



The Infant Informative



Friday 7th October 2022

Issue 05

Today the children took part in our Harvest Festival assembly. The children should be able to tell you what Harvest Festival is all about, how we grow food and how fortunate we are as a country compared to many others. Each child was given a small piece of bread and a moment to reflect. They couldn't believe that some families simply do not have access to daily meals like we do. Thank you for your donations. They were collected by Camberley Rotary Club. The food will be sorted, packed and given to those who need some extra help during these difficult times.

On Monday, our year 1 pupils will go on their first school trip off site. They will be walking down to St. Paul's Church as part of their "Why is church important to Christians?" topic. The children will be provided with a biscuit and squash/water at the church.

Next week, we will also be joined by the police in school. They will be working with each class to talk about emergencies and the jobs that they do for us. It is a great opportunity for children to ask questions, sit in police cars and wear some of the uniform. It will be an exciting day! These visits really inspire the children - who knows, we could have the next generation of police officers amongst us!

Applications for our nursery (which is opening in January 2023) are now open and live. Our nursery can accommodate 2, 3 and 4 year olds. All the information you need can be found on our website under: [Admissions > Nursery 2023](#).

Another resident called today. They missed their important hospital appointment because one of our parents blocked their drive. I really do despair.

Have a good weekend.

Mr O'Shea :)

Our Safeguarding Team

Benedict O'Shea, Headteacher - Designated Safeguarding Lead

Kim Berry Year 2 Teacher - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

A message from our new Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is *Blob Fish* by Olaf Falafel - a hilarious story of one small blobfish's quest to find friendship with an important environmental message woven in!

Next Week's author of the week : Laura Ellen Anderson



DIARY DATES

Year 1 trip to St. Paul's Church - Monday 10th Oct

Parent consultation week

Police visit to school, all year groups - Tuesday 11th Oct

PTA Quiz & Chips - Friday 14th Oct

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This week we have...

Our focus this week has been '*The Enormous Turnip*'. We have explored turnips, using magnifying glasses and our sense of touch, sketched turnips and practiced our 'heaving', pulling tyres around the playground!

We have continued to learn more sounds (this week including: g, o, c, k), finding these in our sandpit, writing them with chalk on the playground and using them to write key words from the story. This week the children have started a school compost bin, where they chop leftover fruit and vegetables from around the school (developing fine motor skills), to create our own soil for growing! Our maths this week has been around sorting objects into size, colour and shape, selecting odd ones out and sorting from smallest to biggest. It was great to see so many of you at the curriculum meeting, the slides will be available on the website shortly if you would like to look back or in case you missed the session. Thank you for your continued support.

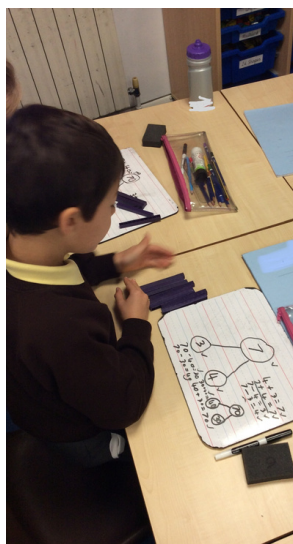


This week in year 1 the children have been continuing with learning about the school environment in Geography. They have learnt some orienteering skills by looking at pictures, identifying where it is on the playground and locating it to find the hidden number. They had great fun! In English our story focus has been '*Peace at Last*' where the children enjoyed joining in with repeated phrases in the story and discussing nocturnal animals. They wrote sentences to match pictures from the story. In maths the children learnt about the language and symbols of 'greater than >', 'less than <' and 'equal to =' to compare quantities of objects and numbers. In RE over the last few weeks the children have been finding out all about Christians and the church. They have learnt that the church is not about the building they go to but that the people are what makes up a church community. They have explored features of traditional churches and look forward to exploring some of these on our visit to St Paul's church next week. We rounded off the week with a fabulous space day. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see so many parents back in school again! .

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Year 2 started the week learning their number bonds to 10. We have built on this, learning our number bonds to 20 and relating facts to find number bonds to 100! During English we have been continuing to learn about instructions. We have learnt about adverbs and used this to write clear instructions on how to successfully attack a medieval castle. We have also been learning about the importance of a healthy diet by exploring the nutritional value of the main food groups.



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Year One Space Day



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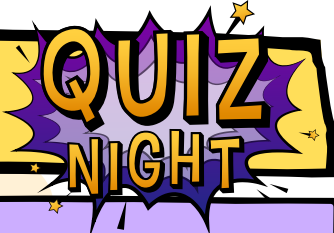
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PTA news and clubs



We're holding our Quiz and Chips quiz night a week today. If you'd like to join, the deadline to book your tickets is Monday 10th October at 11.55pm. (This is so the fish and chip shop have enough time to order our food.)

You can book your tickets here: www.pta-events.co.uk/cris

Teams can be made of 6-8 people. If you'd like to come, but you don't have 6 people to join with, that's absolutely fine. We will pair you up with some other friendly faces to make a team.

If you don't fancy fish and chips, that's fine too! There are other options available when you book your ticket.

We also have another couple of events coming up:

We're selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, which will be available to collect on the last day before half term. A box of 12 doughnuts is £11, a box of 6 is £6, and individual doughnuts are £1.25 each. Boxes of vegan doughnuts are available too.

Panto tickets! We've booked tickets to see Beauty and the Beast at Camberley Theatre on Sunday 11th December at 1pm. Tickets are £24 for adults and £21 per child. This is less than it costs if you book with the theatre.

You can order your doughnuts and panto tickets on the website www.pta-events.co.uk/cris

CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Dodgeball 3pm - 4.15pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3.05pm - 4.00pm	Yoga Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm		Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	

There are still spaces on many clubs.



Jam Coding was undersubscribed at the beginning of September, so it cannot run this half term. If there is enough interest, hopefully it will start again after half term - please contact Jam Coding to sign up.

<https://www.crawleyridge.co.uk/parents/clubs>

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Reading stars & PANTS

NSPCC Pantosaurus

Along with many schools across the country, at Crawley Ridge Infant School we use the NSPCC Pantosaurus rule to help to teach children about keeping themselves safe. With the help of the friendly Pantosaurus dinosaur, adults, both at school and at home, can teach children about how to stay safe from abuse.

At a level appropriate for their own age, all children learn about how the parts of their bodies which are covered by their underwear are private parts and are not for other people to see or touch and how important it is to talk to someone about anything which upsets or worries them.

Pantosaurus Song

Meet Pantosaurus - our pant-wearing Dino! He wants every child to stay safe and strong, just like him, and he's on a mission to share an important message.

<https://youtu.be/-LL07JOGU5o>

Please visit the following link for advice on how to answer questions from children on this subject.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/pants-how-to-answer-questions/>



READING STARS



New this term! When a child has read at home at least three times in the week and this is documented by an adult at home (reading record book signed three times) they will receive a golden star sticker. These will be stuck to the back of reading records. There is a competition to see which children at school will collect the most!! This will hopefully encourage children to ask and plead to read at home, which is the key to reading for pleasure.

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Reading - Oxford owl

Reading is the most important aspect of any school's curriculum. Reading inspires children, improves vocabulary and speaking, helps with writing and is a genuine life skill that opens the doors for your child's future.

All children will have a book issued to them. This will be in their bookbag. These books will be at your child's reading level. Books should be readable and not too challenging – children should be able to read them successfully. This improves the chances of children developing a love and passion for books. If they are too challenging, research shows reading then becomes a chore and is not as enjoyable for young readers. Children must also be able to comprehend/understand the book they have read.

Children in Reception will start their phonics lessons next week. For now, they will be issued with a wordless book. Children learn how to hold and use a book; turning the pages and talking about the images they see. Parents can ask questions such as:

- What can you see in the picture?
- What number is on the page?
- What do you think will happen next?
- What is your favourite picture - why?
- What part of the story would you change - why?

In addition to children's books in book bags, our school also has an online eLibrary. This allows teachers to allocate groups of books to children. These can be read at home on a laptop, iPad, tablet or mobile device. At school, we will monitor which children are using the eLibrary and prizes will be awarded to those participating consistently.

I cannot encourage and emphasise enough how important it is to read at home with and to your child. We will be running phonics workshops for parents this term to help empower you all to continue supporting your children at home.

Your child's login details are attached inside their reading record book/reading diary.

A full guide has been sent to all parents - please check your ParentMail



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WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a school Facebook and Twitter account. These accounts will post regular updates. Updates will include: photos and videos, events and reminders. Children with current school photo permission will be included on these platforms.



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