



Welcome to The Infant Informative



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This week the school bid a fond farewell to Mrs Robinson, one of our mid-day supervisors. Mrs Robinson worked at our school for over 20-years. What a huge achievement and a compliment to our school and the children in it. You may not know, but Mrs Robinson is the queen of facts. Every day she would share a fact or riddle with the children and the staff. For that reason, we held a special assembly for her, testing her on her general knowledge. She did incredibly well and spoke to the children about her time at the school. In essence, she reflected and shared that watching the children start the school with limited language, social skills and not being able to read - to then acquire all of this knowledge at their time at school, was the highlight of her role with us. We will miss you dearly and wish you all the best in your new home nearer to your family and new great grand-daughter.

Another reminder that our internal road/car park is a dangerous area. Too many children, particularly nursery children are playing on and around this internal road with little to no supervision. This is dangerous and teaches the children that roads are for playing on, they are not.

We have vacancies at our school, please share them far and wide. It is important for any school to be fully staffed, so any help is appreciated: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=crawley%20ridge>

Finally, I am the biggest dog lover on this planet. You know that because I just can't help but pet the dogs I see being carried around the school site. However, for many reasons, including vaccination status, temperament and allergies, we can't have dogs walked or held on the school site (with the exception of guide dogs). Please help me follow our school rules and resist the urge to cuddle your pups, by keeping them off the school site.

Thank you. Have a great weekend :) Mr O'Shea

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

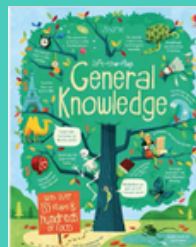
SurreyParkingEnforcement@nslservices.co.uk

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.



A message from our Assistant Headteacher - Miss Saunders

Inspired by our Usborne book fair this week, I have chosen this non-fiction book as the book of the week! The lift the flap feature is such a fun way of sharing facts and helps a lot in remembering them.



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.

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DIARY DATES

- 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 @ St. Paul's - 14th Dec @ 14:00 - 14:30
- Classroom Parties Day and end of term - 15th Dec @ 13:30

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This week, we have loved our book **Real Superheroes**, learning about people who help us like police officers, builders, nurses, dentists, teachers, firefighters and doctors. Outside, we have been putting out fires and building new houses on our construction site, after designing them first. We have been treating poorly patients in our doctor's surgery in our home corner and enjoyed sorting materials in our recycling centre. We have talked about the different uniforms people wear and the equipment they use to help them do their jobs.

We have continued our kindness theme from last week and drawn cards for our friends. We have then loved posting these into our red post box and our post boys or post girls have delivered the cards at the end of each day!



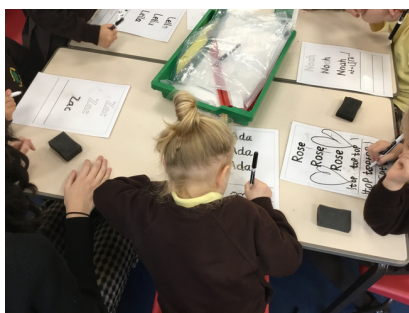
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This week we have been focussing our learning on the traditional tale – **The Three Little Pigs**. We came in on Monday to find piles of straw, sticks and bricks! Over the week we have listened to different versions of the tale and thought about their similarities and differences. We have enjoyed making pig and wolf masks, re-enacting the story using puppets and building new homes for the three little pigs.

Within drawing club this week, our 8 new words have been: triple, petrify, construct, infuriate, gasp, tribe, devour and famished – maybe you child has come home and used one of the words? Each new word comes with an explanation and action which are practised every day in drawing club to develop vocabulary. The children have come up with their own ideas on what sort of house the fourth little pig lived in, what the wolf might be tempted to eat instead of the pigs and who would be in the wolf's army of baddies!

In phonics we have learnt the new sounds; j, v, w, x where we have tried jelly, watched a volcano experiment, made magic wands and created treasure maps using x to mark the spot.

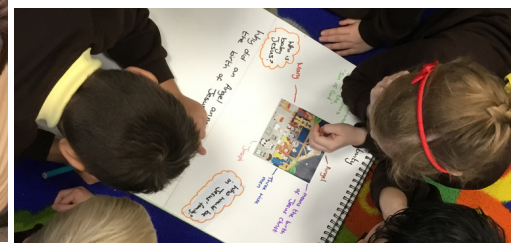
In our maths we have been learning about squares and rectangles looking at their properties and differences. We have created our own square and rectangle art pieces and had shape hunts around the classroom.



This week in KS1 we have...

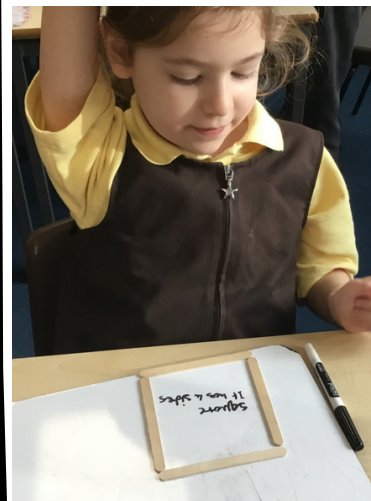
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This week in Year 1, we listened to the story of **Kipper's Toybox** by Mick Inkpen and retelling the story in English. In science, the children have been learning how to use a thermometer to find the temperature and that some temperatures are associated with different seasons. The children have been brilliant with their yoga poses this week; we have been working on flexibility when holding poses. In history, we looked at how the toys we play with have changed over our lifetime. We shared the toys we played with when we were babies and toddlers. We discussed why certain toys were suitable for us when we were much younger. In maths, we continued with our work on addition but have been working on counting in our heads and using number lines. We have been exploring percussion instruments and following the conductor. We have also been practising our Christmas songs in music.



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This week we were fortunate enough to be invited to St Paul's church to support us in our R.E learning – why is giving important to Christians? We had a wonderful time exploring the church finding out first-hand how some Christians give to others and God. We were especially impressed by all the charity work that is being carried out across the world and in our local community through food packages for those in need. Thank you so much to all our parent volunteers who helped the morning run so smoothly – we greatly appreciate your help. Our English learning is preparing us to write a newspaper about the events of the Great Fire of London. We have learnt about conjunctions and past tense verbs. In maths we have started a new unit – shape. We have recapped and identified the names of 2D and 3D shapes as well as counting the sides and vertices of 2D shapes. Our history learning has continued, and we have looked at finding evidence through diary entries, objects, pictures and newspaper articles from 1666. In computing we have been designing our own mazes and using algorithms to direct someone out of them. We learnt how a loop can be used to shorten our algorithms and make them simpler to follow.



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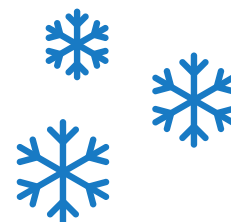


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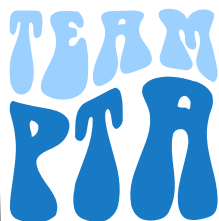


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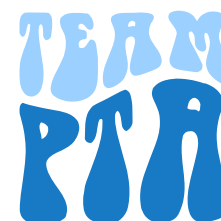


We are all really looking forward to the **Disco** - tickets still available on the portal www.pta-events.co.uk/cris

If you have booked tickets for your child, please do refer to the ParentMail sent out on 20th November for final timings and arrangements, which have slightly changed from those originally advertised.



If you can volunteer at any of our events and would like to be kept up to date on what's happening please join our WhatsApp group. Just put a message on your year group chat and we will send out a link 😊



Christmas card ordering has re-opened via the Class Fundraising website. Open until 24th November.



Christmas @ CRI

CHRISTMAS AT CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANTS

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

NON UNIFORM DAY
No donation required

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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You may be interested in...

Supported Lodgings and Fostering are both incredibly rewarding experiences that can transform the lives of both the children/young people being supported and the carers themselves. Children and young people who enter the care system have often experienced trauma and instability in their lives, and a stable and supportive carer family can make a significant difference in their wellbeing and development.

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

Supported Lodgings is targeted at young adults aged 16-21 to help them build their independence skills ready to live independently in the future, from the security of a caring, stable home environment.

Supported Lodgings Carers and Foster carers come from all walks of life and backgrounds, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach to caring. Whether you are single or married, young or old, own your own home or rent, you can still become a carer. The most important thing is a willingness to provide a safe and loving home for a child in need.

This is the message that Surrey County Council is promoting in national recruitment film 'Any of Us'. The short film has been jointly funded by over 80 councils across England and aims to raise awareness about fostering, particularly among those people who may not have previously considered themselves suited to caring for vulnerable children and young people. The film looks at the potential of three people from different backgrounds to become carers, and the potential of children they care for to grow and thrive. 'Any of Us' is available to watch from the 26th September.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 (this is the General Fostering Duty telephone, please ask for the Supported Lodgings worker, when connected), via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

You can watch 'Any of Us' via [Any of Us - YouTube](#) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering"

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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

Bracknell – Lexicon centre

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

25th Nov – 7th 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

25th Nov – 2nd 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

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

Saturday 18th November

1st – 24th December

www.thesqcamberley.co.uk

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

1st-31st December

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

2nd and 3rd December 11:00am – 4.00pm

16th – 24th December 11.00am – 4.00pm

www.thesqcamberley.co.uk

Woking

Write your letter to Santa 10.00am – 5.00pm

18th November – 17th December

Forgotten Toys Charity Donations 10.00am-5.00pm

18th November – 17th December

Meet Santa in his workshop 10.00am-5.00pm

25th – 26th November

2nd-3rd December

9th -10th December

16th – 24th December

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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