



Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 1st December 2023

Issue 12

A massive thank you to Mrs Richards for donating some science books to us. We will of course put them to good use. The staff would also like to thank Mrs Calderbank for the sweet treats you dropped to the staff this week, you wouldn't believe what a difference a delicious snack makes during a busy day!

DON'T forget, if your child is due to start Reception (even if they attend our nursery) you need to apply through Surrey County Council. Similarly, if your child is due to go into Year 3 in September 2024, you need to apply through Surrey too, even if they are going to Crawley Ridge Junior School. The deadline for submitting your application is 15th January.

This week the year 2 children met some real life fire men and women. Unfortunately, the fire engine had to be used at the last minute, a real shame - but that is the nature of fire services - to use their equipment to save lives. Visiting schools is just an added bonus.

Last week we had the book fair in school, thank you for making purchases. Usborne Books has now given us £393 to spend on books for school. It makes such a difference.

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, mid-day supervisors often end up in other roles in the school, it is a great step into school life:

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?keywords=crawley%20ridge>

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

This week's recommended read is Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. As it is the 1st of December today, I thought it would be appropriate to choose a story with a Christmas theme. This story is all about the feeling of family and togetherness that is associated with this time of year.



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.

UPDATE

DIARY DATES

- 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, ALL children 15:00 from white double hall doors
- PTA Hot Chocolate & Cookie Sale - 8th Dec @ 09:00 - 09:20
- Reception Christmas Performance - 12th Dec @ 13:00
- Nursery Christmas Songs - 13th Dec @ 12:00 - 09:30
- Year 2 Christmas Performance - 13th Dec @ 09:00 Dec @ 14:00 - 14:30
- Year 1 Christmas Carol Concert @ St. Paul's - 14th @ 13:30
- Classroom Parties Day and end of term - 15th Dec

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This week in early years, we have...

NUR

This week, we finished off our learning about 'People Who Help Us'; creating police officers or firefighters out of toilet roll tubes, and enjoying more imaginative play outside, building houses.

On Wednesday, we moved on to our learning about Winter, enjoying the story *If Winter Comes, Tell It I'm Not Here!* We have talked about the differences between the seasons, and sorted pictures and objects into which season they match with. We have enjoyed ice play, exploring how ice melts and trying to free the objects that were frozen in the ice! We discovered that pouring warm water on the ice helps it melt faster! We painted our own snowmen and we've used playdough to make our own dough snowmen, aren't they brilliant?



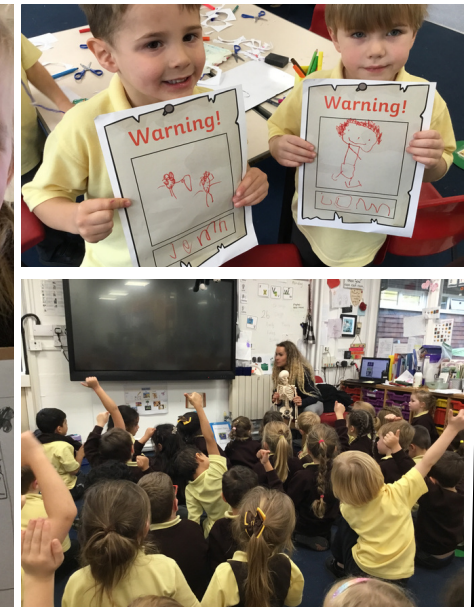
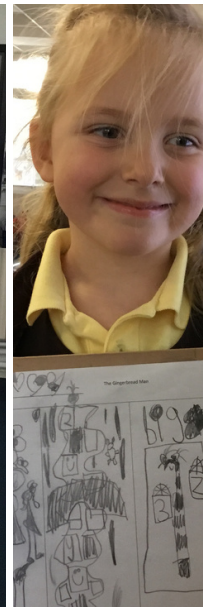
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This week we have been focussing on the story - *The Gingerbread Man*. The children were so excited to see a video of the gingerbread man running through their classrooms and created wanted posters to see if they could catch him. Each child made and decorated their own gingerbread man, following simple instructions. They also learnt parts of the story by joining in with repetition. They have also constructed bridges for the gingerbread man to cross the river and set up their own gingerbread bakery. It has been brilliant to see the children act out the story and come up with some great ideas during drawing club.

In our phonics we have learnt the new sounds; y, z and qu - making yo-yos, putting stripes on zebras and decorating queens. In maths, we have been talking about the days of the week, what we do during the day and in what order and learning about the difference between night-time and daytime.

On Monday we had a very special visitor - Dr Bull. She spoke to the children about the human body, why we have bones and how we can look after them. The children asked some fantastic questions.

This week we started practising our Christmas Performance in the hall, putting together our songs that we have learnt, the children can't wait for you to see it.



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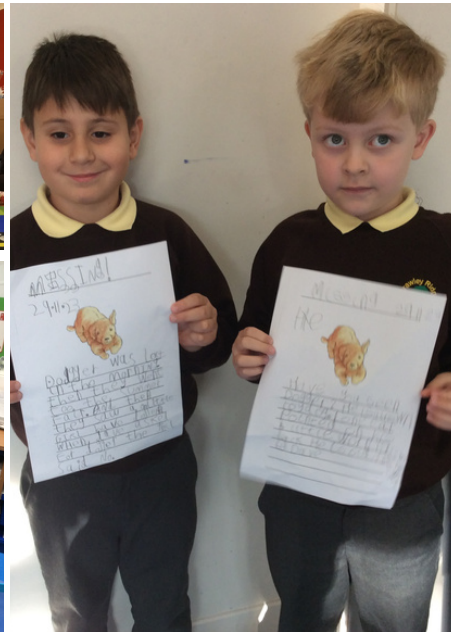
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This week in KS1 we have...

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Another jam packed week of fun in Year one. We thoroughly enjoyed ending the week making our fruit salads. We chose the ingredients from the results of our taste testing a few weeks ago. Hopefully the children will enjoy eating them at home with you all. Our book of the week was **Dogger** by Shirley Hughes which we will continue into next week. It is a very emotive story that links in well with our PSHE. The children have been writing about Dave's feelings when he lost Dogger. In maths we have been taking away using a number of strategies, counting back, crossing out and finally using a number line. This weather has been spot on for our hibernation topic in Science this week. The children have been looking at how and why animals hibernate. We wrapped the week up with the very festive PTA Christmas disco which everyone loved. There are some awesome dance moves in Year One for sure!



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This week we have had an informative visit from the education officer of Surrey Fire and Rescue Service to tell us about dangers of lighters and matches. We learnt that if there's a fire we must Get out, Stay out and Call 999. We have had our first rehearsal of our Christmas play on the stage; we are so excited for you to listen to our singing and watch our acting! In maths we have drawn 2D shapes and looked at lines of symmetry. In English we have written our chronological report about the Great Fire of London as a newspaper including subheadings, facts and conjunctions. In history we have explored fire safety equipment from 1666 compared to now. In science we have carried out an experiment investigating absorbency of different materials.



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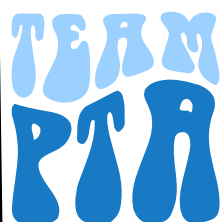
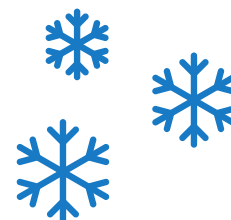
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Christmas cards

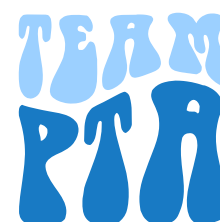
You should now have all your Christmas cards and products with your little artist's designs, which were ordered through the class fundraising website. If you ordered with the deadline of 24th November these are still being processed.

If you are missing anything, please let your class rep know.



Christmas gifts

Christmas gifts will be handed out in the KS1 playground on Friday 8th December.



Hot chocolate and cookies sale - Friday 8th December

Don't forget to bring some cash to pick up some treats next Friday @3pm!
We will be based at the entrance to the school hall, accessed from the KS1 playground.



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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- **Catering Assistant - 20 hours a week, £11.04 an hour**

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For more information, please call Lisa on 07779 451317.



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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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