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### **Pyrford Church of England Primary School**

9 March 2018

Good morning. Welcome to this week's newsletter with lots of information following the snow closure last week.

It has been a busy two weeks in school and we have been chasing our tails with deadlines as we were affected by the snow. Thanks to everyone for your support during the closures. It is not a decision we take lightly at all and in fact I'm still catching up on my sleep as I spent most of Wednesday night awake trying to decide what the morning would look like. We will of course ensure any monies paid for lunches or breakfast and after school club are sorted for you.

Last week started with us undergoing a Section 48 SIAMs inspection. This is the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools and is undertaken by a trained SIAMS inspector to evaluate the effectiveness of the school as a church school. This is different to Ofsted in that the areas for inspection differ, as does the report. However the inspector does check all aspects of the schools effectiveness and meets with a wide range of stakeholders. I will, of course, ensure that parents are sent a copy of the report and outcomes as soon as it is published, which I hope will be soon. It will also appear on the school website. Following the inspection, the report is written and then undergoes a number of quality assurance checks before final publication.

This week Year 5 visited the Warner Brothers Studio as part of their work on Harry Potter. A great day was had by all and parent helpers informed me it was a great day too. Year 4 visited the synagogue in Weybridge this week as part of their learning about the Jewish faith. I am really pleased to say that we had external communication from both trips praising the children for their excellent behaviour.

A big well done to our runners this week who took part in the WASPs cross country events. Thanks to the PTA who have paid for the new running vests and to the army of parents who have trained, organised and managed the events. Well done too to our ski team who also look amazing in their new ski gear. They performed exceptionally well as you will see from the report later in the newsletter.

On Thursday this week, we were visited again by our Japanese professors who were undertaking a research trip. Our visitors were very keen to see the work we do in Early Years and couldn't sing the praises of the staff enough. The researchers will be using the school as a case study when they are presenting in Budapest in May.

Thanks to parents for coming to parents meetings this week. It was good to see so many of you attending and working in partnership with the school so that we can all do our best for the children. I appreciate that it is not a huge amount of time and you are most welcome at any point in the year to make an appointment to speak to the teacher either at school or on the telephone. Please don't feel you have to wait until parents meetings to speak to the teacher.

Next week continues to be action packed. We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 16th March so please send children in to school dressed as book characters on that day when we will undertake lots of activities around literature. We are also having a visit from the Engage (a Christian charity) team for assembly next Friday which the children thoroughly enjoy.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki Headteacher

# Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

**Squirrels** - Bonnie Gidman for always having a smile on her face and following nursery rules.

**Hazel** - Henry Kershaw for trying really hard with his reading.

**Beech** - Bella Tubasei for drawing some beautiful portraits.

**Chestnut** - Sophie Staton for an amazing description of Jack in Jack and the Beanstalk.

Oak - Ellen Grimshaw for excellent writing work.

**Cedar** - Jack Hannon for always answering lots of questions on the carpet.

**Hawthorn** - Kayla Broomfield for always working hard.

**Elm** - Joshie Johnson for writing a fantastic poem with rhyming and rhythm; and Billy Wilson for fantastic work with multiplication and division.

**Juniper** - Emily Attfield & Robyn Irvine for a wonderful oasis poem; and Theo Suwannakhan for thoughtful RE.

Maple - Viola Fairn for making a huge improvement in her Maths work, particularly when doing short multiplication; and Alex Booth for careful writing about the climates of the world. Alder - Charlotte Peasey & Daniel Lambkin for showing great skills in PE; and Mia Darling for fantastic work in Geography on farming in the UK.

**Larch** - Hannah Giddings for showing great skills in PE; and Zak Barker for fantastic work in Geography on farming.

Cherry - Humaira Khan for fantastic mental addition and subtraction, using place value to help; and Sophie Wass for a fantastic letter inviting Harry Potter to Hogwarts.

**Rowan** - Zoya Akram for writing a great newspaper report on 'The Gringott's Break In'; and Mia O'Sullivan for a super map of Diagon Alley.

**Willow** - The whole class for behaving so well and being great fun to be with; and Daniel Owais for a brilliant wand design.

**Laurel** - Thomas Bunyan for sketching a detailed half portrait in Art; and Edward Broadhead for an excellent story in English.

**Holly** - Faye Mealey for an excellent half portrait sketch in the style of John Singer Sargent; and Katherine Sumner for an excellent story in English.





Daffodil pin brooches are available from the office. Suggested donation £1.

We welcome Martyna Healey to Beech Class. Martyna is carrying out her final 10 week teacher training placement from Curtin University in Western Australia.

#### **TREETOPS**

We have had another great week at Treetops - it's been a hive of activity. The children have been very busy and keen to make beautiful creations in preparation for Mother's Day this weekend.

We have also been using the parachute a lot at the end of the sessions to music like 'Shake it off' where the children and staff have literally shaken the parachute about and danced in time to the music. We have also played a range of fun parachute games together. The children have loved this and so have the staff! Its a great way to get any last bundles of energy out at the end of the day.

Tea time continues to be a great social time when the children interact with each other whilst munching on the yummy food.

Next week is Science Week at Treetops. Lots of fun with experiments to do and creations to make!

From the team at Treetops we wish you a lovely weekend.

















On Wednesday afternoon twelve of our year 2 pupils travelled on the minibus to St Andrew's school in Woking to take part in a KS1 choral festival. They spent the afternoon playing singing games and rehearsing songs which they

then performed at a concert at the end of the afternoon. The children sang well and behaved beautifully and were a credit to the school.







### SCHOOL DATES FOR 2017—2018 ACADEMICYEAR

Description	Date	Time
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Wed 14 March	
Yr 2 Parents Talk on Assessment	Thu 15 March	14:15
Yr 6 Junior Citizen at Woking Football Club	Wed 21 March	am
Friends' Quiz Night	Sat 24 March	
Yr 5 Residential to Fairthorne Manor	Mon 26 - Thu 29 March	
Yr I African Drumming Workshop	Wed 28 March	pm
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 I 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 Residential to High Ashurst (all Elm + Maple boys)	Mon 30 April - Tue I May	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo	Wed 2 May	
May Bank Holiday	Mon 7 May	
Yr 3 Residential to High Ashurst (all Juniper + Maple	Tue 8 - Wed 9 May	
girls) Nursery - Yr 2 Drama4All Workshops	Wed 9 May	
Circus		
SATs Week	Sun 13 May 14 - 18 May	
Cake Bake Sale		
Yr 4 Bikeability Course	Mon 21 May Wed 23 - Thu 24 May	
Summer Half term		
Yr 6 Bikeability Couse	28 May - 1 June Mon 4 - Fri 8 June	
KS2 Choir to Primary Music Festival - Aldershot	Mon 11 June	16:15-20:30
Yr 2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre	Tue 12 June	10.13-20.30
Yr 4 to Wisley	Wed 13 June	
Yr 4-6 Choir to Singing Picnic in Woking Park	Fri 15 June	10:30-13:30
PTA Golf Day	Fri 15 June	10.30-13.30
Yr 6 Residential to Gaveston Hall	18 - 22 June	
Yr I 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	12.50
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 27 June	
Yr 5 Bikeability Course	Mon 2 - Thu 5 July	
Seconday School Induction Days	Tue 3 and/or Wed 4 July	
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Fri 6 July	
FS & KST Sports Day	Tue 10 July	am
KS2 Sports Day	Thu 12 July	uiii
Pyrford & Wisley Flower Show	Sat 14 July	
KS2 After School Choir to 'No Sound Ever Dies'	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	minori at 15.50



On Tuesday a team of 16 boys and girls from years 3 and 4 from our running club represented the school at the first of three WASPS cross country events. The children had to complete a 1 km run around Goldsworth Park Rec. There were 15 local schools at the event. It was a great occasion and a really positive experience for our able runners. We were also very proud to be wearing our rather special

running vests, kindly donated by the PTA. Not only were we the smartest runners on the course, but we ran our very best with our girls all running solidly to place mid table and our top 4 boys placing in the top 20. Thanks to all our volunteers, drivers and marshalls, but above all to our team Drew Jones, Tom

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Purnell, Josh Lines, Ollie Krikorian, Finley Barnes, Alex Sutherland, Daniel Lambkin, Sam Mullally, Scarlett Davies, Hannah Giddings, Jessica Attfield, Genevieve Cassidy, Kendall Goodrich, Sarah Devespragasem,



Daisy Hunnisett and Mia Darling. You were all brilliant! Look out for our report next week focusing on our year 5 and 6 team.

The Running Club

Pyrford School entered two ski teams into the Berkshire Race Squad School Race on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Bracknell dry ski slope. The slope has its very own type of surface for skiing on called permasnow and certainly requires a good skiing technique. All our team mastered the artificial slope with ease and managed to complete all 3 of their runs for the competition without any faults, which is an amazing accomplishment for the whole team. They all braved the cold at the top of Mt Bracknell and our team members received well-earned individual medals for their efforts.

Our team made the podium with a team second place for the Primary school race and another skiing trophy acquired for the Pyrford School trophy cabinet!

We also had success in the individual category with Charlotte and Joseph both taking home silver in their age categories. Hayden and Genevieve also won the individual boys and girls primary school trophy.

The squad was Hayden and Genevieve Cassidy, Hannah and Charlotte Anderson, and Samuel and Joseph Platts.

Big thanks goes to Iain Anderson and PWC for providing the school ski team kit, which made them look and ski like professionals. He and Jonny Cassidy then went on to demonstrate how to ski like professionals in the parents race with more podium places for Pyrford.

There are some friendly races and training days in May and we are always looking for new team members. It not necessary to be a very experienced skier, the focus is on taking part and having fun. If you would like to know any more about the school ski team,



please ask any of the Cassidys, Andersons or Platts, or email me on

tamasinak@hotmail.com



#### **ADMISSIONS POLICY 2019/20**

Following the consultation period, the Governors of the school have determined the Admissions Policy for the 2019/20 year. It is available from the school office or from the school website. The major changes are as follows:

- To increase the school's inclusivity, the definition of church has been widened from 'Anglican' to 'Christian'. At the same time, the requirement to be a member of a church electoral roll has been removed.
- In order to ensure greater accuracy in the worship attendance records and in the interests of fairness and clarity for parents, governors are introducing a new Supplementary Information Form which requires a parent to have their form signed by the minister (or similar) twice each month for 11 of the 12 months prior to application.
- Tots Praise has been removed from the list of services deemed to constitute worship within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Wisley with Pyrford.
- 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.



## DEADLINE FOR TICKETS EXTENDED TO TUESDAY 13TH MARCH



### Friends of Pyrford Primary









When? Saturday 24th March

Where? School Hall

Time? 7pm for 7.30pm start

Price includes
fish and chips
(vegetarian
available
on request)

Cost? £10 per person (max 8 per team)





- \* Return the entry form with payment in an envelope marked QUIZ NIGHT to the Friends post box in the school reception. One cheque per team please, made payable to F.P.P.S.
- \* If you don't have a team but would like to come we will fix you up with another team.
- \* The closing date for entries is the 9th March space is limited and tickets sell out very fast.
- \* Confirmation will be sent to your team leader.





Wine, Prosecco, beer and soft drinks available from the cash bar

# Friends of Pyrford Primary







### BOOKING FORM

Team Name:	
Team Leader:	
Email:	
Child's Name/Class:	
Team Members:  1	Please feel free to bring nibbles to share on your tables but remember you're in a NUT FREE ZONE!  If you require the vegetarian option to the relevant team member's name using On
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We enclose £10 per person or £80 per team entry.

Please put this form, along with payment (cheque made payable to Friends of Pyrford Primary), in the Friends box located by the school office.

Thank you in advance...If you have any questions please email Sara Freeman freemansarak@gmail.com

CASH BAR ONLY - PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BOTTLES AT HOME



# Roll up!



# The Circus comes to Pyrford



Your PTA are proud to present the one, the only ... The National Festival Circus.





Pyrford C of E Primary School Field







13:00

14:30

16:00

£7.50 per ticket





#### **STALLS**

- Popcorn & candyfloss
- Sweet stall
- BBQ
- Hook-a-duckSpinning plates
- Sumo wrestling
- Face painting
  - Inflatable slide
  - Bar & refreshments
  - Human fruit machine
  - Coconut shy



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off	fice by	<b>Tues</b>	day 2	9th	Marc	h	

Name:

Class:

Email:

Mobile:

Please return the slip to FPPS box in the school reception with a cheque/cash for the appropriate amount. All cheques payable to FPPS.

To ensure the allocation of tickets is fair, please tick your 1st and 2nd choice of show times

	1st choice No. of tickets		<b>2nd choice</b> No. of tickets
□ 13:00		□ 13:00	
□ 14:30		□ 14:30	
□ 16:00		□ 16:00	

TOTAL	
101/12	

NB. Tickets will be sold on a first come first serve basis

IT'S BACK......

BIGGER THAN IT WAS BEFORE...

BETTER THAN IT WAS BEFORE...

IT'S THE PTA 2018 MINI EGG CHALLENGE!!

**GUESS HOW MANY MINI EGGS ARE IN THE JAR** 

Starting Week beginning 19th March

At Lunchtimes 20p per go...max 5 goes

Reps will update times for your child's class next week

WINNING EGGS FOR CLOSEST OR CORRECT
ANSWERS FOR

**RECEPTION & YEAR ONE** 

**YEARS 2 & 3** 

YEARS 4, 5 & 6

THANKS TO THORNTONS & HOLLAND AND BARRETT FOR THIS YEARS MILK & DAIRY FREE EGGS...

THIS YEAR THE CLASS WITH THE MOST GUESSES

WINS ALL THE MINI EGGS