



School Newsletter

13th December 2019



Christmas with the Aliens



Wagtails learning in the woodland area



Harvesting Carrots



PTA Christmas Sale

School Library - help wanted please

A big thank you to those parents who have stepped forward offering to tidy our library on a weekly basis. We have now drawn up a daily rota (3:00-3:15). There is still a spare slot on Wednesdays if anyone else is able to help out then.

Christmas Shows

What a lovely week we've had with Years 1 and 2 performing "Christmas with Aliens"! It was great to have a visit from past pupils on Thursday, when children in Year 3 at Busbridge Junior School, accompanied by Headteacher Mr Catchpole, providing a lovely audience in preparation for the main performances. We are very much looking forward to Year R's performance of "Shine Star Shine" on Tuesday.

Christingle Oranges | Wednesday 18th December

The children will each be making a Christingle which they take to church on Thursday 19th December for our Christingle service. Please could you provide a medium sized orange for your child and bring this into school at morning drop off on Wednesday 18th December. Many thanks.

Christmas Parties | Wednesday 18th December

Each class will be having their own Christmas Party on Wednesday 18th December in the afternoon and a special visitor will (hopefully!) be popping by. Class teachers put up sign-up sheets in the class cloakrooms at the start of this week for parents/carers to indicate what party food they would like to bring for the party. The food should be brought into school on the morning on 18th December and put in the classrooms. Please only provide an appropriate amount of food (for example, if 6 people have signed up for biscuits, each parent should only buy a small amount of biscuits, 30 children ÷ 6 lots of biscuits). Please make sure that the food is **nut free**. All children can bring party clothes in a named bag to be put on their peg the morning of 18th December.

In Class Celebration of Work | Friday 20 December at 1.15pm

We would like to invite any parents/carers who are available to come into the classrooms from 1:15 on the last day of term to look at all the wonderful work that the children have produced this term. The children are all rightly proud of their achievements and we would love for them to have an opportunity to share their successes with you while the learning is still fresh in their minds. Please enter the classroom by your usual drop off point. We look forward to seeing you then. You will be able to take the children home directly from the classroom from 1:45.

Reception children's Pick-Up

From Monday 6th January, please can Reception parents start collecting children from the big playground at 3.15pm (rather than by the side door of Wrens). In order for the teachers and children to be able to identify parents and other people collecting, please can you stand as close to the rainbow house area as possible, and no further back than the stage area. In addition to this, we would like to remind parents and carers that, at the end of the day, the class waits with their teacher or teaching assistant to be handed over to whoever is picking them up. If the teacher cannot see the person who is collecting the child, they will wait with the child on the playground for a few moments, if that is possible (e.g. they might be running an after school club), before then walking them around to the Office.

Reminder: Nut Free School Policy

Please keep in mind that this is a whole school policy to protect adults, including staff, and children who suffer from nut allergies, which means no items containing nuts may be brought into school. Thank you

Reminder: YR and Y3 School Admissions Application Deadline 15 January 2020

A reminder that if your child is in Year Two, or if you have a child that is due to start Reception in September 2020, the closing date for applications is 15 January 2020. **Please apply via the following link:** <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> or you can request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Maths Activities

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
<u>Comparing and Ordering Numbers</u> Sing counting songs e.g. 5 currant buns, 5 little ducks, 10 in a bed, to count on and back. Choose two numbers e.g. 5 and 8. Ask your child to find objects to make the two numbers e.g. pasta shells, so they can see the value of the two numbers. Ask which number is less? Which number is more? Ask them to explain how they know. Extend to making and ordering 3 numbers up to 10, then 20 objects.	<u>Values of different coins</u> Show your child coins up to £2 and get them to identify the coins and tell you how many pennies they are worth (if possible, also identify notes up to £50). As a challenge, see if they can add coins together using totals less than 20p e.g. $10p+2p=12p$, $10p+5p+5p=20p$. Then use the coin fan in maths pack to make an amount using real coins e.g. show them 20p on the coin fan and ask them to find coins to make that amount.	<u>Time</u> Ask your child to draw the long minute hand onto the clock in the maths pack to show quarter past, half past and then quarter to. Can they draw the time including the shorter hour hand? Ask them to draw the times that include the hour hand, e.g. quarter past 12; half past 3; quarter to six. Then ask them questions to find 1 hour or half an hour earlier or later.

Christmas Sale

The hall was buzzing with excitement last Friday morning as the children chose their gifts for family and friends. A massive thank you to all the team of volunteers for organising such a special event. Thank you also to everyone who donated/created gifts for the children to buy. Without your support these special events would not be able to take place.

Reminder: Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box will remain in the corridor (near the blue chairs close to the school office) until Monday when the last collection and delivery will take place. Please can you ensure that the **recipient's full name and class** are clearly marked on the front of the envelope.

Festive Family Singalong – Thursday 19th December

We're very excited about our first Festive Family Singalong in the school hall on Thursday 19th December from 6pm-7.15pm. The Year 2 Christmas Choir will lead the carolling, and there will be plenty of mulled wine, mince pies, craft for the children and a Christmas raffle. This is sure to be a wonderfully festive evening to end the term and get us in the Christmas spirit. Suggested donation of £5 per family on entry, which includes all refreshments and colouring activities. We look forward to seeing you there!



Sale of gifts leftover from Christmas Sale

Ho ho ho! Following the enormous success of the Christmas sale, we are doing one last push of left over gifts after the bad weather prevented a lot of parents and carers from looking after the sale last week. There's still some lovely gifts waiting to be bought before Christmas for the low cost of £1 or less with the proceeds going to the PTA! The team will be selling these under the playground shelter after school finishes on Friday. Happy Christmas all!

Have a lovely weekend,
Katherine Smith, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Note: We will issue a Spring Term Schedule in the New Year

December

Thursday 12th Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance "Christmas with the Aliens" 2:15
Friday 13th Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance "Christmas with the Aliens" 9:15
Tuesday 17th YR Christmas Nativity Performance "Shine Star Shine" 9.15
Tuesday 17th Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th Pied Piper Theatre visit
Wed 18th Christmas Parties p.m.
Thursday 19th Christingle Service at church (children and staff only)
Friday 20th In Class Celebration 1:15-1:45
Friday 20th Last day of term 1.45pm finish

January

Thursday 9th Year 2 trip Gilbert White Centre
Thursday 16th PTA meeting at 8pm in school hall
Monday 27th Finches trip to Little Street a.m.
Tuesday 28th Swallows trip to Little Street a.m.

February

Tuesday 4th Surrey Outdoor Learning in School
Friday 14th INSET Day
17-20th Half Term
Tuesday 25th Year 1 trip to Birdworld

INSET Days - Wednesday 4th September, Monday 4th November, Friday 14th February, **Wednesday 22nd July** + 1 date tbc

Please be aware that if parents/carers take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days, they will be liable to receive penalty notices. Currently, the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 payable within 21 days, rising to £120.00 if paid within 21- 28 days. If the penalty notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that Penalty Notices are issued per parent/carer per child, so a family with 2 parents/carers and 2 children will receive 4 penalty notices.

- Fundraising for the school – if you make purchases using Amazon, you can help raise money for our school by going to <https://smile.amazon.co.uk> and selecting 'Busbridge Infant PTA' as your chosen charity on your Amazon account (please note that easyfundraising is no longer supported by Amazon).
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