



# Welcome to The Infant Informative



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Another busy week under our belts, despite the big drop in temperature and even a little snow near the start of the week. It is likely we will get more snow soon - please refer to your ParentMail around snow procedures and how to know if the school is closed due to health & safety precautions.

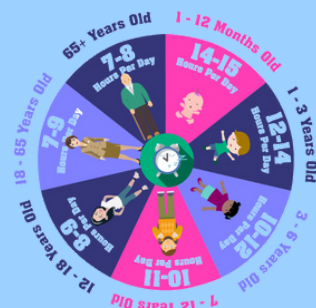
Our children took part in a mental health and well-being session in school this week, complete with an inflatable classroom, a specialist teacher and interactive videos, music, dances, games and resources. They absolutely loved it. We thank you for your donations that allow events like this to take place. You can still contribute if you haven't already done so - visit your Payments page on ParentMail to donate by Monday evening.

This week we celebrated the one-year anniversary of our school nursery. I am sure you will agree, it is a spectacular provision offered to 2, 3 and 4 year old children. The nursery staff team are extraordinary and the nursery continues to flourish and improve. I thank everyone for their hard work.

Is your child getting enough sleep? We have noticed that some children in school appear to be extremely tired. You can check how much sleep your child should have, here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/how-much-sleep-does-my-child-need/>

**Reminder:** If you have a concern about your child's welfare at school, please speak directly to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, please organise a meeting with the class teacher and/or myself through the school office.

Have a brilliant weekend, Mr O'Shea



We have vacancies at our school, press the logo below to see them



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

This week's recommended read is *Thank you for the Little Things*. I think this book is perfect for this time of year, which can be a bit dark and miserable after all the festivities, as it focuses on the small moments of gratitude and joy we can find in our everyday lives.

Enjoy!



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

- **Deadline to apply for Reception & Year 3 places** - Monday 15th January
- **NHS Wheeze clinic** - Monday 22nd January @ 09:00 (call school office to book by 19th January)
- **Last day of Spring 1 term** - Friday 9th February @ 15:00
- **Year 1 School Trip** - Wednesday 13th March, more info to follow
- **Class group photos** - Tuesday 19th March

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At the start of this week, we continued our fun with colour, after reading **Wow Said The Owl**. The children enjoyed drawing rainbows and making their own mosaic rainbows.

Our theme of colour continued nicely with **The Smeds and The Smoots**, all about a red and blue alien who are not allowed to play together because they look different. We have talked about similarities and differences between ourselves and our friends, and how it's great that we're all different. It doesn't mean we can't play together! We've enjoyed building rockets using junk modelling, matching aliens to numbered space rockets and building our own shape ship outside to fly to different planets – what an exciting week we have had.



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Our week started with a winter walk where we were so lucky that it snowed! We went around the school grounds looking for signs of winter and collecting objects to make frozen winter decorations.

Our story this week has been **Ten Little Lights** which is set near a snowy house and encourages counting to 10. We have focussed our maths around the numbers 0, 6, 7 and 8 – completing different tasks and activities to do with each number.

Our sounds this week have been sh and th where we have looked at sharks, moths and sloths!

The children have also created snowmen out of different materials, made their own houses out of Lego, played with artic animals in the snow and completed some brilliant writing for the animals in the story. The children have been practising their number formation from 0-5 and have done this brilliantly with all the numbers the correct way around!

On Thursday we were lucky enough to have a visit where we learnt all about how to keep ourselves healthy by getting plenty of sleep, thinking about the food we put in our bodies and making sure we get plenty of exercise.

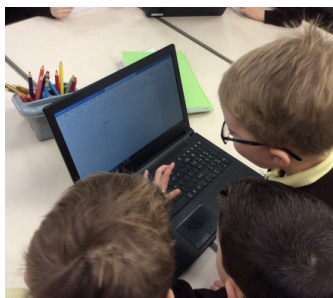




# This week in KS1 we have...

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The children have worked so hard this week. Lots of new topics and some new routines and they have all taken it in their stride. Our story of the week is **Last Stop on Market Street** by Matt de la Peña and we have spent seven lessons building up to writing our own version of this story using adjectives, verbs, onomatopoeia, similes and questions. The children have written such incredible stories, they have blown us away. We are so proud of each and every one of them! In maths we are still working with numbers up to twenty. We understand how many tens and ones are in our teen numbers and we have been problem solving using number lines. The children are getting better at reasoning the 'why and how' in maths. We had our 'Life Space' experience at the end of the week where the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting the character from our PSHE lessons, Harold the Giraffe. They learnt about the importance of sleep and that they should listen to their grown-ups when they say it is bedtime. In science this half term we are learning about materials and their properties, and the children labelled items around the school as to what they are made of. What a whirlwind of a week. The children should be tired!



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What a super week! Thank you so much to the leaders from SCARF, we loved learning our PSHE in an inflatable classroom!

This week in English we have written our postcards inspired by the story **Meerkat Mail** by Emily Gravett. We wrote as if we had been on holiday to a new habitat using scientific and descriptive vocabulary. In Maths we have counted money in pounds and pence, chose notes and coins, made the same amount of money, and compared amounts of money. In science we explored how a habitat provides for the needs of the animals and plants within it through food, water, shelter and space. In geography we noticed how the globe has land and water, the land is known as the continents. We identified the seven continents. Our new PE topic is dance, this week we have learnt that dance is practiced in counts of eight and we practiced tensing our body parts to make our movements look purposeful.



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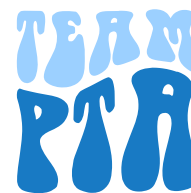




# PTA



Thanks to those that joined, or contributed ideas for, our first PTA meeting of 2024. More details to follow...



## Gift Amnesty

If you received any gifts at Christmas that aren't quite to your taste (or you got two the same) we'd love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events. We will be putting donation boxes outside classrooms next week.

## Can you help?

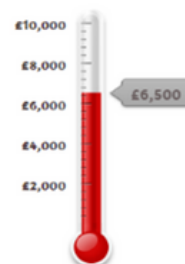
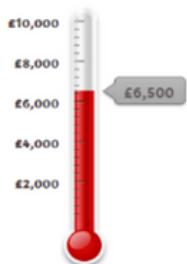
We are keen to arrange events for Leap Year and Mother's Day but really need volunteers. You will have full support from the committee so please do ask us for more details. Also if you have access to a bouncy castle or are a quiz fan please let us know!

## Nearly new uniform going online

A massive thank you to Stacey Muirhead who has been running sales for the past couple of years. Over the next couple of weeks we will be transitioning to online sales, please bear with us during this transition. Once sales are back up and running we will let you know.

## Bags2School

If you are having a New Year clear out please keep in mind that a collection date will be advertised soon for you to leave any unwanted textiles, bags, shoes etc at the School for the company to collect. More details to follow.



# Clubs @ CRI



**Spanish Club, Wednesday Lunchtimes, 12.30-1.00pm**

**11 classes, Spring term, £55**

**Wednesday 10th January – Wednesday 27th March**

**Open to all KS1 pupils. Complete beginners welcome!**

**Click HERE to book!**

Call 07548 906895

Email [sara@bilinguasing.com](mailto:sara@bilinguasing.com)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Playball</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Bilingua Sing</b> Year 1 & 2 12.30pm – 1pm	<b>Ultimate Coaching</b> Year R Football 3pm - 4pm	<b>Ultimate Coaching</b> Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
<b>Jam Coding</b> Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm		<b>Hotsteppers Dance</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	<b>Boogie Pumps Drama</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	<b>Genie Lab</b> Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm
		<b>Playball</b> Year R & 1 3pm - 3.45pm		

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