



Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 4th October 2024

Issue 05

What another busy week here at Crawley Ridge Infant School! It has been a pleasure showing prospective parents around the school site this week. They love our forest school, nurture hub, learning hub, outdoor areas and classrooms. They were so impressed with the children's manners and behaviour. I feel very lucky to work with such amazing staff and children everyday.

Harvest Festival Assembly - Wednesday, 9th October

We are delighted to welcome staff from St. Paul's Church on Wednesday, 9th October, for a special assembly celebrating Harvest Festival. In support of a local food bank called The Camberley Rotary Club, we encourage you to donate tinned and packaged foods by dropping them into the boxes outside the classrooms starting from Monday. Fresh produce donations can be brought in on the day of the assembly. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Punctuality Reminder

Please note that we have observed an increasing number of children being dropped off or picked up late. This is something we are closely monitoring. Families whose punctuality consistently falls below acceptable levels will be contacted directly. Let's work together to ensure all children can start and end their school day smoothly and on time.

At Crawley Ridge, we're committed to supporting children's emotional well-being through our TrickBox scheme. This program helps children understand and manage their emotions and develop problem-solving skills before seeking adult help. If you'd like to learn more, or to see our timetable of tricks, please visit our website via this link: [TrickBox Information](#).

Wishing you all a restful weekend!
Mr O'Shea :)

[Job Vacancies - click here](#)

Golden Acorn awards
now further down
within this newsletter!

DIARY DATES

- Harvest Festival Donations - 9th Oct
- TAMAT Internet Safety Evening - 10th Oct @ 18:15
- PTA Reception Cheese & Wine - 11th Oct (time to be considered)
- Year 1 Space Day - 14th Oct @ 14:20
- Individual class photos - 15th Oct
- Year 2 Castle Day - 16th Oct
- **School tour for 2025** - 17th Oct @ 11:00
- PTA Hot chocolate & cookie sale - 18th Oct @ 15:00
- Whole School Outdoor Learning Day - 24th Oct
- End of Autumn 1 Term - 24th Oct @ 15:00

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

This week's recommended read is *Peggy Little Legs* by Pip Jones. This is a book for the older readers who are just starting to venture into longer story books. It tells of the fun and frolics of a sausage dog which will keep readers engaged from start to finish.

We understand how difficult it can be to find help and support to navigate the feelings and emotions involved when separation occurs in a family. Therefore, this week I am signposting an article from the Parenting Smart website that offers to do just that. If separation is something that is affecting your family at the moment, please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you and your child.

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: I'm going through a break up and want to support my child](#)



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This week, we have really enjoyed getting stuck in to our topic of '**Marvellous Me!**' We have talked about what makes us special and the things that we like to do. We have looked carefully at our faces in the mirror and had a go at cutting and sticking to make a picture of our own faces. We have continued talking about our families and have related this to mummy and baby animals, enjoying farm small world play and farm animals sensory play. We have also taken part in our first yoga session! What a busy week we have had.



REC

We have had two focusses this week, our story of the week, **The Enormous Turnip**, as well as **Humpty Dumpty**. We have recalled both the nursery rhyme and key elements from the story. The children have been brilliant at joining in with key phrases from the book such as 'HEAVE' and 'but it wouldn't budge!'.

The children came to the playground on Monday morning to find that Humpty had fallen off the wall and cracked his egg, all the king's horses and men were looking on. We decided to create some egg protectors using junk modelling to test whether they would crack when dropped. We had great fun on Friday afternoon dropping eggs within our creations!

In busy time, the children have been completing humpty puzzles (putting him back together again), ordering and describing turnips as well as drawing them and building walls for humpty to sit on.

On Monday the children made their own vegetable soup, practising using knives safely and learning about different ingredients as well as following instructions. The children enjoyed trying the soup in the afternoon.

In phonics this week, the children have learnt the sounds 'g, o, c, k' - they have made glasses, drawn o's around humpty's egg, cut out caterpillars and found the right keys for the locks.

We have continued to talk about our families and who is special to us in PSHE and have started to learn some harvest songs!



This week in KS1 we have...

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In English this week we have challenged the children to create their own aliens. They have thought about what the aliens would look like, what they can do and most importantly what they have been called. Once we had created the aliens, we then added labels to point out the main features of the aliens, before finally using these labels to write a description.

During maths we have been consolidating more or less, securing our ability to use the symbols $<$ $>$ $=$ before moving onto ordering random numbers. This skill is really important because we are not always presented with numbers $<$ that run consecutively in order, so this is a skill that needs mastering. We have generated our random numbers by rolling three dice, varying the number of faces the dice have, so we have been exploring numbers ranging from 1 to 20.

In our foundation subject learning in the afternoons, we have found out more about the ear in science, whilst in art we looked at the pictures of the illustrator Axel Scheffler, who is most famous for illustrating the books of Julia Donaldson. In PSHE, we were learning more about our emotions, looking at how people's faces and bodies change when they are expressing different emotions. RE has continued to follow the theme of Creation, with us focussing this week on why Christian people are thankful to God for creating the world, as well as thinking about what we are thankful for in our own lives.

Can we also ask again for any cardboard boxes and tubes to make their way into school as we will need lots for our Space Day junk modelling on Monday 14th October.

Have a great weekend. The Year 1 Team.



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The children have worked incredibly hard this week! In English, the children had a fabulous time acting out the story **Sir Charlie Stinky Socks** and the **Really Big Adventure**. We have been learning to create expanded noun phrases and similes. In maths the children have been learning to use what they know to create fact families and derive related facts. They have also used their knowledge of number bonds to find number bonds to 100. In music we have continued to sing folk songs including sea shanties and explored the difference between rhythm and pulse. In science we have been learning about healthy eating. The children were excited to sort foods according to the Eat Well Plate and used what they had learnt to plan a healthy packed lunch. In history we have been learning about people who lived in medieval castles and created fact files. In D.T. we have continued to build our castles. This week we explored colour mixing and created our own shades of brown and grey to decorate the stonework of our castle walls. Again, if anyone has any long tubes or cylinders, such as kitchen towel rolls, donations would be gratefully received.



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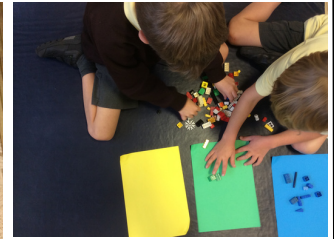


Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

This week the Nurture Hub was filled with creativity and emotional exploration! We dove into the world of happy and sad faces, learning to recognise how others feel. Our highlight was making our own unique happy or sad faces—everyone’s creativity truly shined!

In our friendship groups, we were able to colour and draw our favourite characters, sharing what we love about them and why it’s important to respect differing opinions. It’s wonderful to see everyone embracing each others’ perspectives!

Looking ahead, we’re buzzing with excitement for Halloween! We can’t wait to unleash our creativity and get festive. Stay tuned for some spooky fun in the coming weeks! 🎃 ✨



GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond		Reception join in Celebration assemblies after the October half-term.
Ruby		
Topaz	Zac	For his positive attitude to learning.
Amethyst	Arthur	For challenging himself with his learning.
Emerald	Lola	For being consistently respectful to others.
Sapphire	Olivia	For always being willing to support those around her.

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

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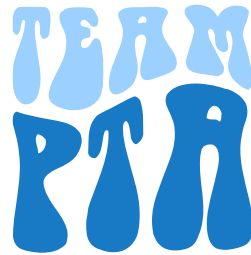




PTA

Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased at the Year 2 Bake Sale last Friday. You helped raise £135

We had our AGM on Tuesday, and we are pleased to say that Katherine Lewis (Year R Parent) is now PTA Chairperson for the next year. Thank you for volunteering your time for this role Katherine.



Our clubs

School Club Timetable - Autumn Term 2024

We are delighted to be able to share with you our autumn term timetable for school clubs.

Old favourites Playball, Boogie Pumps, Bilingua Sing, Hotsteppers, Genie Lab and Ultimate Coaching are back and our new Judo club is already proving popular.

Jam Coding and Young Magicians have cancelled their sessions for this first half term due to lower numbers, but hope to return after half term if there is sufficient interest.

We are continually looking at our after school club provision and feel this timetable offers a wide range of extra-curricular activities to your children and hope that many of you will take up places.

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	Young Magicians - Postponed Year 1 & 2 8am - 8.45am	Ultimate Coaching Year R Mini Kickers 3pm - 4.00pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 Football 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding - Postponed Year 1 & 2 3.05pm - 4.00pm	Judo Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Bilingua Sing Year 1 & 2 12.30pm - 1.00pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Genie Lab Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm
		Hotsteppers Dance Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4.00pm		
		Playball Year 1 3pm - 3.45pm		



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You might be interested in...

No internet?

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call **03456 009 009** to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

To request a paper application form or for all other enquiries, you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

surreycc.gov.uk/admissions



How do I apply?

- The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit surreycc.gov.uk/admissions to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application.
- You can start your online application any time from 04 November 2024 but you must have completed it by **15 January 2025**.
- You can download the app **ParentComms** to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.
- On **16 April 2025** you will receive an email with the outcome of your application and, if you have registered for **ParentComms**, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.
- You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by **30 April 2025**.

Important dates

4 November 2024

You can apply online for a school place.

15 January 2025

Closing date for primary applications but we welcome early applications.

16 April 2025

Primary outcomes will be sent by post or email. If you applied online, you will receive an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online. If you registered for **ParentComms**, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.

By 30 April 2025

You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

By 20 May 2025

If you wish to appeal for a community or voluntary controlled school listed on your form, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 22 July 2025. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.

Is your child starting school in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place between **4 November 2024** and **15 January 2025**.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Apply online
between
04 November 2024
and **15 January 2025**



What else do I need to know?

- You should contact schools directly if you'd like to arrange a visit.
- You can name up to four schools on your application form, in the order that you prefer them. Where possible the local authority will allocate a place at one of these schools.
- Schools will not know where you have ranked them on the application form so the order of your preferences does not disadvantage you.
- The local authority has a duty to provide a place for your child but it does not have to be at one of your preferred schools.
- If your child is attending a nursery attached to a school, you must still apply for a reception place as there is no automatic transfer.
- If your child is leaving year 2 of an infant school, you can only apply for schools which have an intake at year 3.
- If you have an older child already at the school, you must still apply for a younger child.
- If you have more than one child applying for a school place, you must make a separate application for each of them.
- If you live in Surrey you must apply to Surrey, even if the schools you list are outside Surrey.
- Some schools may need you to submit a supplementary information form in addition to the application form. Find out more about supplementary information forms at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.
- If you are registered for council tax you must supply the name of the borough or district and the council tax account number for the property where your child normally lives. Otherwise you will be asked to provide evidence of where your child lives.
- When applying online you must make sure that you press 'submit' at the end of your application and that you receive a confirmation email which sets out your preferences and confirms your application reference number.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email you should check your application to ensure its status has been changed to 'submitted'.
- If you write to us or submit information to support an application, remember to include your child's name, date of birth and application reference number (if you applied online).
- If your child has an education, health and care plan, there is a separate process and you will receive more information from your child's SEND Case Officer.



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You might be interested in...

Hi, my name is Niki and I am The Family Dietitian.

I am a local Registered Dietitian and mum of three. I help families in very practical ways to help improve their health through the food they eat. I will be coming to speak to parents on 17th October from school drop off until 10am, at Holy Trinity Primary School, when we will be specifically talking about kids (and adults!) who are picky eaters.

I will go through with you some of the theory about picky eating. Including how to tell if your child is getting too much or too little nutrients (or both – it can happen at the same time!), why it occurs, and most importantly, what you can do to help your child through the stage so they can grow up to have lifelong healthy eating habits. There will of course be plenty of time at the end for questions.

If you would like to have a look at my website in advance it is www.the-family-dietitian.com.

I look forward to meeting you over coffee.



Online Safety Talk for Parents

Children of all ages have easier access to the internet than in any other time. There are clear benefits to enjoy from being online, but also potential dangers. It should therefore be a priority for us all as parents/carers to take our responsibilities seriously to protect our children, instil good habits and teach them how to be safe.

The Alliance Multi Academy Trust (TAMAT) has organised this presentation with Sharon Girling, a former police officer who retired following thirty years' service. She was at the forefront of a national and international response to online child abuse and developed the processes and procedures that led to the creation of Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre. The presentation will provide practical help and guidance for parents to take charge and also as an opportunity for Q&A – when we know technology is changing at such a fast pace.

The aim of the presentation is to give parents more confidence and enable parents to support children's learning at home. It will include the following:

- Online facts identifying young people's vulnerabilities
- An understanding of what young people do online and the aspects of the activity they enjoy
- What to look at for as young people engage in online gaming both from a user and parent perspective
- Explanation of current games and tips for parents
- An understanding of the basic rules of social networking and how to use it safely
- An explanation of Snapchat, TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, WhatsApp and other current applications used by our young people
- How to set up your devices with step by step guides
- Useful resources, solutions and top tips

When: Thursday 10th October 2024 at 6.15pm

Where: Connaught Junior School

The event is free and open to all local schools, but we do ask you book yourself a ticket to enable us to plan seating.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-talk-with-guest-speaker-sharon-girling-tickets-1021741064027?aff=oddtcreator>

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