



Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 6th October 2023

Issue 05

I don't know how we manage to fit so much into just 5 school days.

Thank you to all parents who have attended our curriculum meetings, it was so good to see so many of you. We love having parents in the school. All of the information shared during these meetings can be found on our school website: Learning > Year Groups > Then click your year group tab on the right.

I would also like to remind you of this page we have on the website. It is our PANTS rule around keeping our privates private. There have been a few incidents this week of children looking into cubicles, pulling down their clothing and tapping on bottoms. We teach children from day one that this is not acceptable behaviour. We recite and refer back to our PANTS rule, more information here: [Click here](#)

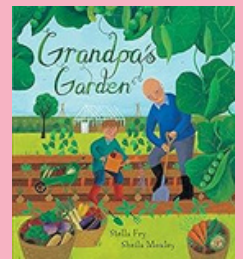
A massive thank you from me, the staff and all the children of Crawley Ridge Infant School to Katherine Lewis who has been a fantastic chair of our PTA over the last year. You have helped raise so much money for the school, in your own time. It is so much appreciated. We are looking for a new PTA chair, see further down this newsletter for more information.

Excitingly, we welcomed one of our Year 1 teachers, Mrs Welling back to school. She is really enjoying working with Amethyst class.

We should have some nice weather over the weekend, fingers crossed. Enjoy. Mr O'Shea :)

A message from our Assistant Headteacher - Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is *Grandpa's Garden* which tells the charming story of a boy and his Grandpa as they sow seeds and grow vegetables ready for Harvest. We are launching our Harvest collection in assembly on Monday. Therefore, if you have any tinned or dried goods, we will be happy to receive them.



Have you seen someone park illegally? Report it here via this email address:

SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk

We would like to strongly encourage you to report all incidents to prove that there is an issue around the schools and support the need for action. Reporting also means that offenders may receive a Penalty Notice which may deter them from parking in those areas again.



TRICK BOX

We use Trick Box everyday at school. It teaches children to regulate their own emotions and become their own problem solvers. We have a new 'trick' every two weeks for Reception and KS1 children. Nursery have similar 'habits' to learn too. Press the Trick Box logo to the left to navigate to our website with all of the information you will need to practice these tricks at home too.

DIARY DATES

- **Harvest Festival Donations** - collect between 9th Oct & 12th Oct
- **School tour for 2024** - 10th Oct @ 10am, please book through the office
- **School Photo Day** - 11th Oct
- **Year 1 Space Day** - 13th Oct
- **Year 2 Castle Day** - 16th Oct
- **Parents Evening** - 17th Oct @ 15:30 - 18:00
- **Parents Evening** - 19th Oct @ 16:30 - 19:30
- **Autumn 1 Term ends** on Friday 20th Oct @ 15:00
- **Children return to school for Autumn 2** on Wednesday 1st Nov @ 08:35
- **School tour for 2024** - 6th Nov @ 10am, please book through the office
- **Kindness Week Odd Socks Day** - 13th Nov

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This week in early years, we have...

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This week we have been talking about all things Autumn!

We have read ***The Leaf Thief***, which is about a little squirrel who thinks there is a thief taking all of the leaves off the trees! We have discussed what really happens to the leaves at autumn time, and we have enjoyed exploring autumnal colours. In Maths we have explored repeating patterns and number recognition to 5. We have also enjoyed making nests and homes out of junk modelling for little animals, thinking about what the animal might like its home to be like.

On Wednesday, the hall was out of use at lunchtime, so the children enjoyed a picnic lunch outside!



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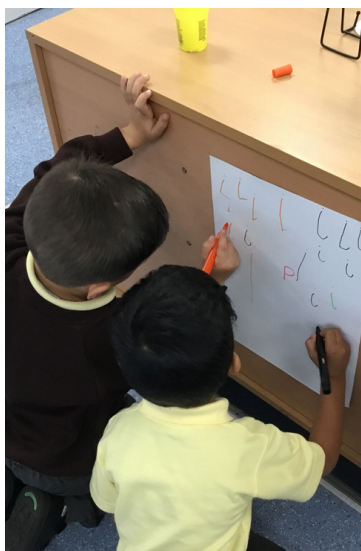
Reception have had an exciting week settling into new routines. Our story of the week has been ***Oi frog!*** which the children have loved and engaged so well with. We have looked into rhyming words and tried to think of our own ones too.

In phonics we have been learning the sounds i, n, m and d, writing and reading the sounds within words. Now the children have learnt 8 sounds, they are starting to read a range of CVC words!

In our maths we have been comparing groups with more, most, less and least as well as sorting objects by their shape and colour.

This week we have started our daily 'funky finger' sessions whereby the children rotate around different activities to develop their fine motor skills. They have loved joining in with these activities!

On Thursday the children went down to the field for the first time, exploring more of our school grounds! The children loved collecting nature such as daisies and buttercups and found insects such as caterpillars and worms!



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This week in KS1 we have...

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Another jam-packed week of learning and fun this week for year 1. Our story focus has been **Peace at Last** by Jill Murphy. The children loved finding out about some nocturnal animals and found it hilarious listening to all the sounds that were keeping Mr Bear awake. They used these ideas to write some short sentences about the story. We are really trying hard with our handwriting so please keep practicing the letters c, a, o, d, g, q, e, s, f, l, t and l at home too. In Maths we have been comparing amounts and numbers using some of the language we have already learnt, such as more and less. They were introduced to the greater than > less than < and equal to = symbols to write simple number sentences and to help them compare. In Geography they learnt about a compass and the 4 directions that it can take them in. We thought about how this could help us if we were reading a map. In Science we learnt about our sense of hearing by listening to different sounds inside and outside the classroom and finding out that it is vibrations that travel through the air and into our ear that help us hear what is around us. In Art the children used their investigations of secondary colour shading to create aliens. They also learnt about different brush strokes they can use to create different effects.



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We have had a busy week! We have created our own spectacular shields, using card. We were inspired by medieval knights. From this experience we then wrote our very own instructions including a title and equipment list so that other people can make their own shields. In Maths we have started a new topic of addition and subtraction. We have recapped number bonds to 10, learnt about fact families and related facts! In History we have put events in chronological order then created a personal timeline of our own lives. In music we have learnt some sea-shanties! We had great fun changing the dynamics to suit each song. In science we have learnt about the importance of personal hygiene. In DT we have painted the stonework onto our castles and gate houses – they look very effective!



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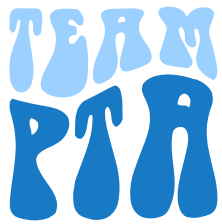
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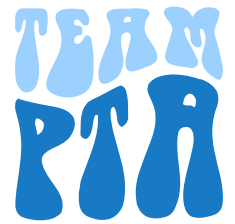


PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on Wednesday - it was a great turnout!



Please welcome your new PTA committee for 2023/2024.



Chair - vacant
Treasurer - Katherine Nelson
Secretary - Alice Bowles

The Chair position is vacant, so do please get in touch if you would like to find out more. No prior experience is needed and you will get lots of support! Perhaps you have a friend who you'd be willing to co-chair with?

Fund Raisin' - in the next few days your child will come home with a small box of raisins. They are welcome to eat the raisins, and then fill the box with coins and return it to school by Friday 20th October. Some ideas include: chores for change, car washing, sell outgrown toys, sponsored read etc.

Panto tickets are on sale - please book via the portal by 19th October. <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cris/>

Friday treats returns next week! We will be selling hot chocolates and cookies in the KS1 playground at pick up on Friday 13th October. Please bring your own reusable mug and cash only please.

SAVE THE DATE - we are delighted to announce our massively popular joint summer fair with the junior school returns next year on 22nd June 2024.



our clubs

After School Club Timetable - Autumn Term 2023

Bookings are currently live for all clubs and can be made by contacting them directly. The flyers have been uploaded in the [Clubs](#) section of our school website.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Bilingua Sing Year 1 & 2 12.30pm - 1.00pm	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	Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4.00pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	
		Playball Year 1 3pm - 3.45pm		



yoga and dodgeball sessions available

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You may be interested in...



*Enjoy the magic of panto
With your CRI friends!*

**Camberley Theatre,
Sunday 10th December 2pm**

Discounted price: Adults £23

(£5 cheaper than box office)

Children £21

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cris>

registered charity 1047322



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You may be interested in...

October Holiday Activities



Dancing Skeleton Puppets

Tuesday 24th Oct
11-12:30pm or 2-3:30pm
Ages 7-12, £4

Come along to the museum to put together a wooden skeleton marionette puppet. Then decorate it to be as scary or friendly as you want!

Autumn Bunting

Thursday 26th Oct
10-11am or 11:30-12:30pm
Ages 4-12, £3

Create a string of paper bunting. It can have a spooky Halloween theme or an autumn theme - your choice! (An adult must stay with 4 and 5 year olds.)

Booking is essential

Book online at

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk>
or by phone: 01932 565 764

www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place

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