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

20 July 2018

Good morning and welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year. Although we are all desperately crawling to 1.30pm today, the year has flown by. Just talking to the reception children today has made me realise how far they have come since starting in September. They have all become more confident in themselves and are very much part of our school community. The squirrels who are joining us in Reception are also ready for their next step in education too.

There have been a lot of highs this year as well as some challenging times. The school has retained its Outstanding status and we have had some phenomenal results across the entire school from Reception right through to year 6. We have undertaken no less than 15 whole class trips out, hosted 16 curriculum workshops, experienced 14 overnights and attended 8 musical events and 16 sporting events over the year. We have served a total of approximately 102,600 meals (including breakfast, lunch and tea) over the year, dealing with all the meal requests and orders. We've also opened the Nursery and been joined by our little people who really are part of our school community. We have been wonderfully supported by our parish in our Christian mission and have worked together to strengthen the relationship between the church and school even further. Every single child in the school has made progress against their targets and some have made giant leaps in their learning, others have excelled on the sports field and no less than 123 pupils have learnt to play musical instruments this year alone.

As well as all of the achievements we have had in our own school, Pyrford has continued to support the wider educational field in our role as a National Support School. We have helped to train 42 new teachers, coached and mentored two headteachers, supported 67 NPQH (National Professional Qualification for Headship) graduates, delivered support to 16 'women into senior leadership' participants as well as supporting two schools with maths outcomes. Lots continues to happen behind the scenes and the lows are things which we try our best to cope with. Like everyone else, our staff are human and they have their own challenges and tragedies which we do our best to support them with whist keeping the plates spinning for the children- we know we don't always get it right but I can promise you we do try!

During the academic year we've had two Pyrford babies born and Mrs Goree will keep us going with another next year!

The PTA have worked tirelessly this year to raise funds for the school and have provided lots of opportunities for children as well as much needed equipment. You will have received their end of year newsletter with all the facts and figures. Next year, we are on a mission to improve our swimming facilities, so watch this space for fundraising initiatives. We still (to my knowledge) hold the local record for most money raised by a PTA-a title which we like to hold on to!

I am thrilled to advise you all that we will be full steam ahead with our new music provision in Autumn 2018. We have managed to successfully bid for funds and this has been doubled to £38,000. This coupled with money raised by the PTA will go towards a purpose built music studio which we are having built on the school site. We are anticipating that all pupils will benefit from this facility and we can really enhance our provision for full class music, groups and peripatetic teaching.

Over the summer holidays Pyrford continues to work and we will spend our time preparing for September, having our accounts audited, a deep clean will take place, books and trays will be labelled, classrooms prepped, some outdoor improvements will also be taking place and we will be ready to hit the ground running in September.

Next term we continue or work as a National Support School and we will be working with Christ Church Infant School in Virginia Water. I will be taking on the role of Executive Headteacher, working with governors and leaders at Christ Church in setting and leading the



### TREETOPS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Staff required from September

3 - 6 pm (with some flexibility if required)

From I to 5 days per week

Please email Mrs McAllister for more information

(info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

strategy for the school. This role is a strategic role for me which will take half a day of the week of my time and will provide staff at both schools with the opportunity to share good practise and learn from each other. We are also continuing to work with the Teaching Schools Network to provide maths expertise to local schools. My sincere thanks to the staff in particular who give their all working at this school to make it the best that it can be for your children. I certainly couldn't do my job without the amount of support and dedication the team here give from the font office, to the back office, to those who serve breakfast, cook lunch, teach classes, support children and supervise the playground as well as fixing our IT systems to locking the gates, they all make a positive difference. We are fortunate in our school community to be so well supported by our governors, parents and local community. Thank you to you all.

Finally a goodbye and good luck wish to all of our year 6 leavers today. You have been a pleasure to have at our school. I can't remember a year when I have received so many external words of praise for your behaviour and manners. I have taught you all over the last year and I have enjoyed every lesson I have covered. You are a credit to your parents and the school; in fact I was almost disappointed after the disco this week that I didn't pick up one sticky sweet off the floor! Year 5, you have a lot to live up to next year!

Wishing you all a wonderful summer, sun is forecast!

Kathryn Krynicki Headteacher

Thank you to everyone who supported the Silent Auction at the Masked Ball - it raised £1176!



- Julia Capanna is looking for someone to look after her two children from 4.30 -7.30 pm on Thursdays for 12 weeks from the end of September. She is happy to pay for childcare. If you can help please phone her on 07837 096093.
- Mrs Imran is looking for help with school drop offs and pick ups for her two girls (in Reception and Year 4) in September. She lives in Sheerwater. If you can help her in any way, please phone her on 07853012926.

Well done to those children who took part in No Sound Ever Dies at Brooklands on Saturday. They spent many hours at long hot rehearsals but didn't moan and performed brilliantly.











We have come to the end of our first year of Squirrels! It has been lovely to welcome the children to our school and see them develop over the year.

We want to say a big thank you to all the parents and children for helping to make our first year so successful and bearing with us in the first few months whilst we were settling in. We have really appreciated your feedback and support this year.

We also want to say a big thank you to Mrs Hope and all her team for working so hard all year and giving the children an excellent start to their education. It's not an easy job starting a brand new nursery from scratch and they have done an amazing job, especially navigating all the challenges that have come their way through the year. Thank you so much ladies!

We are excited to be welcoming Miss Wilson to our team in September. Miss Wilson currently works with the team on a Monday but is increasing her hours with us in September and we are delighted to have her with us all week. Miss Roberts will be leaving us this week to start a new role as room leader in another school and we wish her well in her new venture.

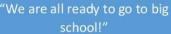
Some of our Squirrels will be joining our Reception classes in September. We look forward to welcoming them in to the school, although a lot have already made themselves at home through the transition activities we have provided and they are very ready to start their next big adventure, starting big school!

We look forward to September when we will be welcoming our new children to Squirrels and welcoming back some of our Squirrels for another great year!

Applications for September 2019 will open in the Autumn term









2018/19 Term Dates & INSETs			
INSET DAY	Tue 4 September	First day of Spring term	Mon 7 January
INSET DAY	Wed 5 September	Spring Half Term	18 - 22 February
First day of Autumn term	Thu 6 September	Last day of Spring term	Fri 5 April
Autumn Half term	22 - 26 October	Easter Holidays	8 - 22 April
Last day of Autumn term	Wed 19 December	First Day of Summer term	Tue 23 April
Christmas Holidays	20 December - 2 January	Summer Half term	27 - 31 May
INSET DAY	Thu 3 January	INSET DAY	Mon 3 June
INSET DAY	Fri 4 January	Last day of Summer term	Wed 24 July





### **Cut-price Panto Tickets at New Victoria Theatre, Woking**

#### PANTOMIME - 13th DECEMBER 2018

You shall go to the ball this Christmas with the spectacular family pantomime Cinderella starring Craig Revel Horwood as The Wicked Stepmother! Join Cinders as she goes from rags to riches, outwits her very ugly



sisters and meets her dashing Prince Charming. Don't be shy! Invite your friends and family to join you, each ticket raises money for the school.

FPPS (Friends of Pyrford Primary School) has secured seats at great rates for this year's family panto, thanks to the New Victoria Theatre's special discount for PTAs. Every ticket bought through us will also contribute at least £2 to our school fund. Please fill out the form and return to the 'FRIENDS' box in the School office. There are two price bands to suit different budgets (both work out less than half price compared to buying direct) and ice cream vouchers can be bought too. NB Upper circle seats are not recommended for those that struggle with stairs and heights and some have restricted view.

#### A NIGHT AT THE THEATRE - 13 $^{\mathsf{tn}}$ December 2018 Price per ticket Date Time Seat location No. of tickets | Total Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> **Rows E-M Stalls** £18.00 7pm December 2018 Rows B-C Upper Circle £8.00 ICE CREAM VOUCHER(S) £1.00 All seats and ice cream vouchers will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and subject to availability. I have made an **online payment\*** of £\_\_\_\_\_\_ (total amount) OR I enclose a cheque (payable to FPPS) for £\_\_\_\_\_\_ (total amount) Name: email: Tel: Child's Name & Class: \*Online payments can be made to Sort Code 40-46-48, A/C no 51432591 using reference PANTO18 1) Please note that contact info is essential in order to arrange ticket collection. 2) All ticket requests MUST be received with payment by 20<sup>th</sup> July 2018.

envelope 'Panto18'. If paying online, you can return your form by email to <a href="mailto:emilykidd78@gmail.com">emilykidd78@gmail.com</a>. For any queries, please email as above or call 07970 870014.

THANK YOU for supporting our school and here's to a fun family evening!

3) Please return this slip and payment to the 'Friends' box at the school office, clearly marking your



## FREE TRIAL SESSION & £40 DISCOUNT AT PERFORM

Popular children's drama and dance school is offering a Free Trial Session and a **special introductory discount of £40 for pupils of Pyrford Church of England Primary School** if they sign up by Saturday 15th September. Parents should quote PCOV150918 when they book their free sessions by going to <a href="mailto:perform.org.uk/try">perform.org.uk/try</a> or calling 020 7255 9120.

You can find out more about the classes on that link. Flyers will becoming home soon.

The nearest classes to school are:

Perform Woking (Drama for 4-7s)

Wednesdays at 4pm

Hoe Valley Community Building (next to the Leisure Centre), GU22 9BA

Perform Woking (Drama for 7-12s) Wednesdays at 5pm

Hoe Valley Community Building (next to the Leisure Centre), GU22 9BA

Perform Woking (Drama for 4-7s)
Saturdays at 9.30am and 11.15am
Horsell Village Infant School, GU21
4QQ

Perform Woking (Drama for 7-12s) Saturdays at 2pm

Horsell Village Infant School, GU21 4QQ

Perform Weybridge (Drama for 4-7s) Mondays at 4pm St James' Parish Centre, KT13 8DE