



Pyrford Church of England Primary School

13 October 2017

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Good morning. I thought I had better try and get ahead of myself today by writing this well before school has started for the day as we are shortly due to receive a coach load of visitors from France who will be touring the building. To say I am a little nervous would be an understatement and I am desperately hoping that their English is considerably stronger than my GCSE French.

This week has been taken up with many a meeting. Mrs Little, Mrs Alexander and myself met with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) from Surrey this week. The purpose of the visit is to monitor attendance and punctuality at school. We discuss individual cases, any pupils with broken weeks, late arrivals at school and other absences and the EWO checks the procedures the school has in place to ensure that we are chasing absences and lates. I was really pleased to receive the news that the school continues to have outstanding attendance at 97.1% in 2016/17 so a huge thank you to parents for supporting our drive to keep attendance at school a priority. I think figures may have taken a nose dive this week though with a nasty virus sweeping through Reception classes. Hopefully those of you who have fallen victim to this are now on the mend.

The highlight of our week at school has been the visit by Bishop Jo Bailey Wells along with Alex Tear and Mike Hall from the Diocesan Education office. Bishop Jo led a fantastic collective worship session on our theme this week which is 'The bread of life.' Bishop Jo was particularly impressed with the children's singing and the fantastic prayers which the children had written themselves. Reverend Aiken and myself did smile though when Bishop Jo confided to us that she was extremely nervous of delivering collective worship to 480 eager children. The children very ably demonstrated what a strong community we have here at Pyrford.

We were also visited this week by an external educational consultant who knows the school well. It is important that we continually quality assure the work that we do at school. His visit focussed on how we stretch the most able children. We visited classes, spoke to children and had a good look through the books. There were some stunning pieces of work which neither of us could believe had been written by children. Work we looked at, particularly in Year 6, easily matched that of year 9 pupils. I hope parents feel proud of their children and that you can appreciate the level of work that your children are producing across the school when you come to the upcoming parents meetings.

Many thanks to those of you who have already responded to our parent questionnaire. We have had a good return but if you haven't had time yet please can I encourage you to log on and share your views. The leadership team and governing body are keen to know what we can do to improve our educational offer at the school and how we communicate that most effectively to you.

Next week is our last week before the half term holiday. Year 5 are visiting the Planetarium, but the highlight of my week is going to be the half termly tea party. I love this aspect of my job the most and this gives me the opportunity to really get to know every single pupil in the school. In fact Bishop Jo and her colleagues commented on my ability to name all the children which for me is so important. The week will culminate with a sports themed mufti day organised by the PTA, I may have to give this one some thought!

Have a wonderful weekend, the current forecast is for warm autumn sunshine.

Best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher



PTA MUFTI DAY

Friday 20th October 2017

'All About Sports'

All children can come into school in their favourite sports wear or dancewear.



Please bring £1 donation to be handed to the teacher in the morning

Please return Breakfast Club and Treetops booking forms as soon as possible. A reminder that account payments should be up to date.

New lunch menus were sent out this week. Please return by Monday.

Copies of all menus and forms are on the website.

Many thanks.

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Arjun Farmah for producing a wonderful Autumn picture and showing it to his friends.

Hazel - Olive Symes for being an amazing writer.

Beech - Mussa Rahman for always trying his best.

Chestnut - Jared Efedje for working hard on the star challenges.

Oak - Bo Burden for trying really hard with the star job.

Cedar - Nico Regueiro Russell for writing a brilliant colour poem.

Hawthorn - Jack Hannell & Joel Godwin for always trying their best and working hard.

Elm - Celianne Lorvo for producing a consistently high standard of work in all subjects.

Juniper - Bismah Mohammed for thoughtful writing about the Prodigal Son.

Maple - Hasnain Shafique for thoughtful writing about the Prodigal Son.

Alder - Rafi Quddos & Tom Purnell for excellent addition work in Maths.

Larch - Matilda Hodges for excellent addition work in Maths.

Cherry - Jack Thongtan for using adventurous vocabulary and similes in his Highway Man writing.

Rowan - Lydia Gidman for writing a fantastic description of the Highway Man.

Willow - Harry Cicigoi for a wonderful trench design.

Laurel - Hafsa Khan for a beautifully presented and informative poster about Stonehenge.

Holly - Jesse Freeman for an informative and creative poster about Stonehenge.



In assembly next week we are thinking about **Diwali** and the symbolism of light in Hinduism



Year 2 have enjoyed Outdoor Learning Day. We visited our bug hotel and were so excited to find that Mr Spider had moved in. We found many other creatures hiding under logs. We



also worked together outside to develop our team skills.



Read about Year 3's Outdoor Learning Day later in the newsletter.

SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017—2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Yr 5 to Intech Planetarium	Tue 17 October	
'All about Sports' Mufti Day	Fri 20 October	
Autumn Half term	23—27 October	
Wintershall Assembly	Tue 31 October	10:10
Yr 6 Secondary Admissions deadline	Tue 31 October	
School Photographer for individual photos	Wed 1 & Thu 2 November	
Perform Drama workshops	Tue 7 November	
Autumn Parents Meetings	Tue 7 November	15:30 - 17:30
Autumn Parents Meetings	Thu 9 November	15:30 - 19:30
Y6 measurement programme with School Nurse	Wed 15 November	pm
Presentation & Tour for Prospective Parents	Thu 16 November	10:00 & 14:00 & 19:00
Mufti Day for Christmas Fayre	Fri 17 November	
Willow & Cherry to Imperial War Museum	Tue 21 November	
Secret Santa Donations to school	Wed 22 November	at drop off
Rowan Class to Imperial War Museum	Thu 23 November	
Y3 Romans & Celts Day	Fri 24 November	
Friends' Christmas Fayre	Sat 25 November	
KS1 Christmas Production	Tue 12 December	14:00
KS1 Christmas Production	Wed 13 December	10:00
FS Christmas Production	Thu 14 December	14:00
KS2 Carol Concert in church	Fri 15 December	14:00
KS2 Carol Concert in church	Mon 18 December	19:00
FS & KS1 Christmas Parties	Wed 20 December	14:00
Junior Christmas Disco	Wed 20 December	18:30 - 20:00
School Christmas Service at CoGS	Thu 21 December	09:30
Last Day of Autumn Term	Thu 21 December	finish at 13:30
Christmas Holidays	22 December to 3 January	
INSET Day	Thu 4 January	
INSET Day	Fri 5 January	
First Day of Spring Term	Mon 8 January	
Primary Admissions deadline	Mon 15 January	
Yr 3 class to Pizza Express	Tue 16 January	
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o2 Young Voices Concert	Tue 30 January	
Yr 4 class to Guildford Museum	Wed 7 February	
Yr 4 class to Guildford Museum	Thu 8 February	
Spring Half term	12 - 16 February	
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Thu 22 February	
Yr 4 class to Synagogue	Wed 7 March	
Yr 4 class to Synagogue	Thu 8 March	
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Wed 14 March	
Yr 5 Residential to Fairthorne Manor	Mon 26 - Thu 29 March	
School Easter Service at CoGS	Thu 29 March	09:30
Last Day of Spring Term	Thu 29 March	finish at 13:30
Easter Holidays	2 - 13 April	

Description	Date	Time
First Day of Summer Term	Mon 16 April	
Reception to Ladyland Farm	Fri 20 April	
Yr 5 Viking workshop	Mon 23 April	
Yr 4 Residential to Hindleap Warren	Mon 23 - Wed 25 April	
Yr 3 (part) Residential to High Ashurst	Mon 30 April - Tue 1 May	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo	Wed 2 May	
May Bank Holiday	Mon 7 May	
Yr 3 (part) Residential to High Ashurst	Tue 8 - Wed 9 May	
SATs Week	14 - 18 May	
Yr 4 Bikeability Course	Wed 23 - Thu 24 May	
Summer Half term	28 May - 1 June	
Yr 6 Bikeability Course	Mon 4 - Fri 8 June	
Yr 2 to Alice Holt	Tue 12 June	
Yr 4 to Wisley	Wed 13 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Gaveston Hall	18 - 22 June	
PTA Masked Ball at Brooklands	Fri 22 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Mon 25 June	
Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral	Mon 25 June	12:30
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Tue 26 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 27 June	
Yr 5 Bikeability Course	Mon 2 - Wed 4 July	
Secondary School Induction Days	Tue 3 and/or Wed 4 July	
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Thu 5 July	
FS & KS1 Sports Day	Tue 10 July	am
KS2 Sports Day	Thu 12 July	
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Fri 20 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Fri 20 July	finish at 13:30
INSET DAY	Mon 23 July	

To build on their studies of 'The Hodgehog', Year 3 visited the environmental garden and, after looking for possible hedgehog habitats, were inspired to write this poem, 'The Hedgehog's Paradise'.

A garden is a paradise for a hedgehog
 A place of peace where anyone can go.
 You skip from here to there
 Run around without a care
 You can always come and rest, and take it slow.

A garden is a Disneyland for a hedgehog,
 You can't wait to get there with your friends.
 We will catch more with our prickles,
 But we're no match for stinging nettles.
 But at least we will have some food.

A garden is a delight for a hedgehog
 You will not see a human in sight.
 Attempting such a thing,
 Is simply amazing.
 From a predator, you won't get a fright.

A garden is a peaceful place for a hedgehog
 You will always get very dirty.
 You might find a hedgehog
 Lying next to a log.
 Everyday is like one big party.



Pyrford C of E Primary School's

Fabulously Festive
CHRISTMAS FAYRE

25TH NOVEMBER
11AM-2PM

Gifts, Raffles, BBQ
Refreshments & Mulled Wine

Santa's Grotto Secret Santa

Coldharbour Rd, Pyrford, Woking GU22 8SP

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

25TH NOVEMBER
11AM-2PM

Raffle & Silent Auction

RAFFLE

- 1st Prize Amazon Echo Dot*
- 2nd Prize Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Tickets*
- 3rd Prize Portable DAB Radio*

*Tickets in bookbags next
week*

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SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
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Ski Team Report

On Sunday 1st October Pyrford School proudly entered **two** teams into the Surrey Schools Ski Race at Aldershot dry ski slope. Our two teams consisted of **Ollie Johnson, Hayden & Genevieve Cassidy, Joseph Platts, and Hannah & Charlotte Anderson**. Both teams performed extremely well with the drive and determination mindset to compete in what was a very tough race.

Between the six children, **they won three categories**, 2nd in the mini mixed team race; 1st in the fun race and an individual 1st. Plus some of the children were lucky enough to have their photo taken with Olympic Gold Medallist Charlotte Evans (who incidentally started skiing on a dry slope too).

The keen eyed of you will also notice that the founder of Pyrford Ski Team was also there; Lucas Collyer-Todd. A big thank you to all the parents and children who made it possible for the school to compete as a team.



Anyone interested in learning more about the ski team or about skiing, please contact Tamasina.Cassidy@skiclub.co.uk or speak to one of the team members at school.

Tamasina Cassidy



New Yoga class in Pyrford

Mixed ability Hatha Yoga

With Julia Woodham, a Yoga Alliance accredited teacher, Yoga Therapist and Mindfulness Practitioner

The Old School Room, St. Nicholas Church, Pyrford GU22 8XH

Mondays 1.30 to 2.45 pm, starting 9th October 2017

Contact me for booking

julia.woodham@gmail.com

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<http://www.yoga-horizons.co.uk/wp/>



The teenage brain – what is going on?

Come to a relaxed presentation & receive the latest insights & research on the adolescent brain to help you make sense of it all.

Relevant for parents, grandparents, teachers & youth workers

Wednesday 1st November at 8pm
Old School Room, Church Hill, Pyrford GU22 8XH



Presentation delivered by **Miranda Brockman**
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Cost £10/person.

To book a ticket:

- ring: 01932 349825
- text: 07929 867352
- e mail: miranda@mirandabrockman.co.uk

What people say:

"Thank you so much for coming to see the school on Friday. I thought it was a fantastic presentation, clearly one of the best that we have ever had. The staff have all commented on the subject matter and I think you inspired a lot of teachers"

Haydon Moore, Headmaster.

"I highly recommend this course to any parent who wants to develop themselves as a parent and enjoy this chapter in family life"

Jane Adshead-Grant, Mother & Executive Coach

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Save the date...



for the Pyrford Primary School PTA

Masked Ball

Friday 22nd June 2018

Brooklands Museum

More info in the new year

Lights
Fantastic

31st OCTOBER, 2017
CHURCH OF THE
GOOD SHEPHERD
& PYRFORD CofE
SCHOOL HALL

6pm CHURCH SERVICE
6.30 REFRESHMENTS
& GAMES AT THE
SCHOOL
7.15 FIREWORKS

Please join the FPPS and the Church of the Good Shepherd for a short family service at the church, followed by refreshments, apple bobbing, marshmallow toasting, fireworks and more! No tickets necessary.