



# Welcome to The Infant Informative



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Friday 17th November 2023

Issue 10

We have had a very kind week this week. The children and staff have embraced our 'Kindness Week' making the extra effort to spread kindness throughout the school. Thank you to Mrs Culverhouse for organising this event.

To the right you will see a post from our local councillor Mr. Trefor Hogg. Both our school and the junior school have been working closely with him in regard to the dangerous driving and parking around our school site. You will see from his post that the schools, with his help, have already done much to try and alleviate the danger outside - but we are not finished yet.

Please check your ParentMail - we have sent a lot of information about the events we have planned for Christmas. It is a busy time of year, but the children LOVE it. You will see our Christmas calendar within this newsletter, and all children have a hard copy of this for your convenience so that you don't miss anything. In ParentMail, you will see a section called 'forms' - please complete these forms to enable your child to attend events outside of school.

Overall attendance at school has started to dip. Your child should always attend school, unless they have a temperature, have been sick or had diarrhoea. Common colds and sniffles are not a reason for a child not to attend school - we will send children home if they are unwell and unable to focus on their learning in school. If you are ever unsure, give us a call and we will advise.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, we look forward to seeing you on Monday. Mr O'Shea :)

Trefor Hogg

Every three months I meet with the Crawley Ridge Schools to discuss road safety issues and the actions being taken. This time I was accompanied by Surrey Heath Borough Cllr Josh Thorne and Cllr Jonny Cope.

Quite a lot has already been done, including:  
- putting in parking restrictions on Gibbet Lane,  
- the 20 mph speed limit in Gibbet Lane,  
- replacing the broken and rotten bollards,  
- footpath improvements in Crawley Ridge,  
- resurfacing outside the schools to prevent skids,  
- safety training for CRJS pupils,  
- Parking Enforcement,  
- advice for Parents etc.

More actions are coming with additional zig-zags outside the school entrances on the bend to protect them properly

However, pupil Drop-off and pickup times are still often fraught and all concerned are very aware of the difficulties and impact on residents of inconsiderate behaviour (especially poor parking) and the number of vehicles involved.

We also spent a lot of time talking about the Middleton Road rail bridge and the difficulties involved in addressing safety there when ownership is so diverse, together with the need to encourage safer walking and cycling behaviours.

Crawley Ridge Infant School Crawley Ridge Junior School #RoadSafetyMatters



THE USBORNE BOOK FAIR WILL BE  
AT SCHOOL ON TUESDAY FROM  
3PM IN THE MAIN HALL

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

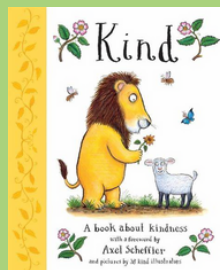
[SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk](mailto:SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk)

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.



## A message from our Assistant Headteacher - Miss Saunders

I know I will have recommended this book before but, in honour of Kindness week, I am going to recommend it again. This book is an encyclopedia of kindness and humanity set alongside stunning illustrations from a variety of different artists. It really reminds us that there is so much good in the world we just have to notice it!



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

- Year 2 Church Visit - 21st Nov
- Year 2 Fire Services Visit - 29th Nov
- PTA Christmas Disco - 1st Dec from 15:00
- School tour for 2024 - 4th Dec @ 10:00am, please book through the office
- Christmas Post-box open - 4th - 8th Dec
- Reindeer Run with CRJ - 5th Dec internal school event to raise money for charity
- PTA Hot Chocolate & Cookie Sale - 8th Dec @ 15:00 from white double hall doors
- Reception Christmas Performance - 12th Dec @ 09:00 - 09:20
- Year 2 Christmas Performance - 13th Dec @ 09:00 - 09:30
- Year 1 Christmas Carol Concert - 14th Dec @ 14:00 - 14:30

# Join us



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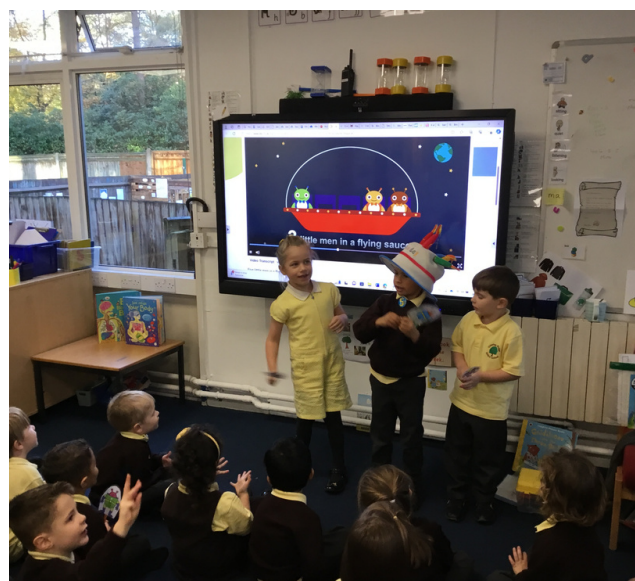
## NUR

This week we have celebrated World Nursery Rhyme Week, along with lots of other schools and nurseries around the world. We focused on a different nursery rhyme each day. Monday was Jack and Jill, where we explored filling buckets using vocabulary like 'full', 'half full' and 'empty' and turned our home corner into a doctor's surgery for our bumped heads! Tuesday was Hickory Dickory Dock, where we made mice from playdough and built our own clocks and clock towers. Wednesday was Head Shoulders Knees and Toes, where we learnt lots about our body parts. Thursday was Row Row Row Your Boat, where we explored floating and sinking in the water tray and built our own boats. Friday was The Wheels On The Bus, with junk modelling our own buses, cleaning buses in our 'bus wash' station and using our imagination with small world play. We have also interweaved Kindness Week in to our play; making bracelets for our friends, making kindness posters and reading stories about being kind. What a busy week!



## REC

Our learning has been focussed around our story of the week – **Goldilocks**. On Tuesday we came into school to find that Goldilocks herself had visited, spilt porridge all over the floor, eaten baby bear's porridge and broken a chair! We have created bears in different ways, made maps to help Goldilocks find her way home, played in bears cottage and created new chairs and wanted posters to help the bear family. On Monday we celebrated Diwali in class, learning what the festival is about and creating our own candle holders. In our phonics we have been recapping all of our sounds as well as focussing on the harder to read and spell words. In maths we have been looking at the numbers 4 and 5, as well as constructing these numbers using 'more'. This week we started a new club called the drawing club. The children take part in the club every day which ignites their imagination and literacy skills. The children are so excited when we tell them we are doing drawing club and have come up with some amazing ideas! On Friday we enjoyed kindness afternoon where we learnt all about the importance of being kind and rotated around the school for the afternoon, taking part in different activities.

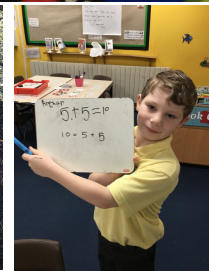
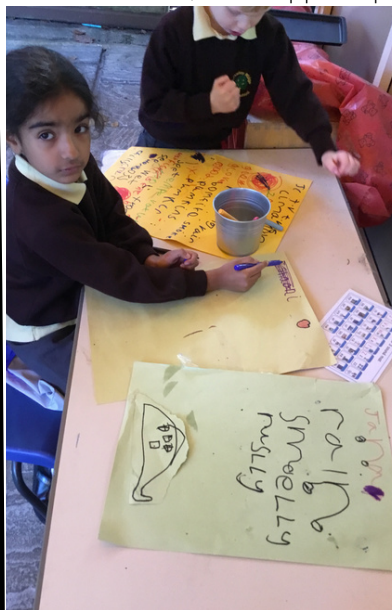




# This week in KS1 we have...

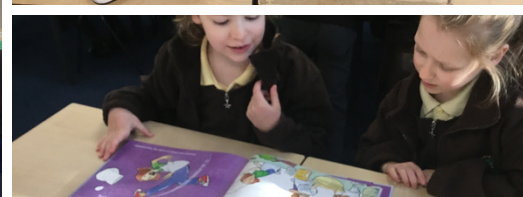
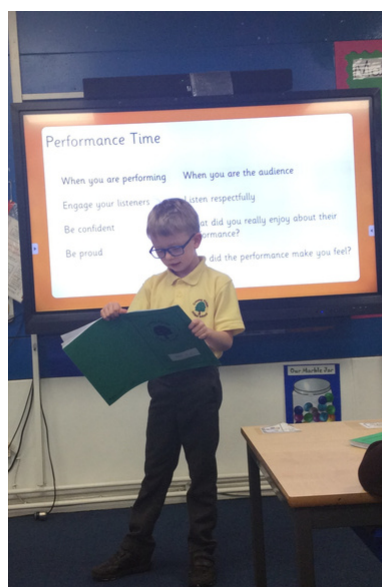
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Another full-on week of fun in Year One has been had. We started off the week with a walk around our school grounds looking for the ever-growing signs of autumn. The language the children were using to describe the autumnal leaves blew us away. We followed up our walk by reading our wonderfully descriptive book of the week; **Hello Autumn** by Jo Lindley. This led us beautifully into some descriptive writing using plenty of adjectives. Our maths has progressed into learning number bonds of 10 - ask them some questions, I bet you can't catch them out. By the end of the week we have even managed to write our number bond equations systematically. In history we enjoyed sharing our favourite toys with our friends and talking about how lots of us had similar favourites. In Science we were discussing why some trees drop their leaves and others do not. We learnt the words 'deciduous' and 'evergreen'. Kindness week has been so much fun, we wrapped up the week by having a kindness afternoon full of wonderful crafty activities around the school.



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We have really embraced kindness week and especially loved our kindness afternoon. In English we have created our very own autumn fire poems using onomatopoeia, similes, adventurous adjectives and even some rhyme. In maths this week we have applied our knowledge of adding and subtracting two 2-digit numbers to word problems. We had great fun in science where we were exploring that an object (spoons) can be made from different materials and how the properties of those materials can help the object meet its purpose. In music we have learning and practicing our Christmas play songs. 'Maa' Knobbly Knees is a firm favourite so far. In PSHE we have looked at how we make others feel and used drama to act out a scene to see other people's points of view. In Art we have learnt to apply our painting skills in the style to Clarice Cliff with bright, bold primary colours and selecting the appropriate paintbrush for different parts of our painting.



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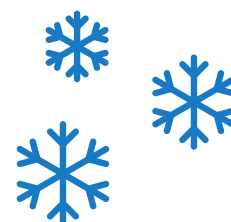
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# PTA



Would you have time to help run our PTA events?

We can't run them without volunteers. If you would like to be involved in any of our current or future events please speak with your class rep to get added to our PTA Community Whatsapp group.

TEAM  
PTA

Disco tickets

On sale now! [www.pta-events.co.uk/cris](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/cris)

TEAM  
PTA

Deadline for Christmas gift ordering is today - Friday 17th  
November [www.pta-events.co.uk/cris](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/cris)



## Christmas @ CRI

**CHRISTMAS AT  
CRAWLEY  
RIDGE  
INFANTS**

**FRIDAY 1ST  
DECEMBER**

**NON UNIFORM DAY**  
No donation required

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**PTA Christmas  
Disco**

Reception: 15:00 - 15:45  
Year 1 & 2: 15:45 - 16:45

ORGANISED & FUNDED  
BY THE PTA

**TUESDAY 5TH  
DECEMBER**

**Phyllis  
Tuckwell  
Reindeer Run**

CHILDREN CAN WEAR PE KIT AND  
TRAINERS WITH A XMAS JUMPER.  
NO DONATION REQ. BUT DONT  
FORGET SPONSORSHIP FORM!

**WEDNESDAY  
6TH DECEMBER**

**Christmas  
Assembly**

CHILDREN ONLY

**FRIDAY 8TH  
DECEMBER**

**PTA Virtual Elf  
Visit**

PTA Hot chocolate  
and cookie sale  
**AFTER SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY 12TH  
DECEMBER**

**Reception  
Christmas Play**

09:00 - 09:30

**WEDNESDAY  
13TH DECEMBER**

**Year 2 Christmas  
Play**

09:00 - 09:30

**Christmas lunch**  
Supplied by Twelve15

**Nursery Christmas  
Songs**

12:00 - 13:00

**THURSDAY 14TH  
DECEMBER**

**Year 1  
Christmas  
Carol Concert**

14:00 - 14:30  
TO BE HELD AT ST. PAUL'S  
CHURCH

**FRIDAY 15TH  
DECEMBER**

**Class Christmas  
Parties**

**CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER DAY**  
to be worn with normal  
uniform - no donation required

**SCHOOL FINISHES  
AT 13:30**

**4th-  
8th  
Dec**

Christmas  
Post Box open  
for all year  
groups

Please label  
cards clearly  
with child's  
name and  
class

FOR ALL 3 ABOVE CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES, PLEASE BRING LOOSE CHANGE/CASH AS WE  
WILL BE COLLECTING FOR CHARITIES AT THESE EVENTS

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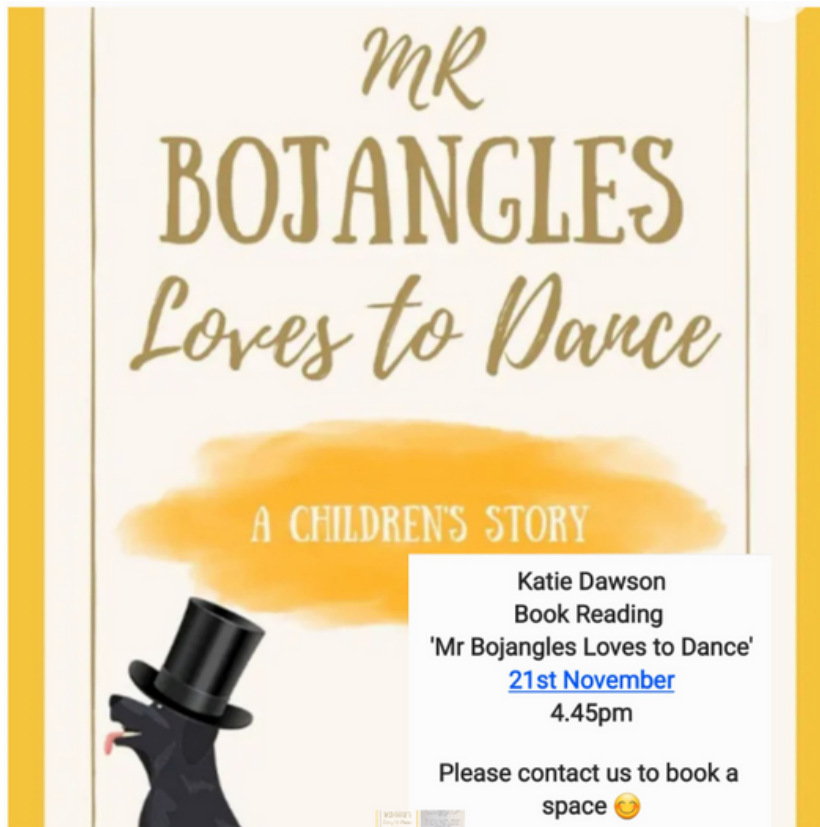


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# You may be interested in...



SATURDAY  
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**Camberley Farmers' & Artisan Market**

**SURREY  
MARKETS**  
Camberley Farmer's & Artisan Market



SATURDAY  
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**Collectively Camberley Christmas Cracker!**



@theolddeanrec


A local children's lending library.

Based at The Pavilion, Old Dean Recreation ground, Wimbledon Road, Camberley.  
GU15 4BD

Why not pop in and say hello, check out our extensive book collection make use of the computers and printer and maybe even take a book away with you?

We are looking for volunteers to join our team, email us [theolddeanrec@gmail.com](mailto:theolddeanrec@gmail.com)

Keep an eye on our facebook page for up to date opening hours.



SATURDAY  
09  
DECEMBER

**Cinderella – A Camberley Theatre Production**



**Join us**



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# You may be interested in...

## Local Festive events

### **Aldershot** – throughout the Town Centre

Christmas Cracker – incl Craft Market, light switch on, Petting farm, Birds of prey, Festive Donkeys, Circus skills, Lego building, Santa's Grotto.

[www.rushmoor.gov.uk/community-parks-and-leisure/arts-and-events/aldershot-christmas-cracker](http://www.rushmoor.gov.uk/community-parks-and-leisure/arts-and-events/aldershot-christmas-cracker)

### **Bracknell** – Lexicon centre

*Christmas Twinkle trail* – complete the trail leaflet and be entered into a prize draw

25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 7<sup>th</sup> Jan

*Christmas Glow room* – Interactive snowy trail leading to a glow room. Tickets from £3.50 - £3.95 pp

Book online at [www.thelexiconbracknell.com/events/christmas-2023-glow-room](http://www.thelexiconbracknell.com/events/christmas-2023-glow-room)

25<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

### **Camberley**

*Camberley Christmas Cracker* – Free family fun day 10:00am – 4.00pm incl Children's business fair, free mini rides, free face painting, meet the Reindeer (11.00am – 3.00pm)

[www.collectivelycamberley.co.uk/christmas-in-camberley](http://www.collectivelycamberley.co.uk/christmas-in-camberley)

*Santa's Post box* – write your letter to Santa in The Square

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November

1<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December

[www.thesqcamberley.co.uk](http://www.thesqcamberley.co.uk)

*Camberley's Christmas Reindeer Trial* – pick up your free map and follow the clues to find them all.

1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> December

*Santa's Grotto* - £2 per child incl 50% donation to the Rotary Club of Camberley's Charities

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 11:00am – 4.00pm

16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am – 4.00pm

[www.thesqcamberley.co.uk](http://www.thesqcamberley.co.uk)

### **Woking**

*Write your letter to Santa* 10.00am – 5.00pm

18<sup>th</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> December

*Forgotten Toys Charity Donations* 10.00am-5.00pm

18<sup>th</sup> November – 17<sup>th</sup> December

*Meet Santa in his workshop* 10.00am-5.00pm

25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> November

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> December

9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> December

16<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> December

[www.vpwoking.co.uk/whats-on-this-christmas](http://www.vpwoking.co.uk/whats-on-this-christmas)

This is by no means an exhaustive list – there are many more events going on in the smaller Towns and Villages of the area.

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