



The Infant Informative



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Issue 15

Happy New Year! I hope this year brings you all love, health and happiness. The children have returned to school on top form, I have been so impressed. They are busy, but cautious, chatty, but not loud and excited, but not boisterous. Keep it up children, it's going to be a great term.

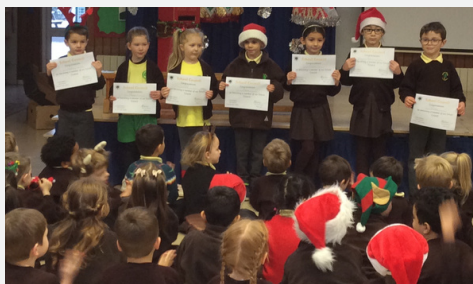
We are very pleased to be opening our brand new nursery on Monday. We can't wait to have little feet bounding around the school again. If you have a child who is 2, 3 or 4, we have spaces left for 15/30 hours funding. Spread the word!

As part of our whole school, well-bring approach we are using Trick Box, which is a fun and effective personal development programme, to help children to: build confidence, manage emotions and anxiety, develop communication skills, make positive choices about actions and coach themselves through challenges. From reception to year 2 your child will be introduced to the 12 'tricks' and a simple self coaching model called the 'Letter Box', designed to give them positive habits for life. We'll be practising the tricks at school and it would be great if you could continue to use them at home.

Before the break, we collected money for 'Save the Children' with a Christmas Jumper Day. We raised £82! We also collected donations as part of our Christmas performances. We raised money for two charities, 'The Knights Foundation' and 'Christopher's Smile'. We raised a total of £209.31, which will be split equally. Thank you so much for your donations.

Finally, but very importantly, if your child is in Year 2, you must have submitted an application for their junior school place by 15th January 2023. Children in Year 2 do NOT automatically gain a place in the junior school. Parents need to apply through the Surrey County Council website: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-junior-and-infant/apply>.

I look forward to seeing all children, including some additional little feet on Monday. Have a great weekend. Mr O'Shea :)



OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL

As part of our British values, we used democracy to determine which children would sit on a our school council. The children nominated themselves and their class cast votes. I am pleased to announce, our new school councillors.

Well done to Luna, Rafe, Maggie, Louis, James, Sofia, Archie and Rosa. I know you will serve us all well.

*A message from our Assistant Headteacher
Miss Saunders*

This week's recommended book is *What to look for in Winter* - a great accompaniment to any wintery, January walk as it details where to look for wildlife between the bare branches of the season.



DIARY DATES

PTA Hot Chocolate Sale 3rd February
2023 15:00

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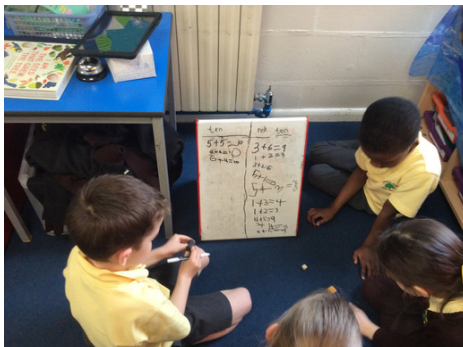
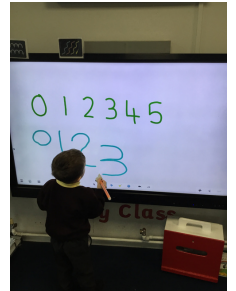


This week we have...

All the children have been so excited to tell us about their Christmas break and have shared everything they have been up to using their listening and speaking skills. We have been so impressed with the way the children have settled back into school!

Our story of the week has been Have you filled a bucket today? which is about being kind to others and saying nice things to fill other people's invisible buckets up. We have been thinking of all the ways that we can be kind to others and make ourselves and them happy.

In maths we have been focussing on the number 0 learning what it represents and how to write it. We then moved on to comparing numbers 0-5, playing a variety of games and singing rhymes. In phonics, we have recapped our sounds this week and are looking forward to continuing learning new phase 3 sounds next week.

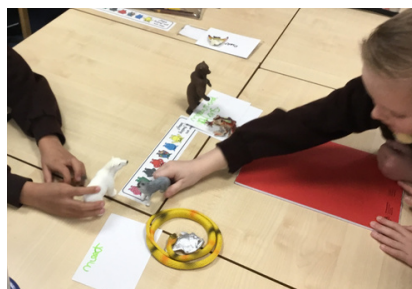


Welcome back and Happy New Year. We hope you all had a good break. The children seem to have come back well rested and ready for the new term ahead. This week we have been introducing numbers to 20 in Maths. We have focused on recognising numbers, writing numerals and words within 20. In Art the children have been introduced to the artist Monet and his famous waterlily paintings with a view to recreating this in various ways over the next few weeks. In Science the children have been introduced to the topic of materials and they had great fun finding out what materials objects in the classroom were made from.

YEAR 1

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been so enthusiastic coming back to school this term. We hope you all had a restful holiday. This week we have been learning about multiplication using what we know about repeated addition. They have counted how many objects are in a group and identified how many groups there are to find the multiplication calculation. In English we have revisited the 'ed' suffix to help us write a recount using the past tense. Our science topic this half term is living things and their habitats. The children explored different habitats and some animals that live in them.



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PTA news, events & clubs

Happy New Year and the first PTA update of 2023 from me, Katherine Lewis, as your new chair. A massive Thank You to Louise for her hard work and dedication as chair for the last couple of years - a tough act to follow!

Do you have any suggestions or event ideas? Drop me a message at crisainformation@gmail.com

We are kicking off with our January PTA Fundraiser - Jump into 2023!!

Goal: Get the children active during January whilst raising sponsorship.

We are encouraging the children to do 23 things to get them moving and active during January, and to raise sponsorship for their efforts.

The children will also be participating in a range of activities at school - ask them to show you what they've been doing!

Sponsorship raised will go towards new playground markings / equipment to enhance the outdoors for our children.

Please keep a lookout for the sponsorship forms coming home in bookbags soon!

Each child that raises the goal amount of £23 or more will be entered into a prize draw - winner selected at random.



CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Reception, 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 Reception, Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Playball Reception 3pm-3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Reception, Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	

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Jump into 2023 - PTA

Week beginning 19th Jan



23 star jumps



23 arm circles



Jump up then
touch your
toes 23 times



23 bunny hops



Heel/toe
walk 23 times



Crouch down
and move for
23 seconds

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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/-IL07JOGU5o>

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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