



# Pyrford Church of England Primary School

1 December 2017

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Good morning and welcome to December! Time seems to be rattling by and we are fully in to all of our Christmas festivities in school.

Engage are visiting the school this morning to re-enact the Christmas story for the children and this is sandwiched in between rehearsals of our own. The Christmas post box is officially open from today so please feel free to encourage your children to send in cards should they wish. Elfie also arrived this morning in our Reception classes in a trail of glitter which has caused great excitement!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday, the school was buzzing with people and a phenomenal amount of money was raised. The PTA will be issuing a newsletter soon with final amounts but it is in the region of £9500! I know these events take a lot of organising and so many of you gave up your time to do this. The PTA met on Monday evening to discuss what we would like to spend funds on and also to plan future events. In the New Year we will send out more information and ask for your input on how you would like the money to be spent.

It was good this week to meet with class reps and PTA members who joined together to discuss the recent parent questionnaire. We talked about aspects of the school which parents would like to see developed and the best ways in which we can achieve this. Again in the New Year we will provide more information on this. As a heads up though, we are looking at changing the format of our Sports Days, communicating about the sports we are teaching in school and finding ways to showcase this to parents, as well as increasing the number of times we update parents about their children's progress. We are keen as a school to have feedback. As I always say, if I don't know about an issue I can't fix it, so please do contact us any time and we will do our utmost to find solutions or provide you with the information you need. As parents and teachers we are all striving for the same outcomes in wanting the very best for our children and this was clearly a shared view when we met together this week.

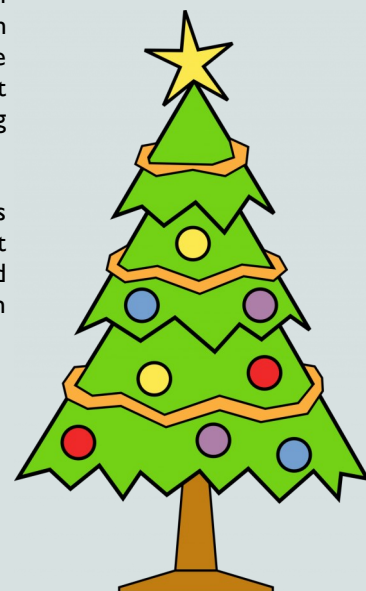
This week the entire school has undertaken an audit of the school meals (which I have to say are better than they have ever been at Pyrford and are the envy of many a school now!) The cook is going to do an analysis of the questionnaires and look at the requests for the new menu. I've had a brief look at them all and noted just how different children's palates are to those of adults. Top meal choices in every class included sausage and mash, jumbo fish finger and chips, any dish with pasta and roast dinner. Meals which were least popular were again the same in almost every class too and included; any Quorn based meals, lentil lasagne, vegetable chilli and cheese and spinach cannelloni. I think you are getting the gist of what the children are thinking! They have developed a list of things they would like included on the menu. Some of the requests include burritos/tacos, cheeseburgers, pancakes, stir fry and paella and of course a giant list of desserts! Next Friday, all of the children will undertake tasting of new dishes and then hopefully we can get together a menu which children want to eat. I'll report back the findings.

Finally a plea. This week the weather has been extremely cold and forecasters are predicting that this will continue. In addition to the 1 hr indoor PE session, children in every year group do a 1 hour outdoor PE lesson each week (this half term we have been having Rugby coaching as some of you will have noticed from the filthy PE kits we have sent home) and Bollywood dancing indoors. The children are outside for the entire time and some of them do not have enough warm clothes or have no socks to wear with their trainers. Please can you send in the correct kit so that your child can fully participate in the lesson. We are striving to provide the best quality PE and specialist sports teaching and lesson time is wasted whilst teachers are hunting for items for children. A full uniform list is on the website.

Finally for those of you who are looking to get your Christmas decorations up soon, the PTA are selling trees tomorrow morning at the school. This is always very popular with the local community and raises a lot of money for the school, so please do pop down and join the fight for the best tree!

Wishing you a good weekend.


Kathryn Krynicki  
Headteacher




**Look out for an email early next week giving details of how to apply for tickets for your child's Christmas production.**

# Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

<p><b>Squirrels</b> - Charlie Sherlock for following our nursery rules.</p> <p><b>Hazel</b> - Mujtaba Ahmed for excellent effort in phonics.</p> <p><b>Beech</b> - Chris Millard for some great 'celebration' writing.</p> <p><b>Chestnut</b> - Abi Fisher for a brilliant retell of the loaves and the fishes.</p> <p><b>Oak</b> - Emily Clothier for excellent maths.</p> <p><b>Cedar</b> - Sofia Elliott for fantastic sentences about Florence Nightingale.</p> <p><b>Hawthorn</b> - Ava Embling for always being enthusiastic to write.</p> <p><b>Elm</b> - Saaniya Zaman for fantastic work on addition and subtraction.</p> <p><b>Juniper Class</b> - Kelsey Freeman for fantastic work on addition and subtraction.</p>	<p><b>Maple</b> - Amelia Naseem and Tegan Reed for working hard to produce a poster about Roman Britain.</p> <p><b>Alder</b> - Jacob Brockway for an imaginative description of Henry VIII in History.</p> <p><b>Larch</b> - Scarlett Davies for an imaginative description of Henry VIII in History.</p> <p><b>Cherry</b> - Ollie Johnson for a fantastic persuasive letter about school uniform.</p> <p><b>Rowan</b> - Hibbah Khan for some lovely work in RE.</p> <p><b>Willow</b> - Alex Courtney, Tanisha Nawaz, Lilly Staton, Lola Tipping and Alfie Walker for fantastic Mission to Mars posters in Science.</p> <p><b>Laurel</b> - Grace Barnes for an excellent Monet watercolour painting.</p> <p><b>Holly</b> - Anya Topping for an excellent Monet watercolour painting.</p>
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In assembly next week we are thinking about  
**Advent**




**The School Christmas Postbox**

is now open for the children to post their cards

**PLEASE ADDRESS CAREFULLY**

with child's name AND class



**POPPY APPEAL**

*Pyrford*

Thank you very much for helping our Appeal. In this district we collected

£ 10,311 = 30

of which

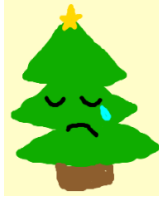
£ 820 = 95

was collected by you. Without your help, we would be unable to continue our welfare and benevolent work. Thank you again. I hope you - and perhaps your friends - will be able to help us next year.

Yours sincerely  
*Neil Hedges*  
Local Honorary Organiser

3 VILLAGES - £58,000 +

Thank you to everyone in the school who supported the Poppy Appeal. We raised a record £820.95!



**Squirrels has a Christmas Tree but it sadly has no decorations.**

**Do you have any you would be able to donate? Please bring to the office if you have. Thank you.**



On Friday we were lucky enough to have a visit from our local Police Community Support Officer, Leslie. She showed us the flashing lights on the police car and her walkie talkie. We took some pictures; here I am in my police hat! The PCSO let me hold the shield that the police officers use to protect them. I sat in the police car, there were lots of buttons to press. We all had a great time. Thank you Leslie for coming to see us. *Jairaj, Cedar Class.*



GREAT QUALITY  
 NON-DROP  
 NORDMANN FIR  
**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**  
 COMPETITIVE PRICES & WIDE SELECTION AVAILABLE

SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER  
 10AM - 1PM

PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 COLDHARBOUR ROAD  
 PYRFORD, GU22 8SP  
 CHEQUES & CASH ONLY  
 DELIVERY AVAILABLE (WITHIN 3 MILES)

ALL PROFITS GO DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL  
 FRIENDS OF PYRFORD C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
 REGISTERED CHARITY 1047320

**Our angel made it to the Cathedral in one piece!**



  
**Angels Family Fun**

You're invited to:

- An incredible display of over 100 angels created by our church schools
- Free, child-friendly, angel-themed crafts
- Join our choir to sing a fabulous finale of 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing'

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December  
 1:30pm – 3:30pm  
 In the Nave  
 Free  
 Open to All

Contact:  
 Charlotte Potter, Head of Schools  
 and Family Learning  
[charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org](mailto:charlottep@guildford-cathedral.org)  
 01483 547880

  
 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Come dressed as an angel!

Angel treats on offer at Seasons Café



## SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017—2018 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Christmas Tree Sale	Sat 2 December	10:00 - 13:00
School Lunch tastings	Fri 8 December	pm
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	
<b>Reception</b> Christmas Production	Thu 14 December	14:00
KS2 Carol Concert in church	Fri 15 December	14:00
Choir sing at Church Carol Service	Sun 17 December	<b>18:30</b>
<b>Christmas Around the World Day</b>	<b>Mon 18 December</b>	
KS2 Carol Concert in church	Mon 18 December	19:00
Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day	Tue 19 December	
Christmas Lunch	Tue 19 December	
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 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](mailto:c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk) marked for the attention of Mrs Lamaison.

The consultation period ends on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

*Fabulously Festive*  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

**A huge  
thank you  
for  
supporting  
our fayre**

**Pyrford C of E Primary School**

**We appreciate all your hard work and have lots of people to thank.....**

- *Firstly, thank you to everyone that gave up their Saturday to come down and support the school*
- *Special thanks to DNA Architecture Ltd for their generous donation*
- *Thank you to Woking Football Club for the loan of their penalty shoot out*
- *Thank you also to all our raffle and silent auction donors:*

*Alphabino, Alton Towers, Birdworld, Brooklands Museum, Chessington World of Adventure, Chobham Adventure Farm, Cloud Nine, Co-Op, Craggy Island, Dance Shack, Denbies Wine Estate, DNA Architecture Ltd, eli-b, Freedom Leisure, Georgia's Party Costume Hire, Graham Turner Butchers, Halfords, Haven Breast Cancer, Hobbycraft, Jakes Indoor Soft Play and Mini Farm, K&K Performing Arts, Komo's Guildford, Kumon, Le Nails & Beauty, London House, M&S, Martial X Academy, Maurice Mandry Christmas Trees, McLaren, Metafit, Mizens Railway, Mr Mulligan's Pirate Golf, New Hawell, New Victoria Theatre, Nuffield Health, Party Bounce, Pit Stop Promotions, Pyrford Electrical, Rarebreed Dining, RHS Garden Wisley, Safari Adventure Golf, Seymours Estate Agents, Sir & Madam, Sony, Sport 4 Kids, Sweet passion, Synonymous Beauty, Tesco, The Anchor, The Creation Station, The Entertainer, The Inn at Maybury, The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School, Thorntons, Top Golf, Twisted Stone Golf Course, Valentino's, Village Vintners, Waitrose, Weybridge Audio, Woking Borough Council, Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.*

**Olaf wishes you all a Merry Christmas!!!**



*Fabulously Festive*  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

## 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!



## TRY A NOVEL GIFT IDEA THIS CHRISTMAS



### Alison & Anna Cookery Vouchers

Treat your loved ones to something different this Christmas and gift them a voucher for one of our exciting cookery workshops.



Visit [alisonandanna.com](http://alisonandanna.com) today for more information about all the workshops on offer



## 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 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Time: **4 PM**

Location: **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Please contact: **GAY CLOTHIER**  
**07802 584 417**  
[www.christingle.org](http://www.christingle.org)

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