



Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 22nd November 2024

Issue 11

****Goodbye & Good luck**** Today we said an emotional goodbye to Hazel Suffield, who works in our office. We are so sad to see you go, but we know you will have a wonderful time in Cyprus with your family. We look forward to working with you remotely whilst you are away and hopefully will see you again upon your return.

****Welcome!**** We welcome Natalie Wright who has taken over from Hazel's post. We are so pleased to have you join our team.

****Selfish parking, driving & attitudes**** Another week, another complaint from both residents and some of our own school community. I have been sent at least 10 photos of cars that are parking illegally. This must stop. These cars have been reported to the council. Children are running in and out of plants, trees and bushes on people's properties and children kicking bins. We must do better, it is not acceptable and sends a terrible message to the children. Do not park illegally, do not block drives, do not trespass on people's property and make sure your children are doing the right thing. I know it is only a handful of parents, and the majority of you continue to do the right thing - thank you.

****Safeguarding**** If you need to let the school know about anything safeguarding related, please remember we have a dedicated email for this which is: dsl@cri.tamat.org.uk.

****Free workshops for parents**** Please see the poster within this newsletter for 5 free workshops for parents around 'Building Confidence - Identifying and Supporting Additional Needs'. Please email lculligan@cri.tamat.org.uk if you would like to attend.

****Christmas @ Crawley Ridge Infant School**** Take a look on the next page for our Christmas calendar. A convenient way for you to make sure you know exactly what we are getting up to at school. I recommend printing it and sticking it onto the fridge so that you don't miss out on any of these important dates.

Have a great weekend, Mr O'Shea :)

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

The children were treated to an unexpected snow shower on Tuesday which they absolutely loved, so inspired by that impromptu event I have chosen *The Snow Thief* by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater. The book is a tale about a squirrel who has never seen snow before which reminds us how magical this can be for children.

It is so easy as parents, especially at this time of year, to feel like you need to be everything to everyone and this can be draining. This article is a beautiful reminder of the importance of looking after ourselves as we journey through the highs and lows of parenthood. Enjoy with a cuppa!

[Place2Be: Parenting Smart: Healthy habits for parenting](#)



DIARY DATES

- Family Support Worker Coffee Morning - 26th Nov @ 08:30 - 09:15
- School Tours 7 & 8 - 27th Nov @ 11:00 & 13:30
- CRI Xmas Fair - 30th Nov @ 10:30 - 12:30
- School Tours 9 & 10 - 3rd Dec @ 11:00 & 13:30
- Years 1 & 2 PTA School Disco - 6th Dec, more information to follow
- Reception Christmas Play - 10th Dec @ 09:00
- **Nursery Christmas Songs - 11th Dec @ 14:30**
- **Year 1 Christmas Songs @ St. Paul's Church - 11th Dec @ 14:00**
- **Year 2 Christmas Show - 12th Dec @ 09:00**

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Christmas @ CRI...



CHRISTMAS AT CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANTS



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR
10:30 - 12:30
ORGANISED & FUNDED BY THE PTA

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run
CHILDREN CAN WEAR PERIT AND TRAINERS WITH A XMAS JUMPER. NO DONATION REQ. BUT DONT FORGET SPONSORSHIP FORM!

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

NON UNIFORM DAY
No donation required
PTA Christmas Disco
Year 1 & 2: 15:00 - 16:00
ORGANISED BY THE PTA

FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER

PTA Hot chocolate and cookie sale AFTER SCHOOL.



TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER
Reception Christmas Play
09:00 - 09:30

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
Year 1 Christmas Carol Concert
14:00 - 14:30
TO BE HELD AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH
Nursery Christmas Songs
14:30 - 14:50

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER
Year 2 Christmas Play
09:00 - 09:30

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
PTA Virtual Elf Visit

Christmas lunch
Supplied by Twelve15

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER
Class Christmas Parties
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
to be worn with normal uniform - no donation required
SCHOOL FINISHES AT 13:30

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



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This week in early years, we have...

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This week our book has been **The Tiger Who Came To Tea!** We have transformed our home corner into a café, where the children have practised ordering and serving each other yummy cakes and paying for their orders. We have enjoyed making playdough cakes for the tiger, making tiger masks and retelling the story using stick puppets. We are very lucky to have Playball coming in to deliver us some taster sessions to the children over the next few weeks. The children listened well in their first sessions this week and, importantly, had fun. We have a couple more weeks of these sessions so lots more fun to come!



RECEP

The children arrived at school on Monday to find 3 bears, porridge on the floor and a broken chair! Many guessed our story of the week correctly, **Goldilocks and the Three Bears.** The children made and tried their own porridge on Monday, they have designed new chairs for baby bear, made maps for the bears to find goldilocks and had a bear role play area. In our maths we have focussed on the numbers 4 and 5. Looking at their composition, making and showing the numbers in different ways. In phonics we have covered our last single sounds - y and z. The children loved making their own yo-yos and putting zig-zags on the zebras. The children have now started 'Trickbox' which aims to teach children different techniques or 'tricks' to manage difficult situations. This week the children learnt 'mirror, mirror' which aims to increase confidence by saying nice things about yourself.



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This week in KS1 we have...

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To start this week, we would like to say a big thank you to the children. It has been one of those weeks where there have been a lot of visitors in school, different activities going on, and lots of changes happening to our timetable, so from all of your grown ups we would like to say "Thank you" for coping with these changes so well. The week began with a visit from two of our local Police Community Support Officers who came into Year 1 to talk about the role of the police and what they do to help us. They discussed what the children should do if they were to get lost and what number to ring if they needed help. The children also got to try on some of the different uniform the officers wear and we discovered that some of it was really heavy! In English this week we have continued with the story of **Traction Man**, but this week we have focussed on the villains. We have taken a close look at the Evil Pillows, Wicked Professor Spade, a Poisonous Dishcloth and finally the Mysterious Toes, trying to come up with some amazing adjectives to describe their appearance and personalities. With maths we had a second go at subtraction and this week we were far more successful. We focussed on using manipulatives such as counters to help support our learning so that we were able to physically count and take away the numbers we needed so that we could then see the number which we had left, giving us our answer. In History this week we were lucky to have a visit from Surrey Heath Museum which is based in Camberley. They came in to help with our learning about toys from the past, sharing with us lots of information about how toys have changed over time and also how the materials used to make the toys have developed. We got to hold and play with different toys from different eras and it certainly made some of the adults in Year 1 very nostalgic as we got to play with toys that many of us had as children in the 1980s. In other areas of the curriculum this week we have continued to learn more about the seasons in science, trying to discover which season we were born in, whilst in design and technology we have begun to design our cars for Traction Man. Another busy week of learning. Have a restful weekend. The Year 1 Team



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In English this week the children have been learning about coordinating conjunctions and we have revisited past tense verbs. In maths we have been exploring 2D shapes and learning about their properties. In art we used bright, bold colours to paint the designs we created last week. Next week we will be starting to make our clay cups. In science the children loved reading the poem 'Woolly Saucepan' by Michael Rosen. They then used their understanding of the suitability or unsuitability of materials to create their own poem. In history we have been learning about the Great Fire of London. We found out about how the fire started and the main events that occurred during the fire. In P.E. we have been learning yoga. The children showed great concentration and awareness of flexibility with their yoga poses. In computing we have been looking at algorithms and how these can be broken down into steps.



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Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

This week in the Nurture Hub, the children have enjoyed engaging in festive activities during our Nurture Groups. They had a great time creating Elf door hangers, getting creative with glitter, and embracing the holiday spirit. During our Time to Talk sessions, we focused on auditory and visual sequencing, as well as concepts of "first," "next," and "last." These activities have provided valuable opportunities for the children to develop important skills in a fun and festive way. Next week we will be embracing the colder weather, with some fun ice activities.



GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Ethan	For always making the right choice and joining in with enthusiasm in all activities
Ruby	Roscoe	For being so kind to others
Topaz	Liam	For showing good understanding in maths
Amethyst	Felix	For always being focused during whole class learning
Emerald	Aurora	For great positivity and enthusiasm at all times
Sapphire	Enara	For independently creating a wonderful Autumn poem and working so hard on her writing

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

DIAMOND



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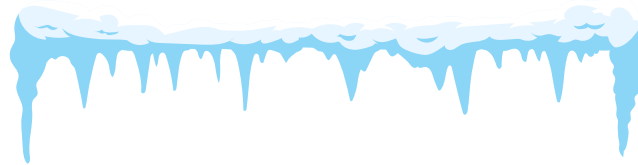


PTA

Soft Toys - do you have any soft toys that need re-homing? If so, please can you bring them to the school office by Friday 29th November. Please only those in good condition with their CE label on.

Christmas Fair - Tickets are still available to buy until Thursday 28th November. If you have any Raffle tickets to hand in, please post them into the PTA mailbox (opposite Topaz) by Friday 29th November. Please send back any un-used ones also.

Volunteers - if you are able to help with set-up on Friday 29th November or run a stall/clear up on Saturday 30th November please remember you will get free entry to the Fair. Just book on the portal www.pta-events.co.uk/cris



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 soon 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...

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The children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health service






Building Confidence – Identifying and Supporting Additional Needs

A free 5-week workshop for Parents & Carers

This workshop is aimed at families with a young person registered at this school and provides an opportunity to discuss your child's development.

Over the 5 weeks we will discuss:

- Communication & Interaction
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health
- Cognition & Learning
- Physical & Sensory
- Navigating the System & Signposting to Support

Each session will be followed by tea/coffee and chat.

Date: January 2025
Time: Tuesday 13.15 TBC
Location: Crawley Ridge Junior School

To book your place contact your SENDCO:

Lisa Culligan: lculligan@crj.tamat.org.uk

Find out more at mindworks-surrey.org



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You might be interested in...



Crawley Ridge
Infant School PTA

Christmas Fair

- Raffle
- Games
- Crafts
- Biscuit decorating
- Refreshments
- Stalls



Book your tickets here:
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/cris/>

**30th
NOVEMBER**
10:30AM-12:30PM

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email us: contact@primeacrobatics.com

Attention Gamers!!!

On Wednesday 27th November, Surrey police (In Association with Game Heads) will be hosting a free gaming event at:

Recreational Car Park,
Wimbledon Road,
Camberley,
GU15 4BD

Do you have what it takes to out game a cop?
Come along between 5-7pm

TIPS FOR FAMILIES

Place2Be's CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

- 1 Encourage journaling**
Just like Riley, encourage your older children and young people to express their emotions and thoughts through journaling. It can be less confronting than speaking out loud and is a helpful way to process what is going on.
- 2 Make space for reflection**
When children and young people reflect on their different emotions, it can help them better understand themselves and what they need. Go for a walk, drive, or try some mindful colouring or baking together.
- 3 Be visual**
Use imagery, such as emojis or flashcards to help children and young people recognise and label their feelings.
- 4 Practice mindfulness**
Try mindful activities, and quiet family time, to enjoy being in the present moment. This can help children and young people be aware of their thoughts and emotions and learn a useful new coping technique.
- 5 Communicate**
Feedback is crucial for helping us see our blind spots and gain greater insight. Children and young people are no different. Creating safe and supportive ways to share your own experience with your child can help them understand themselves and their impact on the world around them.

If you're a parent or teacher, you'll find loads of useful advice to help you support the brilliant young people in your lives - from FAQs to downloadable packs. [Here4You.co.uk](https://www.place2be.org.uk/here4you)

CRAWLEY RIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL
Crawley Ridge Junior School PTA - Charity number: 1101321

Tickets on sale at www.pta-events.co.uk/crjps

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
14.10.24.15.11.24
£12 PP OR £45 FOR A FAMILY OF 4
UNDER 2'S FREE BUT NEED A TICKET

HAPPY'S CIRCUS
SATURDAY 26TH APRIL
GATES OPEN 12PM MIDDAY
SHOWTIME 2-4PM

FOOD, SNACKS, REFRESHMENTS, INCLUDING A LICENSED BAR AND GAMES AVAILABLE FROM 12PM MIDDAY.
THIS IS A PUBLIC EVENT AND IS OPEN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY.
NO ANIMALS ARE FEATURED IN THE SHOW.



The Infant Informative



WE ARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

We have a school Facebook and X (Twitter) account. These accounts will post regular updates. Updates will include photos and videos, events and reminders. Children with current school photo permission will be included on these platforms.



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Our username is @Crawleyridge1

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