



# The Infant Informative



Friday 11th November 2022 Issue 09

Today the children spent 2 minutes in silence to reflect on and respect all lives lost in conflict. We were really impressed by how sensible the children were during this time. Throughout the week the children have taken part in various lessons relating to Armistice Day, including making their own poppies.

Over the last few weeks, some of our parents have come together to facilitate a 'garden project' around the school. We have collected lots of old tyres to create more gardening opportunities for all children, similar to the picture below. What a great idea! Children in the school will be invited to help with the sanding and painting of the tyres. Throughout the year, children will maintain these plants, making sure they are watered, have enough access to light, aerate the soil and remove dead plants. A big thank you to Longacres Garden Centre who donated around £100 worth of winter pansies to this project!

We still need your help. We are looking for more **compost, bulbs and horticultural grit**. Our budgets are always tight, so the more of these items that can be kindly donated, the better.

Next week is 'anti-bullying week'. We will be calling it 'Kindness Week' in school. Children are invited to wear 'odd socks' on Monday to celebrate and promote difference. The children will also create their own odd socks in school which will be turned into a display.

Have a lovely 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 Assistant Headteacher  
Miss Saunders*

This week's recommended read is *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright and Jim Field - A beautiful story about finding your inner voice and learning how to use your own very special 'ROAAAR!'



## DIARY DATES

- **Kindness Week** (anti-bullying) - all children can wear odd socks to school on 14th November
- **PTA Jumper donation** 25th November
- **Flu immunisation consent deadline** 4 pm 22nd November
- **School mufti day** (children can wear their own clothes) 2nd December
- **PTA Christmas Disco** after school 2nd December

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# This week we have...

RECE

Our story of the week has been *Funny Bones* by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. We have been naming parts of the body and different bones. Throughout the week the children have been dressing up and role playing doctors and nurses and treating injured teddies and adults! The children were lucky enough to have a visit from a real doctor on Friday who showed the children a model of a skeleton and talked about how we can keep our bodies healthy.

Our sounds this week have been h, b, f, l, ff, ll and we have completed activities around these sounds such as blowing bubbles, giving haircuts (to paper), making flags and writing on leaves.

In maths the children have consolidating their knowledge on the numbers 1, 2 and 3, sorting, matching and comparing.



What a lovely week we have had. We have been thinking about all things 'Autumn'. We started our week with a rather wet walk in our school grounds to explore signs of Autumn. We looked at how leaves fall from the trees and thought of some wonderful adjectives to describe what we saw. In science, we continued our seasons topic by finding out which seasons our birthdays fall in. We did a whole class tally chart and then used this information to make individual bar charts. In maths we have been exploring number bonds within 10 and have been writing addition fact family sums. The children enjoyed learning about remembrance day and why we wear poppies..

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

This week, the children in Year 2 have been as busy as a bee. In English we have been reading and performing poems. The children did an amazing job of performing their chosen poems, using their voices expressively and creating their own actions to bring the poems to life. We have also been learning about similes and synonyms and used these to write our own fire themed poems. This week in history the children were excited to start learning about The Great Fire of London. We looked at what London was like in 1666 and compared this with today. In art the children have continued to learn about the artist Clarice Cliff. The children looked at a range of pieces by Clarice Cliff and shared their opinions. The children then created their own picture using their favourite works as inspiration. In science we started learning about the everyday uses of materials and explored the question 'Is there a pattern in the types of materials that are used to make objects in school and how does this compare with materials used to make objects in our homes?'



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# PTA news, events & clubs

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DONATION

Tis the season for... Christmas jumpers! Please could you have a look through your wardrobes and see if there are any Christmas jumpers your child or children have outgrown and bring them into school?

There will be boxes outside your classrooms to donate them on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th November next week.

Any age jumper is fine from 0 - 12 years.

The PTA will then go through them, and we'll be holding a Christmas jumper sale on Friday 25th November.

## WORLD CUP

We will be running a colouring competition for the children.

We are also hoping to run a sweepstake for parents, but need to finalise some of the details for this. More information will follow once we know if this can go ahead.



**WORLD CUP**  
2022

Date for your diary – Kids Christmas Disco Friday 2nd December after school.

**CHRISTMAS AT**  
**CRAWLEY**  
**RIDGE**  
**INFANTS**

**MONDAY 12TH**  
**DECEMBER**

**Santa Visit**  
10:00 - 13:30

ORGANISED & FUNDED  
BY THE PTA

**TUESDAY 13TH**  
**DECEMBER**

**Year 1 Festive Performance**  
09:00 - 09:30

**WEDNESDAY**  
**14TH DECEMBER**

**Reception Festive Performance**  
09:00 - 09:30

**Christmas lunch**  
Supplied by Twelve15

**THURSDAY**  
**15TH DECEMBER**

**Year 2 Festive Performance**  
09:00 - 09:30

**FRIDAY 16TH**  
**DECEMBER**

**Christmas Crafts**

**Christmas Jumper Day**

12th-16th Dec

Christmas Post Box open for all year groups

## CLUBS

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

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# You might be interested in...



## FESTIVE FUN DAY

SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 12-4PM

Pre-sale  
tickets only  
(no tickets will be  
sold on the day)

- ★ Meet our festive farm animals
- ★ Storytime with Santa
- ★ Festive crafts and face painting
- ★ Meet our festive pony
- ★ Festive stalls
- ★ Containment puzzle zone
- ★ Warming refreshments and more...

### Pre-sale ticket prices:

Family - up to 2 adults & 2 children	£30.00
Adults	£9.00
Children (2-16yrs old) & Concessions	£8.00
Children under 2	FREE

Please note there may be additional charges for some activities at the event.

No dogs please (except assistance dogs)

For tickets visit: [www.merristwoodevents.co.uk](http://www.merristwoodevents.co.uk)

For information Email: [mwevents@guildford.ac.uk](mailto:mwevents@guildford.ac.uk) or Call: 07867 14 27 88

## WORK WITH US

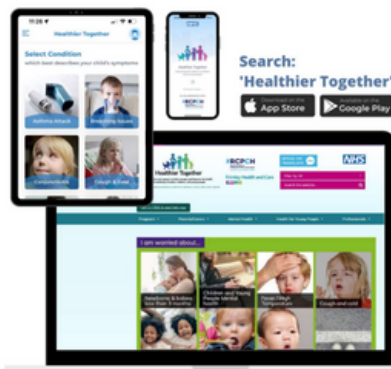
See our current school vacancies links below. All of our jobs are posted onto eTeach

[CRAWLEY RIDGE NURSERY - LEVEL2 NURSERY ASSISTANT](#)

[CRAWLEY RIDGE NURSERY - LEVEL3 NURSERY ASSISTANT](#)

## Frimley Healthier Together App launch

- October sees the launch of the Frimley Healthier Together App which is now available to download from your app store of choice.
- The app provides parents and carers easy access to NHS traffic light guidance on a range of childhood illnesses, allowing them to see advice on what 'red-flag' signs to look out for, where to seek help if required, what to do to keep a child comfortable and how long a child's symptoms are likely to last.
- Note that the app does not replace the [Frimley Healthier Together](http://FrimleyHealthierTogether.nhs.uk) website, but is complimentary, allowing fast access to the traffic light guidance functionality.
- Any questions can be directed towards [Kirsty.north6@nhs.net](mailto:Kirsty.north6@nhs.net) or [zara.devine@nhs.net](mailto:zara.devine@nhs.net).



Worried by symptoms a child or young person is experiencing? Our healthcare professionals offer advice on symptoms including coughs, colds, vomiting, rashes and mental health, plus when and where to access medical help. Watch today - <https://bit.ly/Healthadvice>

With the seasons changing, be ready for what to do if your child experiences symptoms like a cough, cold, rash or vomiting. Be reassured by our healthcare professionals who offer advice to support the children and young people in our communities this autumn and winter. <https://bit.ly/Healthadvice>

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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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