



# Welcome to The Infant Informative



Friday 13th December 2024

Issue 14

## Thank you

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**\*\*Attendance Matters\*\*** Every day of school counts! Children should attend school every day unless they are unwell or there are exceptional circumstances. Poor attendance can significantly affect a child's learning and development, making it harder for them to catch up academically and socially. Missing just one day a week means a child loses 20% of their learning time over the school year. Please ensure your child attends school regularly to give them the best chance of success. **\*\*Punctuality is Key\*\*** Being on time is just as important as attendance. School starts at 08:45, and children should be in class by this time. Arriving late disrupts their learning and the class environment. If a child arrives after 09:15, they receive an absence mark for the morning session, which affects their attendance record.

**\*\*Keeping Children Safe Online\*\*** As technology becomes a bigger part of our children's lives, it's essential to ensure their online safety. Please monitor their internet use and talk to them about staying safe online. For guidance, visit the following websites: [ThinkUKnow](#) - Advice on online safety for parents and children / [Internet Matters](#) - Resources to support families with safe internet use / [NSPCC Online Safety](#) - Tips for setting up parental controls and having open conversations.

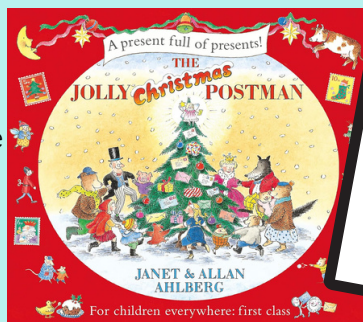
**\*\*Goodbye and Hello\*\*** We say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. Samuels, who leaves us on Wednesday, 18th December. Mrs. Samuels has been a valued member of our school community, and we thank her for everything she has done for the children and staff. We will miss her greatly and hope she keeps in touch. In the new year, we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Harvey to our team. I'm confident she will bring her energy and expertise to our school, and I know you will join me in making her feel welcome.

**\*\*End of Term Reminder\*\*** Please remember that children break up for the holidays on Wednesday, 18th December, at the earlier time of 13:30. There will be no newsletter next week due to the short school week.

Thank you for your continued support this term. Wishing you all a restful and joyous holiday break. We will see you on the 6th Jan! Mr O'Shea :)

### A message from our Assistant Headteacher Miss Saunders

I definitely will have recommended this one before, but after Reception's gorgeous performance this week, I couldn't not recommend it again. It is the *Jolly Christmas Postman* by Allen and Janet Ahlberg. This book is an absolute delight and has many interactive features for children to get stuck into.



## DIARY DATES

- 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
- **Children return to school for Spring One - 6th Jan 2025 @ 08:35**
- **Final Reception 2025 School Tour - 7th Jan @ 11:00**
- **PSHE Life Space workshops in school - 16th & 17th Jan**
- **National Story Telling Week - W/B 27th Jan**
- **Safer Internet Day - 11th Feb**

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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 TRAILERS WITH XMAS JUMPER. NO DONATION REQ BUT DONT FORGET SIGN UP 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**

**9th-13th Dec**

Christmas Post Boxes open for letters

Please label clearly with child's name and class

**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...

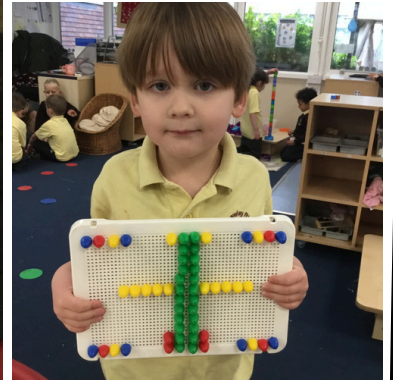
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This week we have fully stepped in to Christmas! We have enjoyed lots of Christmas crafts, like making reindeer antlers and decorating our own stockings. We have talked during circle time about things we do at home with our families at Christmas time, written cards to friends (and Father Christmas of course!) and the children have created their own Christmas lists, cutting and sticking toys from catalogues. We even had a go at wrapping presents in the 'wrapping station' and enjoyed role play with these. We hope you enjoyed our Christmas sing-along on Wednesday – didn't the children do well?!



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Our week started with lots of practice of our Christmas performance, followed by watching the Year 1 children's Christmas signing. On Tuesday the children did a brilliant job of performing their play, remembering their lines, when to stand up and sing the songs! We are very proud of them all. We have had many visits from the elf this week, particularly on Thursday morning where the children came into school to find all their toys had been taken! The Elves were not impressed by how many toys had been broken and not used properly over the past few weeks. The children did a great job of earning some of their toys back. In phonics we have been practising sounding out CVC words to support recording them as well as listening to different sounds and naming them. Our book of the week has been **'The Elves and the Shoemaker'** where we have listened to many different versions. We have had our own workshops, making Christmas decorations, coloured and stuck an elf back together again and designed new shoes.



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# This week in KS1 we have...

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WOW, WOW, WOW, what a week it has been! Rehearsals for our carol concert were ramped up to the max at the start of the week, culminating in a practice run to Reception on Tuesday afternoon, before our big performance to the parents on Wednesday afternoon at St Paul's. And can we just say- weren't your children amazing! They walked down from school to the church brilliantly, managed themselves amazingly in a very different setting for their performance and then, once we were all done, walked back to school without a moan or complaint. FABULOUS!!!! You were a credit to our school Year 1, so thank you on behalf of your grown-ups. Learning wise we have had a week of finishing off and bringing topics to an end. In our writing we have been enjoying an old favourite- **Stickman** by Julia Donaldson. We have revisited the story and learnt about speech marks so that we could write about how Stickman feels about being used as a bat or a bow. In computing we discussed what debugging is and how it can help solve a problem with a device or computer when the algorithm goes wrong. In science we were finishing off our learning about the seasons, exploring animals that migrate for the winter, as well as learning about those creatures that hibernate in the winter months. Finally, in RE we explored how the story of the Nativity is celebrated and represented in art in different countries around the world. Have a restful weekend ready for a busy few days to end our first term in Year 1 next week. The Year 1 Team



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What an incredibly busy week we have had! Firstly, we would like to say well done to all the children for the effort they put into learning the words and songs for our Christmas play. Aside from practising for the play the children have also been very busy in English. This week the children have been writing their own versions of the story **The Snowman** by Raymond Briggs. The children did an excellent job using adjectives and adverbs in their writing, as well as using interesting verb choices. In history we have been looking at the consequences of the Great Fire of London. In art we have finished painting our clay cups using bright, bold colours. They look absolutely amazing. In science the children had a brilliant time investigating the effects of different forces on different materials. The children tried to bend, twist, stretch and squash different materials to see if they would change shape. In R.E. the children have been learning about giving and thinking of ways we can give to others.



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# Nurture Hub & Golden Acorns

Dear Parents,

This week in the Nurture Hub groups, we wrapped up our festive decorations by creating glittery Christmas trees. It has been wonderful hearing about everyone's Christmas plans and sharing in the excitement of the season.

During our Time to Talk sessions, we engaged in a fun "eating out" role-play activity. The children practiced important social skills such as greeting others, making eye contact, taking turns in conversation, and asking and answering questions appropriately. These skills are vital in building confidence and effective communication.

We look forward to more engaging activities in the coming weeks, and we are excited to welcome some new faces in the Spring Term!



## GOLDEN LEAVES

Class name	Child's name	Comment
Diamond	Rory	For amazing concentration and focus during carpet sessions.
Ruby	Noah	For listening and following instructions so well in class last week.
Topaz	Bella	For fabulous Traction Man writing.
Amethyst	Erin	For her fabulous writing this week!
Emerald	Angelica	For super effort and making great contributions to discussions.
Sapphire	Freya	For making huge progress in her independent writing.

**OVERALL WINNING CLASS:**

**AMETHYST**



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# PTA

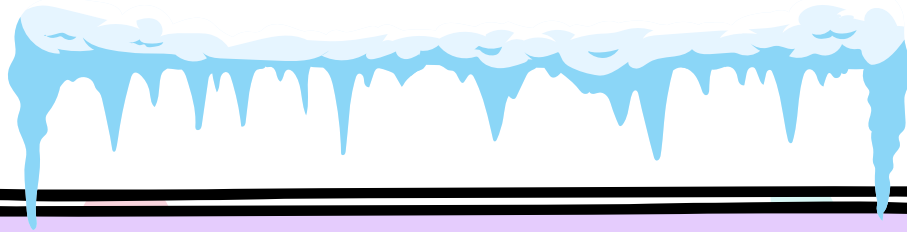
Join us for our first PTA meeting of the New Year  
on

Monday 13th January at 20:00

If you can't attend the meeting but have a fundraising idea to share please email us

[pta@cri.tamat.org.uk](mailto:pta@cri.tamat.org.uk)

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## You might be interested in...

### GOD WITH US a present hope



Family Carols ☺

Sunday 15th December, 10.30am

Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 22nd December, 6pm

Christingle ☺

Tuesday 24th December, 3pm & 4.30pm

Midnight Communion

Tuesday 24th December, 11.15pm

Christmas Day Services ☺

Wednesday 25th December,

9am Communion Service

10.30am Family Service

☺ suitable for families & children

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



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helping young people in Surrey



## 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

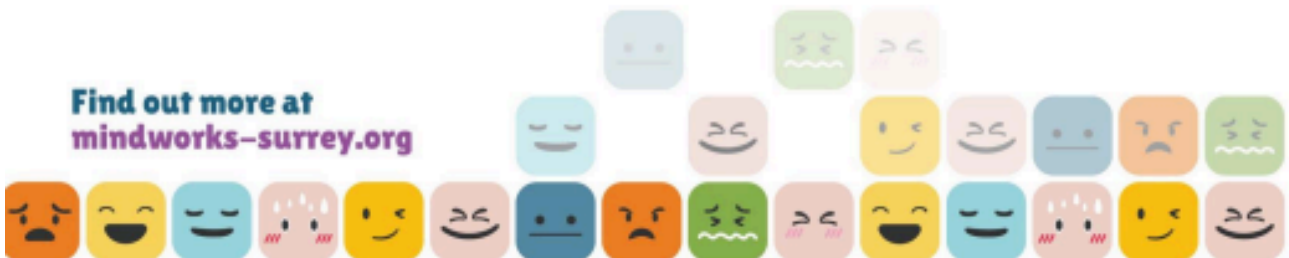
**Time:** Tuesday 13.15 TBC

**Location:** Crawley Ridge Junior School

To book your place contact your SENDCO:

Lisa Culligan: [lculligan@crj.tamat.org.uk](mailto:lculligan@crj.tamat.org.uk)

Find out more at  
[mindworks-surrey.org](http://mindworks-surrey.org)



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# You might be interested in...



**Hot Steppers Dance**

**BOOK NOW!!**

**CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS!!**  
**THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER\* 9:30 - 15:30**  
**MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 9:30 - 15:30**

**CRAWLEY RIDGE INFANT SCHOOL, CAMBERLEY, GU15 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 between 14:30pm and 16:30pm

No appointment required just turn up.



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

**HAPPY'S CIRCUS**

Tickets on sale at [www.pta-events.co.uk/crjssp](http://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 26<sup>TH</sup> 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



- 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](http://Here4You.co.uk)



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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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