



Pyrford Church of England Primary School

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Good morning. It is certainly fresh out there this morning and disappointingly no snow drifts (which I think the staff have all been praying for!).

School is very busy at the moment with a million and one activities going on - the children absolutely love the build up to Christmas. This week we were all treated to Sleeping Beauty funded by the PTA. The show was brilliant and even I managed to sneak a few minutes watching it. I got great pleasure from just watching the children's faces and their engagement with the show. The staff thoroughly enjoyed it too and we have booked for next year. Thank you to the PTA for making this possible!

Thanks also to everyone who purchased their Christmas trees from school last Saturday - the school raised just in excess of £600. Children have been busy telling me about decorations which have been going up in their homes. I think it is time the Krynicky household got on with theirs too!

One of the things we have been looking at behind the scenes this week is investigating an online booking and payment system for clubs. Our vision is eventually to have everything in a digital one stop shop. We are trying to establish a booking and payment system which is accessible and flexible to meet parents' needs. Ultimately we would like to add daily school meal choice to that too. Our aim is to reduce bureaucracy and admin both for us and for you as parents with things such as permissions slips and booking preferences. So please bear with us whilst we investigate - we may try and ask some of you to road test the system for us.

Next week we are holding our Christmas productions which I know parents have been busy booking tickets for. We are keen that you should all have the opportunity to watch the various productions, so please do get in contact with us if you are having any difficulties booking. The children love to see their families watching them so a thank you in advance for supporting them. Thanks also for the costumes which I know many of you have sent in. This year KS2 pupils are performing in church both in the day and in the evening, in response to requests from parents who find getting time off work during the day difficult. All KS2 pupils are expected to attend the evening concert, please contact your child's teacher if your child is unable to attend.

As a heads up, on the last Tuesday of term we will be holding our Christmas lunch wearing our Christmas jumpers so you might want to get that organised this weekend. We will also be holding parties for FS and KS1 and a disco for KS2 pupils on Wednesday 20th December. Further information will follow - please see information about the junior disco overleaf.

Wishing you all a good weekend as we lead into the festive period.

Kathryn Krynicky
Headteacher

Treetops booking forms for next half term were issued this week. Please ensure that you have returned them by next Friday 15th. Accounts should be settled by this date also.

Thank you.



Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Benjamin du Toit for being a good friend to everybody.

Hazel - Sadiqah-Noor Mehmood for excellent singing in our Christmas play rehearsals.

Beech - Eimaan Khan for some very creative art work.

Chestnut - Muhammad-Sadiq Hussain for an excellent retell of the Nativity.

Oak - Isabella Pocock for excellent Nativity writing.

Cedar - Joe Spencer for excellent maths work.

Hawthorn - Evangeline Lyon for working hard all term.

Elm - Freddie Wakeling for fantastic work on column subtraction.

Juniper - Cameron Blacker for fantastic work on column subtraction.

Maple - Alex Armstrong for excellent problem solving in Maths.

Alder - Truly Keenan for brilliant work on colours in Spanish.

Larch - Gabby Taylor for brilliant work on learning and naming colours in Spanish.

Cherry - Taylor Goodrich and Hayden Cassidy for fantastic debating on the importance of Christmas as Scrooge v his nephew.

Rowan - Charlotte Wass for a fantastic persuasive poster.

Willow - Laiba Bahar for an amazing WW1 poster showing good understanding of the role of women during the war.

Laurel - Herbie Hunter for an excellent explanation text about compasses.

Holly - Logan Cormie for an excellent explanation text about compasses.



In assembly next week we are thinking about **Chanukah / Hanukah**
The Jewish Festival of Lights, celebrated for eight days. It commemorates the Jews' struggle for religious freedom. During Hanukkah, Jews light one more candle each night.



JUNIOR DISCO

Wednesday 20th December

6:30 pm - 8 pm in the School Hall

£3 on the door

Price includes crisps, sweets and a drink

(no need to bring any extra money)

Drop off at Coldharbour Road entrance only.

Entry through main school entrance. Parents to take their children's coats home.

Collect at hall double doors.



The whole school enjoyed the panto on Monday - oh yes they did!



SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017—2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Bag 2 School collection	Mon 11 December	
KSI Christmas Production	Tue 12 December	14:00
Squirrels Sing Christmas	Tue 12 December	15:15
Larch class to Guildford Museum	Wed 13 December	
KSI Christmas Production	Wed 13 December	10:00
Squirrels Sing Christmas	Wed 13 December	15:15
Alder class to Guildford Museum	Thu 14 December	
Reception Christmas Production	Thu 14 December	14:00
KS2 Carol Concert in church	Fri 15 December	14:00
Yr 1 Movie Night	Fri 15 December	18:15
Choir sing at Church Carol Service	Sun 17 December	18:30
Christmas Around the World Day	Mon 18 December	
KS2 Carol Concert in church	Mon 18 December	19:00
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Tue 19 December	
Christmas Lunch	Tue 19 December	
Reception & 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	
Maple class to Pizza Express Weybridge	Tue 16 January	
Juniper class to Pizza Express Woking	Wed 17 January	
Elm class to Pizza Express Cobham	Thu 18 January	
Yr 5 to Shah Jahan Mosque	Thu 25 January	morning
o2 Young Voices Concert	Tue 30 January	
Spring Half term	12 - 16 February	
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Thu 22 February	
Yr 5 to Warner Bros Studio tour	Tue 6 March	
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	
First Day of Summer Term	Mon 16 April	
Yr 1 to Nower Wood	Tue 17 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	

Description	Date	Time
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 The Lookout Discovery Centre	Tue 12 June	
Yr 4 to Wisley	Wed 13 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Gaveston Hall	18 - 22 June	
Yr 1 to Chessington	Thu 21 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	
Seconday 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	
Pyrford & Wisley Flower Show	Sat 14 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	

CONSULTATION ON THE SCHOOL'S ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019/20

The governors are consulting as they propose making changes to the arrangements, mainly relating to church attendance (criteria 6 & 8).

To increase the school's inclusivity they wish to widen the definition of church from 'Anglican' to 'Christian', defined as being any church which is a member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. At the same time, the requirement to be a member of a church electoral roll would be removed, as the 12 months' attendance required in relation to school admission is longer than that required to join the church electoral roll.

In order to ensure greater accuracy in the worship attendance records and in the interests of fairness and clarity for parents, governors wish to introduce a Supplementary Information Form which requires a parent(s) to have their form signed by the minister/churchwarden twice each month of the relevant 12 month period, to prove their church attendance. This will give parents control over the monitoring of their attendance at church and enable them to demonstrate that they have met the requirements of the school's admissions policy.

Governors also wish to remove Tots Praise from the list of services deemed to constitute worship within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wisley with Pyrford. Tots Praise is essentially a social gathering for young children, whereas the school's admissions policy is concerned with the attendance of parents at church for the purpose of worship. After consultation with the church, the active worship element of Tots Praise was not considered of sufficient substance and governors believe that 4 O'clock Church is now a valid service for those unable to attend church on a Sunday morning.

Additional maps have also been added to the Admissions Policy for the purposes of clarity, together with reference to the Parish Finder section of the Church of England website 'A Church Near You' in relation to determining parish boundaries, <http://www.achurchnearyou.com/parishmap.php>

The Admissions Policy and the Supplementary Information Forms are available on the school website - click the link on the home page.

Any comments should be addressed to the Chair of Governors, Mrs Julia Lamaison, and delivered to the school address below.

Comments can also be made by email to c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk marked for the attention of Mrs Lamaison.

The consultation period ends on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

Help Raise Money for Our School!

This week you should have received a collection bag for you to fill with all your old clothes and textiles. All items will be redistributed to people who need them and in return we get 40p for every kilo of clothes collected, simple!

Please no uniforms, duvets, pillows or cushions.

Extra bags are available at the office.

Please bring your bags to the Practical Room by 9am on Monday 11th December.

Thank you!



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

We are once again supporting
Save the Children
by taking part in Christmas Jumper Day
on TUESDAY 20TH

For a suggested donation of £1 each, children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper instead of school uniform - jeans/sports trousers/leggings are acceptable to wear with it.

It will be a party atmosphere as everyone will be in their Christmas jumpers for our school Christmas lunch, with extra treats!



The School Christmas Postbox
is open for the children to post
their cards

PLEASE ADDRESS CAREFULLY
with child's name AND class

Please bring your collection candles to the service this Sunday at 4pm or to the school office by next Wednesday 13th.



Join us at our Christingle

Celebrate hope. Make children's voices heard.

We would love for you, your friends and your family to join us at our Christingle celebration so we can help to support vulnerable children.

Date: **SUNDAY 10th DECEMBER**

Time: **4 PM**

Location: **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Please contact: **GAY CLOTHIER**
07802 584 417
www.christingle.org