walk (1000 miles!) with all proceeds going to the charity. The rest of the day will include team-building games and a whole-school BBQ for lunch. The pupils can also come to school in their own clothes.

Many pupils have enjoyed a variety of trips so far this half term. Year 5 dressed the part on their recent evacuee day in Brighton to celebrate D-Day, and Year 6 got to grips with a range of outdoor activities as part of their residential to Norfolk. Year 8 enjoyed a visit to the Imperial War Museum and are excited about their trip to Barcelona next week.

Well done to all our Year 8 pupils for completing their exams last week; it is a time of the year which gives a wonderful opportunity for the Year 8 pupils to demonstrate the incredible progress they have made across the rigours of our curriculum. In keeping with tradition, an ice-cream van came to deliver a post-exam treat to all our Year 8 pupils - we are very proud of all your hard work!

I am also proud to announce some great sporting success – particularly some amazing swimming results which were achieved in the swimming IAPS National Finals last weekend. Congratulations to all those pupils who took part and delivered some remarkable performances!

Finally, another huge thank you to the HPA who organised the summer fair last weekend. As usual, it was a fantastic event which allowed the Hazelwood community to come together and enjoy a sociable and entertaining afternoon for all.

Best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Lindie

# Wellbeing

Next Friday 21st June, we will be holding our summer term Wellbeing Day.

Representatives from our charity partner, The Lucy Rayner Foundation, will be at Hazelwood in the morning to talk to pupils about wellbeing.

Pupils and staff will be taking part in a 1000-mile challenge! Collectively, we will be walking a short route around the site to reach this milestone and raise funds for The Lucy Rayner Foundation. If you would like to donate to support this wonderful charity, please use the QR code

The day will also include a variety of teambuilding games and we will be enjoying a whole school BBQ lunch. Pupils can come to school dressed in their own clothes.

### Careers

If any parent would like to offer a talk about their own career, either on the 26th June, or in the next academic year, please contact Naomi Herbert at herbertn@hazelwoodschool.com

Thank you!









# **Student Spotlight**

Congratulations to Jove in Year 1 for competing in the Spring NTA UK Inter Club Taekwondo competition last month and winning a bronze medal for his Patterns!

Jove was a bit nervous but he did so well. He also came second in his group for the Flying High Kick!

Well done Jove!



The Student Spotlight aims to showcase the remarkable achievements of our pupils, both within and beyond Hazelwood.

Please nominate your child if they have accomplished something wonderful - we'd love to hear about it! Email: marketing@hazelwoodschool.com

### **Staff Spotlight**



Staff Spotlight



### Mrs Watanabe Year 6 Form Tutor / English & Latin Tutor

#### WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT YOUR JOB?

It may be an age-old cliché, but teaching truly is incredibly rewarding. Few other jobs exist where you get to make such a difference to children's lives on a daily basis. The impact that teachers have on their pupils can stay with them throughout their years of schooling and beyond. We all have that one teacher from our childhood whom we will always remember – for me, this was my German and French teacher who gave me so much of her time and nurtured my love of languages, enabling me to follow my dreams.

#### WHAT MOTIVATES YOU?

At school, I was probably what was deemed to be a 'swot' in those days - personally, I would prefer to regard myself as a child who simply loved to learn! This desire to learn has stayed with me into adulthood, and it is this passion for learning that I wish to instil in the children I teach. I love my role as an English and Latin teacher - the ability to manipulate language and communicate effectively, both in written and spoken form, will underpin everything our children do. I confess that I do get particularly excited about grammar - verb conjugation, declensions, the pluperfect tense ... I am on a mission to encourage the children at Hazelwood to share my enthusiasm. Recite after me: amo, amas, amat, amamus, amatis, amant!

#### HOW DO YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S LIVES?

No two days in school are ever the same. Likewise, every child is unique and special - I am privileged to be in a position where I can nurture and support the children in my care to become not only happy, confident and successful learners, but also kind, and compassionate individuals who will one day be responsible for shaping the world we live in.

#### WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS YEAR?

As the current academic year draws to an end, it is a time for reflection. I am so proud of the progress that the pupils have made and there have been many successes, but not just in terms of test scores. From the child who has grown in confidence and can now raise their hand to ask for help, to the pupil who spent their first night away from home on a residential, they have so much to celebrate. With the new academic year fast approaching, I look forward to doing it all again!



#### **Fledglings 1**

Fledglings 1 have had so much fun learning about jungle animals and seeing if we can make the sounds they do. They have been getting involved in lots of different creative activities to do with the theme. The children have been making their own tiger masks and matching animal prints to the animals, when making their own animal book. Fledglings 1 have been making their own snakes out of paper plates and making monkeys out of yoghurt pots. Also they have been making their own jungle silhouettes using sunset colours.

The children have had so much fun making their own bear toast which they enjoyed eating for snack time. They have had lots of fun exploring the messy tray, where we have had green spaghetti play, washing different jungle animals and seeing if we can find jungle animals in the natural materials. The children have enjoyed exploring the jungle den and seeing what animals they can find. We have also looked at different sized animals and singing jungle animal songs.





### **Fledglings 2**

Land ahoy! Fledglings 2 have stepped in to the world of pirates. They have been hunting all over for treasure coins and gems within sand, oats, cereals, water and tissue paper. We have been making our own treasure maps, pirate hats, parrots, binoculars and sand pictures. There have been lots of fun activities such as matching pirate pictures, looking at different size parrots, matching shapes on a pirate wheel, exploring land and sea animals, picking up coins with magnets, exploring different size shells, puzzles and more.

Fledglings 2 loved listening to pirate stories, listening to sounds of sea animals and singing lots of songs.











#### **Lower Robins**

Last week, the young children in Lower Robins had an exciting time sailing on a pirate adventure! They made a treasure box, hunted for hidden treasures, and practised their counting skills. A This week, the Lower Robins are exploring the underwater world of the Rainbow Fish. They are learning about sharing and improving their fine motor skills by making a large rainbow fish. Some of the children even went out to collect twigs for their own fishing rods! A They then used their handprints to create little rainbow fish for our display boards. Well done, Robins!





#### **Upper Robins**

The children have been learning about space, they have particularly loved learning about the different planets in space, they have also enjoyed exploring our space sensory tray, where they have enjoyed sorting, the different moon rocks/moon sand into different containers. We have also been learning about different shapes through making shape rockets with a variety of different coloured paint. The children have loved making their own name rockets by identifying the different letters in their name and putting them in order and then sticking them onto paper. Lastly the children have enjoyed building rockets with Lego and exploring our small world space station.

This week in Upper Robins the children have enjoyed exploring the topic of Holidays, they have especially loved looking at and talking about their different holiday photos to the Robins group. They have also been making something special for their Dads to give them on Father's Day and talking about why they love them too! The children have enjoyed exploring our ice cream parlour in the messy tray using coloured shaving foam and other resources such as coloured sprinkles, then mixing it all together. They have also enjoyed playing with boats in water, exploring pasta and phonic sounds related to holidays, and practicing for our summer concert in the next couple of weeks.













### **Skylarks - Green**

It has been a hive of activity recently in the Skylarks' Green room. The children completed their focus on 'People who help us' by having fun in the supermarket role play area, buying provisions and introducing the mathematical language of money and prices into this play. They highlighted their fantastic hand-eye coordination and manipulative skills at the nail bar and hairdressers too, carefully painting nails and creating lovely hair dos! We also had 'Pizza and Den Building Day', which encouraged the children to work collaboratively with a selection of materials in order to create cosy dens...the pizza slices were delicious too!

We then concentrated on 'Birds and Owls', the week's highlight being a very enjoyable trip to 'Eagle Heights Wildlife Centre'. Here the children witnessed caracaras, owls, falcons, eagles and huskies up close, enjoyed a very interesting indoor workshop and an exciting outdoor display showing these beautiful birds of prey in action. In the classroom we consolidated this topic with a 'smallworld' birdwatching table, by making our own nests from naturally occurring objects, creating individual winged birds and identifying birds from their song. This week we start our 'Dinosaur' themed topic, which is always a favourite with the children. Learning new vocabulary, new facts, exploring the excavation tray and playing imaginatively, but still having time to make something special for our daddies for this coming Sunday.













#### **Skylarks - Orange**

What a thrilling time we've had in Skylarks over the past few weeks! The children thoroughly enjoyed their school trip to Eagle Heights. On the coach journey, they played games like eye spy and counting lorries. Upon arrival at Eagle Heights, they were welcomed by a bird expert who showcased various birds and their impressive flying skills. The children had the chance to observe snowy owls, Falcons, Eagles, and charming Huskie dogs. They were delighted with the souvenir pencils they received.

In the following week, the children in Skylarks had a great time learning about dinosaurs in the "All About Dinosaurs" activities. They had fun with the dotty Dinosaur board game and discussed when dinosaurs lived. The children also shared their knowledge about dinosaurs.







#### Hazelwood School Nursery and Early Years

# OAK

### **Pastoral Day**

The children took part in a variety of activities based on our new topic, 'Where should we go on a journey?' They were inspired by the adventures of the Gingerbread Man, which led them to reflect on their own journeys. The children enacted the story of the Gingerbread Man through role play and also created their own obstacle courses in the playground to help him cross the river. They made maps that featured landmarks and buildings, with some even adding a circus tent to reminisce about the fair in Oxted. Additionally, they used Google Earth to find the school, Oxted High Street, countries they had visited, and famous landmarks. During a nature walk in the nursery grounds led by Mrs Crosse, the children used their senses to observe and record changes in the environment. They also conducted a science experiment by testing various toy vehicles on a ramp.

#### **The Gingerbread Man**

In our first week back, we explored the classic tale of The Gingerbread Man. The children engaged in various activities to deepen their understanding of the story. They completed sentence starters, ordered the events of the story, and role-played different scenes, bringing the characters to life with their creativity. We also focused on using adjectives to describe characters and settings. The children used AI (ideogram) to create their own abstract pictures of animals doing bizarre things, and wrote descriptive sentences about their creations. This activity not only enhanced their descriptive writing skills but also introduced them to the fascinating world of technology in art.

#### **Writing Postcards and Letters**

This week, we shifted our focus to addresses and postcards. The children wrote letters and postcards from The Gingerbread Man, imagining his travels to various countries such as Greece, Ireland, and Italy. They learned about different cultures and landmarks, which sparked their curiosity about the world around them.

#### Maths: Doubling, Halving, and Odd/Even Numbers

In maths, we have been exploring the concepts of doubling, halving, and identifying odd and even numbers. The children used tens frames, counters, toy aliens, and other manipulatives, using them to explain their understanding. Their enthusiasm and engagement during these activities has been wonderful to see.



#### Cinderella

Year 1 enjoyed creating actions for the story, "Cinderella". Can you guess which parts they are portraying?



#### Maths

Exploring coin values inspired mathematical thinking in Year 1. The children counted coins, selected coins to make a given amount, enjoyed shopping activities and calculating change.











#### **Outdoor Learning**

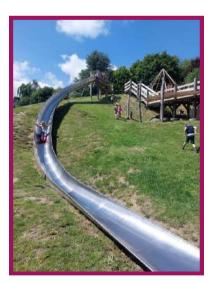
Year 1 enjoyed a wonderful Outdoor Learning lesson in the sunshine. They went on a nature hunt, searching for an array of interesting natural objects, finishing off with some whizzing down the slide in the Outdoor Box!







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### Father's Day





### YEAR 1&2

#### **Art Club**

Van Gogh's paintings of sunflowers inspired the children in Year 1 and 2 to create their own interpretations. They used felt tips and pastels with eye-catching results.







#### **Trip to British Wildlife Centre**

The children had a wonderful time during their visit to the British Wildlife Centre. They spent the day outdoors in the beautiful sunshine, exploring and learning about the animals that live there. We particularly enjoyed meeting Dobby the fox and Albus Dumble-deer! We learnt that Scottish Wildcats may look cute and fluffy but they definitely would not be welcome in our homes as a pet....!













### Hazelwood School

# YEAR 2

### Maths

The children have been learning about measurement during our maths lessons. We have learnt how we can measure time, length, weight and volume. The children enjoyed measuring various quantities of liquid using a variety of measuring cylinders and containers. We worked hard on understanding the difference between capacity and volume.

### **Around the World Topic**

As part of our 'Around the World' topic, children have been working in pairs to create a factual poster all about India. Using atlases, ipads, books and sources, the children have been researching their own facts to display creatively. The children have discovered that Indian cobras live for about 20 years and that the words 'Taj Mahal' actually translate to "palace of the crown".





### English

In the last 2 weeks, Year 3 have been learning to write Acrostic Poems using alliteration, similes, personification and onomatopoeias - as well as still including exciting adjectives, and verbs! Here are 2 examples written collaboratively by Mrs Nash's English class.

### Sleepy Sloth by William K, Clemmie B, Oscar, Felix, Lilah, Immy & Penelope.

Strolling slowly through the trees Little leaves brush gently against his fur Eating the foliage with sharp teeth Easily gripping long claws like pins Patches of moss grown on his fur Yawning peacefully.



Strong as an ox, he climbs higher and higher Lazily lounging in the scorching sun On his favourite branch of the emergent layer Travelling only tiny distances Happily hanging.

#### Sleepy Sloth by James, Yusuf, Arthur, Margot, Charlotte, Noah & George

Sluggish sloth sleeping silently Lazily relaxing in the scorching sun Eating green foliage greedily Excitedly bobbing in the water Pulling purple petals from the trees Young sloths cling to their lovely mum's back

Snoring loudly like a pride of lions Lying peacefully dreaming of scrumptious leaves On Sunday mornings, he munches on exotic green foliage Terribly sharp claws clinging tightly to the twisting trees Happily floating in the water.



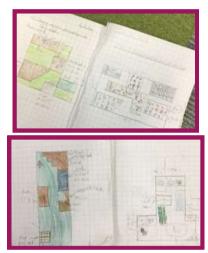
### Hazelwood School

# YEAR 3

#### Maths

Mrs Nash's Maths group have been learning to use area and perimeter and thinking about how it could be used in real life. Why do we need to know how much space is in our houses and gardens? Barnaby was able to give us an excellent example: to have building work done!

They were tasked with designing a garden of their own with very specific measurements. We also revised some of our angles and lines from earlier this year.







### Science

Even though we learnt about light in the spring, we've had to wait for better weather to learn about shadows. 3N drew around themselves and then waited to see what would happen to their shadow over the next few hours. Some predicted they'd get smaller and some that they'd get longer. A lot of us were surprised to see that they'd moved completely due to the position of the sun, but we did find out they had got longer as the sun was lower in the sky.











### Art

Jellyfish art with mixed media.









### Hazelwood School

# YEAR 5

### Science

As part of Science this week, Year 5 investigated which chocolate had the lowest melting point. We found that white chocolate won due to the milk powders and extra ingredients compared to 85% dark chocolate. I was blown away by their scientific language, questions and work ethic in the laboratory.



#### **Giving Project**

The Year 5's have finished their Giving Project by delivering Sunflowers to East Surrey Hospital and to Oxted  $\clubsuit$   $\Rightarrow$  They have worked extremely hard this year spreading kindness and joy.







### Hazelwood School

# YEAR 5

### History

On Thursday 6th June (D DAY), Year 5 visited 'Take A Shelter' at Downs Junior School in Brighton. The children looked at artefacts from the war and listened to the stories of those who experienced life on Brighton's Homefront.

The Downs School recently reopened the original Air Raid Shelter to the public and the children got to visit this too. They listened to video footage of Neville Chamberlain declaring war, looked inside the homes and bedrooms of wartime children and sat down in the shelter to experience a simulated German air raid.

The children all dressed in WW2 themed costume and the whole experience of the day was a great empathy exercise, bringing what they studied in the classroom to life. In the afternoon we took advantage of the sunshine and finished with ice cream and rounders in Preston Parks.













### English

#### Imagery in A Midsummer Night's Dream

The key feature of imagery is that it allows readers to conjure up a vivid and imaginative picture in their mind's eye. Even though Shakespeare's plays were written to be performed rather than read off the page, his words are still packed full of creative imagery.

Year 6 created images inspired by quotes from A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Grace H:



Caitlin J:

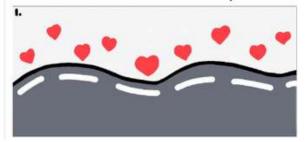


Esmee M:



Charlotte C:

The course of true love never did run smoothly





#### Maths

On Thursday, June 13th, Worth School hosted the UKMT Team Maths Challenge for Year 6 students. We entered a team of four students to compete against 11 other teams.

The day was filled with fun and excitement, featuring various rounds such as a team relay, crossnumber, and make-a-number round. The Hazelwood team worked incredibly hard and demonstrated excellent team spirit and collaboration. I am proud to announce that they finished in second place.

Congratulations to Katherine D, Flo M, Charlie JT, and Jacob B!







### D&T

Year 7 D&T major students are designing and making a phone stand out of timber. They have been introduced to the jigsaw and the belt sander as well as using hand tools like coping saws and files.

Great quality yet simplistic designs year 7!









### **D & T**

Year 8 D & T majors have been working hard on their abstract clock designs.

Follow this <u>link</u> to take a sneak preview...

### PSHE

Earlier this week, Year 8 put all they've been learning about first aid into practice during a plane crash scenario in the woods. Pupils bandaged arms and heads, put unconscious passengers into the recovery position and carried out chest compressions where necessary. We are happy to report that all passengers survived!









#### Leavers' Programme

Judging took place for the Year 8 Photography Competition earlier today.

The winners showed amazing originality and creativity in their submissions.

Well done Year 8!







### Sport

### Swimming

Hazelwood's Swim Team delivered a remarkable performance at the IAPS National Finals last Saturday. Our swimmers gave it their all and achieved fantastic results!

- \*\*U10 Freestyle Relay\*\*: Our team came in 14th place, improving from a 19th seed position and knocking an impressive 5 seconds off their qualification time. What an amazing effort! (Chloe C, Layla Z, Sophie H and Ella J).

- \*\*Sophie H\*\*: Sophie, the only 8-year-old in the 50m Butterfly event, shaved 3 seconds off her personal best to finish in 14th place in the U10 competition. This is a tremendous achievement, especially given her age and the level of competition.

- \*\*Esme C\*\*: Esme put in a great performance in the 50m Breaststroke, securing 5th place in a new PB. Her dedication and hard work truly paid off.













### Sport

### **Junior County Athletics at Hurst**





















### **Lego Buddies**

The sun shone brightly enough for us to take our Lego outside today, for another session of Lego Buddies. The task this week was to build 'The Classroom of My Dreams!'

Science lessons proved particularly popular! The children's models included a lightning bolt conductor built to harness energy to power the classroom; a portable AI teaching assistant called Josh; an indoor tree to teach us about lifecycles and photosynthesis, and a gaming workshop where coding could be taught.

This week, Lego Buddies was truly the place for the innovative thinkers, the bold explorers, and the curious!











### **Other News**

Danny and Will are taking part in the **Three Peaks Challenge**.

The boys are going up to Snowdon tomorrow for their final climb.

They are using the challenge to raise money to help children in Ukraine and Gaza and they are being sponsered in aid of UNICEF.

Please support their incredible effort <u>here</u>.

Well done boys!

### **Charity Walk**

On Saturday 15th June, Mr Towner will be taking part in the Jersey Island Walk. Starting at 3am, he aims to complete 48 miles around the entire perimeter of the island of Jersey.

He is raising money in aid of Sportin MS; a charity providing mental and emotional support to those diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, and their loved ones. Please show your support by donating <u>here</u> or use the QR code.





# LIBRARY

#### **Overdues**

It's that time of year when all library books need to be returned or renewed before the summer holidays to avoid the £3 charge per book. For those pupils leaving in Years 6 and 8 please make sure all your books are handed back into the library by **Friday 21st June**. For all other pupils please make sure that your books are stamped with the GREEN date stamp dated 6th September 2024 before you take off for the summer holidays.



School

Remember you can check the library management system (Accessit) to see what books your child/children have out. All books taken out from Monday 17th June will have a green stamp and therefore will be fine until we return back to school from the summer holidays.

If you need any assistance, please email me on wisniewskin@hazelwoodschool.com

### **Reading Challenges**

We will be running two reading challenges as always - the National Libraries challenge - where you read up 6 books or more, and our Hazelwood School challenge -which for summer 2024 is a Snakes and Ladders challenge. Please do try to encourage your child/ren to take part as reading is a life skill as it keeps the brain active and also supports our Mental Health Wellbeing, and of course there are house points and prizes to be earned. Forms will be available for both challenges in the last two weeks of term.



### LIBRARY

#### First News - Free access over the summer holidays

First News is the leading source of news and news-based learning for children. It is age-appropriate (aimed at 7 to 14 year olds but accessible for all ages), impartial and helps keep kids reading and developing their critical literacy skills.

We love using First News in the library and classrooms and are thrilled to offer all Hazelwood School students a free First News digital subscription over the summer holidays. It's packed with fun and educational content that will keep minds active and entertained all summer long.

First News digital is available via an app and includes:

- Daily news stories which children can read, listen and react to. These include reports on the Euros, the Summer Olympics, and the upcoming general election.
- The latest issue of the newspaper and many past issues
- Weekly polls to vote on
- The latest episodes of Sky Kids FYI weekly news show
- Fun puzzles and games: great for improving vocabulary
- Tips & Talking points for parents and carers to help you talk about tricky topics with your children.

### **The Magic of Books**

Find yourself with a free weekend, don't know what to do with your family, then why not check out the <u>Barnes Children's 22nd and 23rd</u> <u>June Literature Festival</u>. There are some fantastic authors attending over the two days.

Other festivals later to consider are :

Edinburgh International Book Festival - 10 -25th August Chiswick Children's Book Festival 11-18th September Cheltenham Literature Festival - 4 - 13th October The Week Junior Book Festival - 29th October

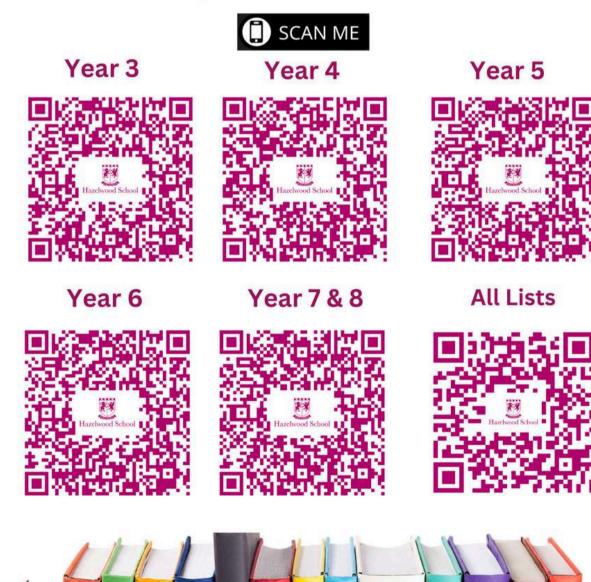




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# Hazelwood School Recommended Reading Lists

Scan the QR codes below to access recommended reading lists for each year group and also search more widely by genre, helping you find books to match your child's individual interests.



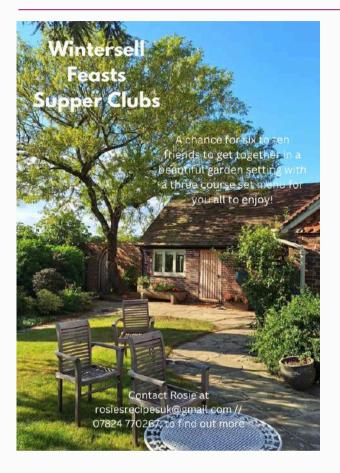














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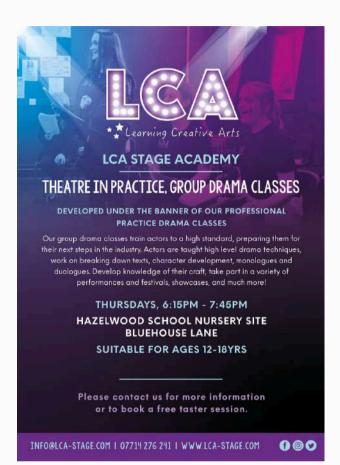
Cube Agree GTC Race Carbon bike. Perfect condition and works perfectly - crisp gear changes and sharp brakes. Estimate about 600 miles ridden. No damage or accidents, everything in perfect working order. 56cm full carbon frame and forks. Comes with Shimano clip pedals and Cat Eye computer. Shimano 105 shifters Shimano 105 crankset Shimano 105 front derailleur Shimano 105 front derailleur Shimano 105 brake calipers Mavic Aksium Wheelset and Tyres Selle Italia saddle Easton seatpost Easton Aero Drop bars

Please call Natalie Thomas 07748703541 if you would like more details or to view the Bike. Oxted









Limpsfield Chart Cricket Club are running All Stars Cricket again in 2024. Aimed at 5-8 year old children (both boys and girls).

Sessions will be running 5-6pm for 8 weeks from Friday 10 May -Friday 28 June. The price for this year is £50 and includes a backpack full of goodies.

Our sometimes sunny but always cheap members bar will be open to help any parent needing a medicinal drink after a long week!

#### ClubSpark / All Stars / Course

















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