



Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 6th December 2024

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****Thank you to our PTA**** A massive thank you to our PTA and all volunteers for their hard work on Saturday at the CRI Christmas Fair. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. We raised a total of **£1,200** - an amazing achievement. This money will be used in school to benefit all of the children in our care.

****Reading at home**** We have noticed at school that reading at home is starting to slip, with one class having only 8 children who had read at home out of an entire class of 30 children. Reading is the single most important part of any school and in life - it is a skill that children will need as they grow up throughout all of their life. The work we do at school is never enough to truly embed the skills for children to become fluent readers, they must read at home with you too. Did you know that a child who reads at home does better at school in both primary and secondary school? Research also shows that children who read at home, end up with better life chances when they are looking for jobs when they are older.

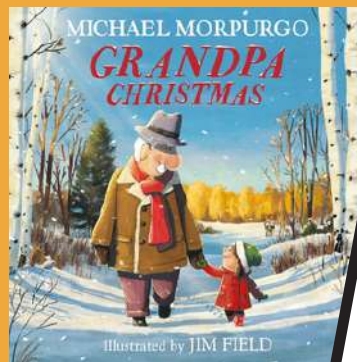
****Christmas performances next week**** The school has been full of festive cheer this week as year groups rehearse for their performances next week. You are in for a treat! At all performances, we will be collecting donations for three amazing charities that are all local and child based: Sebastian's action trust <https://sebastiansactiontrust.org>, Harry's Hat <https://harrys-hat.org> and The children with special needs foundation <https://www.childrenwithspecialneeds.co.uk>.

A reminder that at these shows, you are welcome to take photos and videos, but they **MUST NOT** be shared on any social media platform. Those that do not follow this rule will lose their right to record at future events.

Have a great weekend, Mr O'Shea :)

A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

Before I go ahead, I will forewarn the adults that tissues will be required for this one as it is a tearjerker! This week's recommended read is *Grandpa Christmas* by Michael Morpurgo which is a stunning story about a Christmas letter. The letter is warm and heartfelt and provides a very important and relevant message about the world our children are growing up in.



DIARY DATES

- Reception Christmas Play - 10th Dec @ 09:00
- Nursery Christmas Songs - 11th Dec @ 14:40
- Year 1 Christmas Songs @ St. Paul's Church - 11th Dec @ 14:00
- Year 2 Christmas Show - 12th Dec @ 09:00
- PTA Hot Chocolate & Cookie sale - 13th Dec @ 15:00
- School Christmas Lunch - 17th Dec
- PTA Elf Visit into school - 17th Dec
- **Surprise on the KS1 Playground - 18th Dec @ 13:30**
- End of Autumn Term - 18th Dec @ 13:30

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Christmas @ CRI...



CHRISTMAS AT CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANTS



SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL CHRISTMAS AIR

10:30 - 12:30

ORGANISED & FUNDED BY THE PTA

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

Phyllis Tuckwell Reindeer Run

CHILDREN CAN WEAR PE KIT AND TRACKERS WITH XMAS JUMPER. NO DONATION REQ BUT DONT FORGET TO BRING SORSHIP FORM!

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER

NON UNIFORM DAY
No donation required

PTA Christmas Disco

Year 1 & 2 5:00 - 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 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, we have jumped into winter! We have created our own polar habitats for the animals, made snowmen pictures and made snowmen out of playdough. We had a go at sorting different seasonal items into spring, summer, autumn and winter, and talked about the difference between the seasons. We have learnt how to cut our own paper snowflakes, which are now hanging up in our classroom for all to see! And of course, we had our Reindeer Run on Thursday afternoon which the children loved. Next week... Christmas! 🎅



REC

Our story of the week has been **The Gingerbread Man!**

On Monday we made our very own gingerbread men, decorating and eating them on Tuesday. We have designed different gingerbread men, explored different types of ginger, played different games and built bridges for the gingerbread man to go over the river.

Our phonics is coming along really well - please remember to read with your children at home to solidify their learning.

In maths we have been recapping one more and one less, with problem solving scenarios.

We have been busy this week rehearsing for our Christmas performance. On Friday, we had a dress rehearsal in all our costumes - we can't wait for you to see it!



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This week in KS1 we have...

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December has arrived with a bang this week with rehearsals, festivities and sparkles in abundance everywhere you look! Christmas jumpers have looked great and the children looked adorable in their antlers during our Reindeer Run raising money for the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice charity. Thank you for your generous support. However, even though we have been deeply immersed in Christmas, Year 1 have still kept their foot to the floor with their learning. In English we have continued with our Traction Man adventures, but this week we have focussed on what he and Scrubbing Brush are doing. This has allowed us to look closely at the verbs in the story, with the children first becoming verb detectives before moving on to writing their own sentences to describe what our hero is doing in an image from the story. Maths has seen us come to the end of our block of learning about numbers, addition and subtraction. We have been exploring the type of mathematical language that can be used to describe the different operations (plus, add, total, addition, more, less, subtract, take away, fewer) as well as revisiting more, less and equal. In History we created a timeline of toys going from oldest to newest. We based our decisions on the observations we made and the clues we could see, such as what material the toys were made of, how much wear it had and what sort of colours and technology were being used. PSHE had us discussing the special people in our lives and how this can vary from family to family and person to person. We talked about celebrating differences and also how boring the world would be if we were all the same. Finally, in RE we have been following the Nativity story, exploring the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, as well as finding out more about the different visitors to the stable to see the new born baby. Have a great weekend. The Year 1 Team.



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What an exciting week we have had! In English this week we have been reading the story ***The Snowman by Raymond Briggs***. We have been practising using adverbs and noun phrases and have learnt how to write exclamation sentences. In history we have been looking at why the Great Fire of London lasted so long and how fire fighting equipment has changed. In maths we have been finding different ways of sorting 2D and 3D shapes and then we created our own patterns using shapes. In art we drew our design on our clay cups and started to paint our cups using bright, bold colours. They look fantastic. In science the children had a brilliant time investigating the absorbency of different materials. In computing we have been looking at algorithms and we enjoyed finding out about loops.



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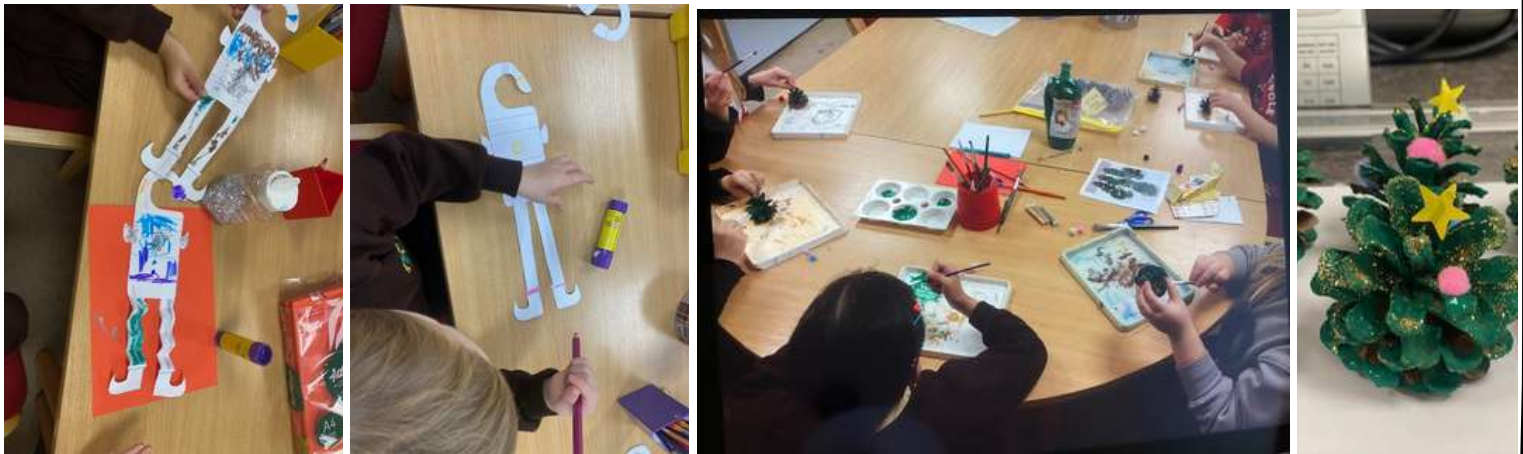




Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

This week in the Nurture Hub, we have been turning fir cones into mini Christmas trees. During our Reception Nurture Group, we made Elf door hangers and decorated them with lots of sparkly glitter. In "Time to Talk," we continued with role play, giving and following instructions by pretending to go food shopping with our very own lists and collecting the matching food.

In Sensory Circuits, we have been doing proprioceptive activities. Proprioceptive input (sensations from joints, muscles, and connective tissues that underlie body awareness) can be obtained by lifting, pushing, and pulling heavy objects, including your own weight. A child can also stimulate the proprioceptive sense by engaging in activities that push joints together, like pushing something heavy, or pulling joints apart. Soon, we will be looking at our Spring 1 timetables. If you think your child would benefit from any of the sessions held, please email the office.



GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Simi	For beautiful handwriting in our handwriting sessions.
Ruby	Camellia	For listening so respectfully to other children's ideas.
Topaz	Bobby	For completing his first piece of independent learning.
Amethyst	Elayna	For always being focused with her learning.
Emerald	Chenasha	For great effort with her reading and writing.
Sapphire	Noah	For his determination to succeed, never giving up by doing his best.

OVERALL WINNING CLASS:

EMERALD



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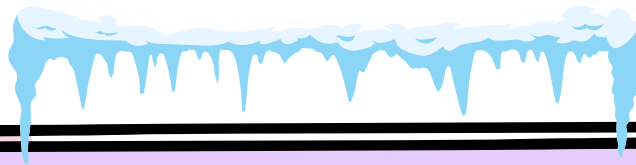


PTA

Wow, what a success our first Christmas Fair was. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend, we hope you all had a great time. You have helped us raise £1,200!

Also a big thank you so to everyone who helped organise, plan and run the fair. It's a big team effort and it can't be done without you all.

Next Friday 13th December we have our final Hot Chocolate and Cookie sale of the year after school. The Christmas gifts you ordered will also be available to collect.



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
		Young Magicians Year R, 1 & 2 8.00am – 8.45am		
		Bilingua Sing Year 1 & 2 12.30pm – 1pm		
Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Hotsteppers Dance Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Ultimate Coaching Year R 3pm - 4pm	Ultimate Coaching Year 1 & 2 3pm - 4.15pm
Jam Coding Year 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Camberley Judo Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 4pm	Playball Year R, 1 & 2 3pm - 3.45pm	Boogie Pumps Drama Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm	Genie Lab Year R, 1 & 2 3pm – 4pm



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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...



Hot Steppers Dance

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS!!

THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER* 9:30 - 15:30
MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 9:30 - 15:30

CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL, CAMBERLEY, GU16 2AJ

AGES 4-11

- ★ LOTS OF DANCE STYLES!
- ★ ARTS & CRAFTS!
- ★ GAMES!
- ★ QUALIFIED, INSURED, DBS, FIRST AID TEACHERS
- ★ DRAMA!

£29

TO BOOK:
 visit www.hotsteppersdance.co.uk & click 'book a class'
 Payment will be requested closer to the time via email.
 *please book by 9th December for 19.12.24 workshop

No refunds given for any reason. Families to provide food for the day. Childcare vouchers not accepted. Families to provide suitable clothing for both physical activity and outdoor play please keep in mind we will be crafting. Non-Hot Steppers Children very welcome! All children must be able to toilet themselves.

NO FOODS CONTAINING NUT PRODUCTS!

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Has your child missed their flu vaccination at school?

Year R-11 - Flu

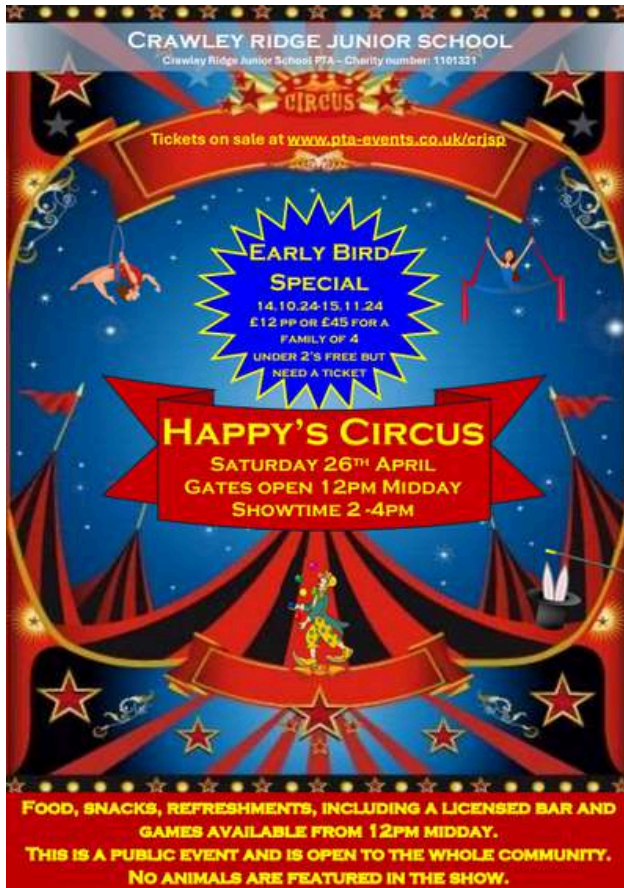
We are running a drop-in clinic for any of those children who may have missed these vital vaccination at school. Nurses will be available to discuss any queries you may have regarding vaccinations.

At Places Leisure Centre, Grand Avenue, Camberley GU15 3QH

Parking is Free for the first 4.5 hours, however you will need to enter your registration number at the Leisure Centre upon arrival (tablets to do this are placed on the left-hand side as you enter the building)

Friday 20th December 2024 between 14:30pm and 16:30pm

No appointment required just turn up.



CRAWLEY RIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL
 Crawley Ridge Junior Schools PTA - Charity number: 1101231

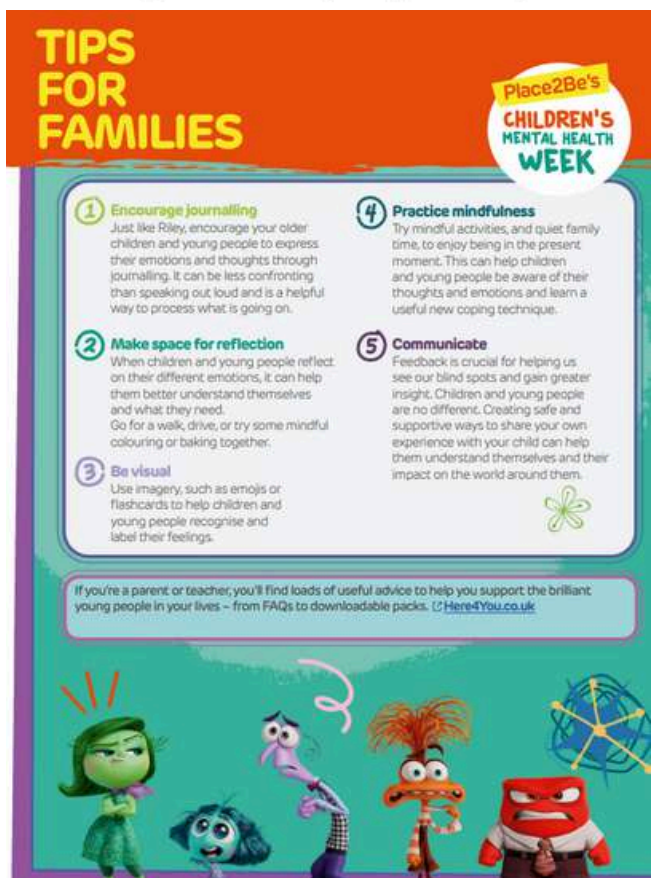
HAPPY'S CIRCUS

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

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.




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



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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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