



# Pyrford Church of England Primary School

20 October 2017

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## VACANCY

**Midday  
Supervisor  
required to start  
as soon as  
possible.**

**5 days per week.**

**11:30 - 13:15**

**For more details  
contact**

**Mrs McAllister**

[info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

Good morning!

Well half term is upon us and whilst it is very much welcomed here, the staff have all been questioning where the term has gone? We are also building ourselves up for what is probably one of our busiest half terms leading up to Christmas.

Everyone has arrived at school today dressed in mufti, which always adds to the excitement of the day. Thank you to parents for supporting this. Funds raised are being added to the PTA pot so that we can provide a variety of additional experiences for the children. The PTA have been working relentlessly recently to offer suggestions and to research what kind of things would make a difference to the children that government funding does not provide. School council are also meeting today to give feedback as to what the pupils would like to do and experience to improve their educational offer.

Behind the scenes this week, I have been attending a lot of strategy meetings with Guildford Diocese where I am involved in helping to shape educational strategy across the 85 church schools. Government are driving policy hard in terms of academies and a school led system of improvement which is great for autonomy and has allowed Pyrford some fantastic opportunities. However we are doing this against a continually challenging economic background with funding dropping year on year and against serious challenges in the lack of teachers in the system.

Year 5 visited the Winchester Planetarium this week and I'm told had a great time lying in the reclining seats exploring the universe.

This week you should have received an email with instructions on how to book an appointment for parents meetings after half term. Please contact the school office if you are having any difficulty and we would be happy to help. We have tried to be as accommodating as possible, particularly for families where parents have separated. If all the slots are taken for your class, again please contact the office who will speak to the class teacher to find additional times.

The week after half term is school photo week. Individual and sibling photos will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday of that week. We are also fortunate to have secured the Wintershall actors to come and put on a performance for all the school during the morning of Tuesday 31st October.

I hope that you have an enjoyable half term. If you are attending early firework events, please keep safe.

Best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki  
Headteacher



# Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

**Squirrels** - Mason Moser for always helping to tidy up and Amelie Regueiro Russell for helping her friends at the painting table.

**Hazel** - Zain Bashir for always being kind and helpful.

**Beech** - Dexter Evans for making some fantastic models.

**Chestnut** - Abi Fisher for trying really hard with her traction man writing.

**Oak** - Beth Williams for brilliant work in writing.

**Cedar** - Thea Johnston for excellent maths work and explaining her thinking.

**Hawthorn** - Freya Cuttle for working really hard in Maths and writing.

**Elm** - Henry Mallinson & Isadora Rubie for writing a lovely descriptive story based on 'The Hodgeheg'.

**Juniper** - Genevieve Cassidy for writing an amazing descriptive Hodgeheg story.

**Maple** - Daniel Sprangle for making an excellent effort in Maths this term.

**Alder** - Sofia Kolby Southerland & Dylan Miles for creating an interesting and detailed leaflet about Sutton Hoo.

**Larch** - Anaya Awais for creating an interesting and detailed leaflet about Sutton Hoo.

**Cherry** - Benjamin Broadhead for great effort and accurate work on division.

**Rowan** - Mithra Raja for creating a super ending to the Highway Man poem.

**Willow** - Lilly Staton for a fantastic monologue as a character from the Highway Man.

**Laurel** - Felix Lindstrom for a fantastic cave painting in Art.

**Holly** - Joe Nicholas for a fantastic cave painting in Art.



In assembly after half term we are thinking about **All Saints' Day**, a day to honour all saints and martyrs of the church



## INDIVIDUAL PUPIL PHOTOS

**WEDNESDAY 1st & THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER**

The photographer from Fraser Green will be in the week after half term to take photos of all the children on their own and in sibling groups.

Each morning we will start with some of the Squirrels children and will do their sibling shots at that time. On the Wednesday we are planning to take only individual photos of the children in the school.

On Thursday we will take individual photos of any children not photographed on Wednesday and we will also make arrangements for all the siblings in the school to have a photo together.

Please make sure your children are looking their best on both days.

The photographer is able to take some family group photos from 3:15pm on the Thursday. Please email Mrs Anderson to make an appointment ([c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)) or ask at the office.

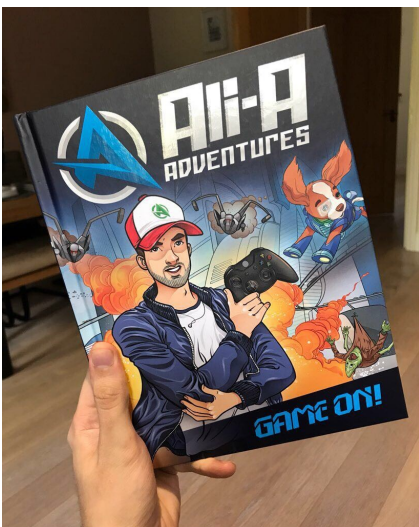
If you have any questions about the arrangements, please contact the office.

## SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017—2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
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	
Christmas Tree Sale	Sat 2 December	
<b>Bag 2 School collection</b>	<b>Mon 11 December</b>	
KSI Christmas Production	Tue 12 December	14:00
<b>Yr 4 class to Guildford Museum</b>	<b>Wed 13 December</b>	
KSI Christmas Production	Wed 13 December	10:00
<b>Yr 4 class to Guildford Museum</b>	<b>Thu 14 December</b>	
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 & KSI 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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Yr 3 class to Pizza Express	Thu 18 January	
o2 Young Voices Concert	Tue 30 January	
<b>Yr 4 class to Guildford Museum</b>	<b>Wed 7 February</b>	
<b>Yr 4 class to Guildford Museum</b>	<b>Thu 8 February</b>	
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

Description	Date	Time
Easter Holidays	2 - 13 April	
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 & KSI 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 tie in with former Pyrford Primary pupil Alastair Aiken's CBBC TV programme, Ali-A's Superchargers, he has launched a book **Ali-A Adventures: Game On!** The ideal Christmas gift for a fan?



The Friends have organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School to raise funds for the school. You have the chance to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. (Full list on their website <http://uk.bag2school.com>) Not only does it help raise money but it helps raise awareness of recycling and reuse.

So if you're having a clear out over the half term holiday, please could you hold on to it? Bags will be sent home after half term and should be brought back to school on Monday 11th December.

Thank you.



**I'm lost and would like to go home.**

**Please come and get me from the office!**

## School Garden Update

Our fabulous team of parent volunteers have continued to work their green fingered magic in the school garden and in addition to the new hedge line and a mountain of weeding - a new woodland path is starting to emerge. We are continuing to develop this path and hope to install some surprises along the way in the form of hedgehog houses, bird houses, bug hotels and much more. The children are loving spending time in their school garden which is great!



But we need your help!

We are looking to install a variety of wooden signs and a notice board on the entrance and we have a whole stack of wood that we are keen to re-use. But we need that **carpentry/handy-with-a-hammer type person - can you help?** If so, please give Lianne a call on 07387 193320.



Also, do you have any **spare pots of**



**paint** available? Preferably bright colours? We want to paint the fence in the half term and are looking for any leftover paint we can use. Thank you.

Remember - **we meet every Friday straight after school**  
- feel free to join us!

Please make sure your child has a coat in school every day so that they aren't prevented from playing outside.



# PTA LOTTERY



## A CHANCE TO WIN A CASH PRIZE EVERY MONTH

£1 a month to enter

50% of money goes towards exciting items for the school and 50% is returned as a cash prize to the winner and runner up each month.

An example below represents the prizes depending on the amount of members.

	1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize
100 members	£33.33	£16.66
200 members	£66.66	£33.33
300 members	£100	£50

To enter please complete the form below and return to the PTA post box (by the school office).

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**PTA Lottery – please put my number in the next draw!**

Each number costs £1 a month, payable annually (£12 for one number, £24 for two numbers etc.) Payment can be made by cheque or standing order. If you wish to pay by annual standing order the bank information and instructions will be sent to you by email.

Name:

Tel. No:

E-mail:

Child's Name(s) and Class(es):

I enclose a cheque for £...../ I wish to pay by standing order- please send me the information for my bank.



The ladies in the office have really enjoyed looking through the Match Attax file found in school, but feel it should now go back to its owner. If it's yours and you can tell us a little bit about what's in it, please come to the office.



**Santa is coming to the Christmas Fayre!**

**Pyrford C of E Primary School**

**Saturday 25th November 2017**

**11am - 2pm**

Visit Santa in his grotto. Write him a letter and post it in his special post box. Receive a quality gift and reindeer food for Rudolph.

Look out for booking forms in book bags, or print out the one attached to this newsletter.

Return it to the Friends box in the school reception by **Friday 3rd November** at the latest.



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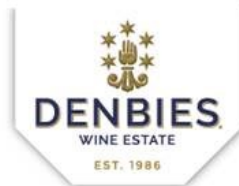
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SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
CONTACT ANDREA SKIDMORE  
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**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**



## Design Your Own Card

Your child can create and design a **Christmas Card**, or a **Card for an alternative celebration e.g. Eid, Diwali**

The cards will be professionally printed with your child's name on the back as the designer.

They come in packs of 12, (the first pack costs £5.50 and then £4.50 for any additional packs), and you will also be able to purchase packs of 16 Gift Tags with the same design, (£2.50 per pack).

**Every pack of cards and gift tags ordered raises money for our school** (£1 for every pack of cards and 50p for every pack of gift tags)

**We are running a 'Best Design' Competition for each Key Stage Group**, (Early Years – Nursery & Reception, KS1 – Years 1 & 2, KS2 – Years 3-6) **and the winner from each group will receive 6 x Free Tickets for either the Children's Toys Tombola, Chocolate Tombola or Jam Jar Tombola**

**Look out for your Order Form** which will be sent home with your child – **designs and orders need to be returned to your class teacher by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Good Luck

Pyrford C of E Primary School's

# *Fabulously Festive* JAM JAR COMPETITION

This year's theme is:  
"Fabulously Festive"

All you need to do is fill a jar with wrapped sweets, chocolates (NO NUTS) and small toys and then get your child to decorate the jar

Please can you put your child's name and class on the bottom of the jar

All jars can be won on the Jam Jar Stall at the Christmas Fayre


There will be prizes for the best boy and girl in each class, and prizes for the overall winners for KS1 and KS2

Please note that KS2 children will be doing this in school but KS1 and Reception can decorate their jars at home

Please bring it to school by Thursday 23rd November



**CHILDREN'S** 8-12yrs  
**YOGA**



Thursdays from 9th November 2017, 3.45 to 4.30pm at Nuffield Health

### Healthy body, healthy mind

Fun, interactive classes to support children's physical, mental and emotional health and development. **Movement and poses** help to increase strength, flexibility, balance and good digestion, breathing and posture. **Relaxing, mindful techniques** to help calm and focus children's monkey minds!

Using practical, child-friendly tools we will develop the life skills of recognising and reducing feelings of stress and anxiety. Practice, games and stories will encourage confidence, positive self image, and care for oneself and others.

Christina Jones is a CNHC registered yoga teacher and yoga therapist. DBS certified.  
Please visit [www.yoga-flow.co.uk/children](http://www.yoga-flow.co.uk/children) for further details and to register  
or email [christina@yoga-flow.co.uk](mailto:christina@yoga-flow.co.uk).



# Lights Fantastic

31st OCTOBER, 2017 | 6pm CHURCH SERVICE  
 CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD & PYRFORD CoFe | 6.30 REFRESHMENTS & GAMES AT THE SCHOOL  
 SCHOOL HALL | 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.



# COIGN CHURCH FIREWORKS

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
 5.00pm - 7.00pm  
 Pyrford Cricket Club, GU22 8ST

## Plus Live Music & SPARKLERS

Cost £3 per person  
 £2 for under 12's  
 Free for under 3's  
 Plus free guest ticket with every pre-ordered ticket!

Bring extra pennies for:

BBQ from £1.00 each	Tuck Shop
Hot and Cold Drinks	Paying Bar

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### 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 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8pm**  
 Old School Room, Church Hill, Pyrford GU22 8XH



**Presentation delivered by Miranda Brockman**  
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Cost £10/person.  
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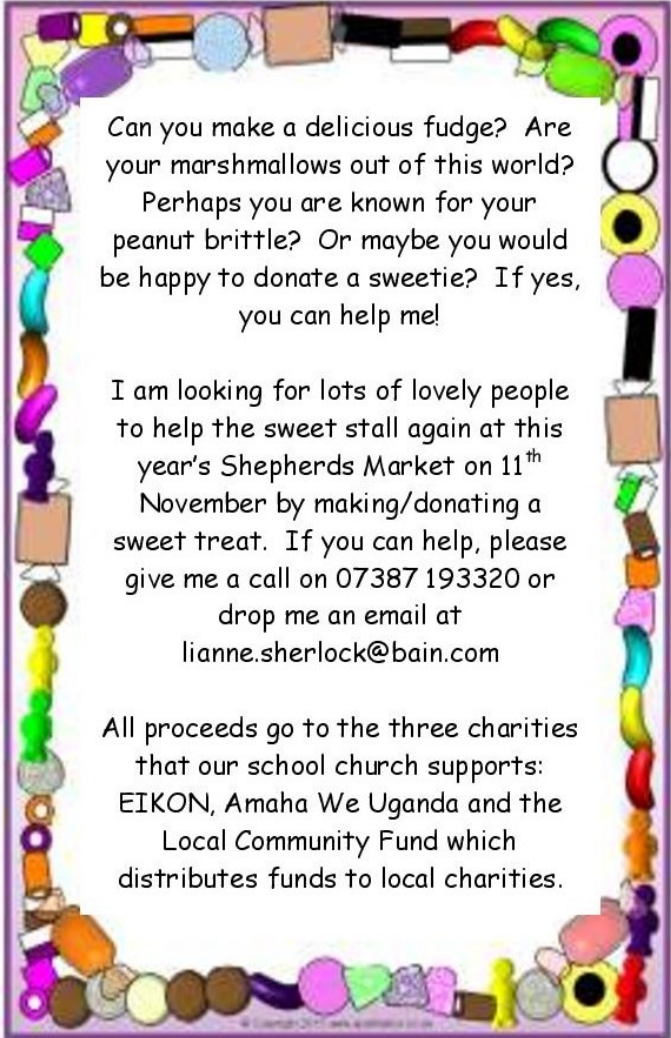
- ring: 01932 349825
- text: 07929 867352
- e mail: [miranda@mirandabrockman.co.uk](mailto:miranda@mirandabrockman.co.uk)

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

[www.mirandabrockman.co.uk](http://www.mirandabrockman.co.uk)

Can you make a delicious fudge? Are your marshmallows out of this world? Perhaps you are known for your peanut brittle? Or maybe you would be happy to donate a sweetie? If yes, you can help me!

I am looking for lots of lovely people to help the sweet stall again at this year's Shepherds Market on 11<sup>th</sup> November by making/donating a sweet treat. If you can help, please give me a call on 07387 193320 or drop me an email at [lianne.sherlock@bain.com](mailto:lianne.sherlock@bain.com)

All proceeds go to the three charities that our school church supports: EIKON, Amaha We Uganda and the Local Community Fund which distributes funds to local charities.