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Good morning, what a week! It certainly hasn't panned out quite as I had planned. Welcome to what will be our last newsletter of 2018. It has been a very busy year with lots to celebrate and I am sure 2019 will be just as exciting.

The school is buzzing with everyone wearing their Christmas jumpers today in aid of Save the Children and also to help celebrate our whole school Christmas lunch, where we will be serving lunch to the whole school community - that's in excess of 500 lunches to children and adults. There will also be lunchtime entertainment provided by the teaching staff which I am sure the children will tell you all about.

This week I have had the pleasure of 'teaching' in Nursery. Having been a Nursery teacher in the past, I thought this would be a doddle. Clearly I had forgotten exactly how unreasonable 3 year olds could be! However their brutal honesty was an absolute tonic. Having changed into my flat shoes, donned my coat and grabbed my keys, I was welcomed with a 'where's your clipclop shoes?' comment, promptly followed by 'those ones aren't as nice as the clipclop shoes, you should change them!' I was also told 'I don't like lady teachers that wear lipstick, only ones who wear nail varnish'. I could see I was going to have to up my game to win the favour of these 3 year olds! Needless to say, by the end of the morning, we were all on good terms although I could have done with a lie down. I take my hat off to the staff in there, who have the patience of saints, and to you parents. Whilst your 3 year old may be unreasonable on occasion at home, savour every minute as time flies by so quickly. I was reminded just how quickly children grow when I taught year 6 later in the week.

Our productions have been in full swing this week. Many thanks to everyone for showing support, it means so much to the children. Again our week was thrown a little off track when just prior to the Key Stage 1 production a giant lorry arrived and delivered the entire Sainsbury's TV ad costumes. Excitement in the staff room reached fever pitch, whilst panic hit in my office as I stood taking in the scene of the huge amount of space the costumes were taking. However we managed to get a temporary plan in place for storage and parents were great in helping to move them. Having the costumes has made us the envy of every school in the land and not wanting to miss a golden opportunity, we shall be treating you to a showcase of the costumes. A trip to our KS2 concerts and end of term service shouldn't be missed next week!

A thank you to parents and neighbours of the school community who came on Sunday to buy Christmas trees. You have helped raise a substantial amount of money for the school. Thanks to Reception parents who came to sell and net the trees. The PTA have raised a phenomenal amount of money this month alone for which we are so grateful.

Next week continues at full pace. On Monday, the entire school will be having a Christmas pause day, where we remember the true meaning of Christmas. I shall also be holding my half termly tea party, so will look forward to hearing all your secrets! Our first KS2 Carol Concert will be held on Monday evening, followed on Tuesday afternoon with the second show. FS and KS1 children will be having parties during the day on Tuesday (teachers will communicate separately with details). KS2 pupils are invited to the Christmas Disco on Tuesday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm. Please drop children at the main office entrance and collect from the school hall.

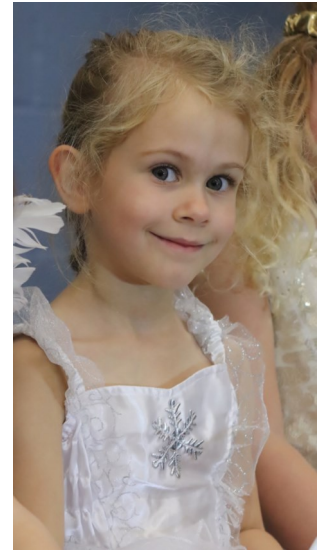
**Term will finish on Wednesday 19th December at 1.30pm.** We will be holding our Church service on Wednesday morning at 9.30am to which you are warmly invited. Children will be performing and we will be joined by additional guests.

School will **reopen to pupils on Monday 7th January** and to staff on Thursday 3rd January.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas, enjoy all the festivities and we shall look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.

Best wishes.  
Kathryn Krynicki  
Headteacher

# Mary's Knitting



The staff would like to express their gratitude for all the appreciation expressed by parents following the Christmas productions.

## JUNIOR DISCO

**Tuesday 18th December**

**6:30 - 8:00 pm in the School Hall**

**£3 on the door**

**Price includes crisps, sweets and drinks (no need to bring any extra money)**

**Drop off at Coldharbour Road entrance only.**

**Entry through main school entrance. Collect at hall door.**

**Parents to take their children's coats home.**

# Angel Express



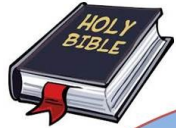


## CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERTS - MONDAY EVENING & TUESDAY AFTERNOON

All KS2 children are expected to take part in the concert on Monday evening. They should arrive at church at 6pm. It would be helpful if parents could keep their children's coats.

Tickets have gone home in book bags today. There has been huge demand for the Monday evening concert so we are sorry that we have not been able to fulfil requests for extra tickets.

Requests for extra tickets for Tuesday may be possible and, if so, we will send these home on Monday. Our priority is to ensure, as far as possible, that all families get their 2 tickets for one of the productions. Thank you for your understanding.



Week commencing: 15/12/16



In assembly this week,  
we are thinking about  
**Christmas traditions**  
and why they are  
important to us.



A message from the Pырford Primary PTA...

Please think of us when you start your Christmas shopping this year!



Easy Fundraising is a great way to raise money for the PTA while you shop online, and the beauty of it is that it won't cost you a penny.



Some schools have raised in excess of £8000 just by doing their normal online shopping, and with Christmas on the way it's a great time to sign up and encourage friends and family to do the same.

This is how it works: you can either access a retailers website via the EasyFundraising website, add their donation reminder button to your browser, or use the EasyFundraising app. The retailer will automatically make a donation based on a percentage of what you spend. E.g. The Book People will donate up to 5% of your spend, John Lewis will donate up to 2%, Virgin Experience Days will donate up to 6% and Boden will donate up to 4%.

Simply...



### 1. Join

Head to EasyFundraising.com and sign up to support our cause.



### 2. Shop

Log in to easyfundraising every time you shop online.



### 3. Raise

After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to us.

[easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofpyrfordps](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofpyrfordps)

Thank You!



## Sport at Pyrford - Autumn term update

We have had another busy half term. Netball has been the outdoor sport. It has been great to see the boys enjoying the more competitive elements of the sport. There has been a very definite improvement in catching and throwing in the younger age groups. Year 2 have been enjoying an introduction to netball and have all done extremely well. There are some great goal shooters in the making!



Indoor PE has been predominantly dance. This term we have been learning Line Dancing. I have been very impressed by all of the children from Year 1 to Year 6. They have all made a real effort and the results have been very rewarding. Year 1 performed their line dance routine to their teachers yesterday. Mrs Jones and Ms Humphries were very impressed.

We have played a number of football matches, both girls and boys. Next term we will have more football matches. We also have some netball matches lined up.

Year 4 girls have really enjoyed the 4 sessions of football coaching by Sophie Hollis from Byfleet FC. Year 5 and 6 had some really inspirational athletics coaching from JP Laurent. We are lucky that we are offered free taster sessions, from outside providers, to encourage children to be more active.

Wednesday after school football has been very popular. The girls' squad is growing and more girls are joining on the back of Sophie's sessions. Netball Club on a Tuesday has been a lot of fun. There was a small uptake when this club was offered but those who did sign up have really enjoyed the after school sessions. Hopefully the netball we have done during the school day will encourage more children, both girls and boys, to join the netball club.



Next term we are hoping that cross country will be the main outdoor sport, with gym/keep fit taking place in the school hall during indoor PE lessons.

Can I remind you to ensure that your children have proper PE kits for the coming term. It is likely to be extremely cold and therefore it is particularly important that the children have proper outdoor PE kits. All children need to have the school PE shorts and t-shirts. They also need to have tracksuit bottoms and tops. These should ideally be navy blue and without any obvious logo (the school has some good quality tops and bottoms for only £1 each - just ask at the office). For the girls who wear tights during the winter, it is important to have a pair of PE socks in their kit bag. Trainers, that remain in school if at all possible, are a necessity. The slip on PE shoes are not robust enough for outdoor PE and do not offer enough support to the children's feet. Outdoor PE will be starting as soon as we come back to school after the Christmas break, so please ensure your child has their full kit with them.

Many thanks and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Caroline Cockle



## SCHOOL DATES FOR 2018—2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Christmas Pause Day	Mon 17 December	
KS2 Christmas Carols at CoGS	Mon 17 December	<b>6:30 pm</b>
KS2 Christmas Carols at CoGS	Tue 18 December	<b>1:45 pm</b>
Junior Christmas Disco	Tue 18 December	18:30-20:00
School Christmas Service at CoGS	Wed 19 December	09:30
Last Day of Autumn Term	Wed 19 December	finish at 13:30
Christmas Holidays	20 December to 2 January	
INSET Day	Thu 3 January	
INSET Day	Fri 4 January	
First Day of Spring Term	Mon 7 January	
Primary Admissions deadline	Tue 15 January	
Elm class to Pizza Express, Woking	Wed 16 January	
Maple class to Pizza Express, Weybridge	Thu 17 January	
Yr 4 to Synagogue	Thu 31 January	
o2 Young Voices Concert	Fri 1 February	
Yr 6 Bikeability	Mon 4 - Fri 8 February	
PTA Quiz Night	Fri 8 February	
Spring Half term	18 - 22 February	
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Thu 28 February	
Yr 1 to Windsor Castle	Tue 5 March	
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Thu 14 March	
Yr 5 to the Mosque	Thu 21 March	
Yr 4 Residential to Hindleap	Mon 1 - Wed 3 April	
School Easter Service at CoGS	Fri 5 April	09:30
Last Day of Spring Term	Fri 5 April	finish at 13:30
Easter Holidays	8 - 22 April	
First Day of Summer Term	Tue 23 April	
Yr 5 Viking workshop	Mon 29 April	
Reception to British Wildlife Centre	Wed 1 May	
May Bank Holiday	Mon 6 May	
Yr 3 Residential to Henley Fort	Tue 7 - Wed 8 May	
SATs Week	13 - 17 May	
Yr 5 Residential to West Dean	Tue 14 - Fri 17 May	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo Workshop	Wed 22 May	
Summer Half term	27 - 31 May	
INSET Day	Mon 3 June	
Yr 2 to The Look Out Discovery Centre	Tue 11 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 12 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Thu 13 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Liddington Hall	Mon 17 - Fri 21 June	
Yr 1 to Chessington	Tue 18 June	
Yr 4 to Wisley	Wed 19 June	
Yr 6 Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral	Thu 27 June	
Secondary School Induction Days	Tue 2 and/or Wed 3 July	
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Thu 4 July	
PTA Family BBQ	Fri 12 July	
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Wed 24 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Wed 24 July	finish at 13:30