



Pyrford Church of England Primary School

13 December 2019

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Good morning. What a week, non stop busyness! Welcome to what will be our last newsletter of 2019. It has been a very busy year with lots to celebrate and I am sure 2020 will be just as exciting. It has been an unusual week with a general election. The exit polls in school from the children indicated a landslide 'Green Party' win. Nationally that looked a little different but nevertheless, the children in school have had the opportunity to talk about what is important to them. The environment and looking after our planet was high on everyone's agenda in school which was great to hear considering we are really trying to promote this in school.

The school is buzzing today with everyone wearing their Christmas jumpers in aid of Save the Children and also to help celebrate our whole school Christmas lunch. We will be serving lunch to the whole school community - that's in excess of 500 lunches to children and adults. Earlier this morning, the Engage team came in to school to share a short Christmas play with the children. Engage visit every term and the children really enjoy it.

Our productions have been in full swing this week. Many thanks to everyone for showing support; it means so much to the children and staff. A trip to our KS2 concerts and end of term service shouldn't be missed next week! Parents should have received tickets in bags this week for the KS2 productions and any extra tickets requested are going home today. We look forward to seeing our Nursery parents later today and on Monday.

A thank you to parents and neighbours of the school community who came last Saturday to buy Christmas trees. You have helped raise just over £600 for the school. Thanks to parent volunteers 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.

This week I am pleased to share the news that Mrs Carroll who leads Treetops and works in Hazel class, has delivered her baby, rather earlier than expected at 29 weeks. Mrs Carroll went to a routine appointment to receive the news that the baby needed to be delivered early. He arrived on Thursday weighing 11b 14oz; her baby boy is currently doing well and breathing on his own. He is being cared for by the neonatal nurses and it is hoped he will make it home before his due date. I am sure you will join me in sending thoughts, prayers and warm wishes to the Carroll family.

Thank you to committee members who attended the PTA AGM this year. It was an informative evening with lots planned for the year ahead. The PTA are busy gaining an online presence on Facebook so please do like and share their page. It is a great way of keeping up to date with all the great events and funded projects the PTA engage in and an opportunity to make suggestions too.

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 Tuesday evening, followed on Thursday afternoon with the second show. FS and KS1 children will be having parties during the day on Thursday (teachers will communicate separately with details). KS2 pupils are invited to the Christmas Disco on Thursday evening between 6.30pm and 8pm. Please drop children at the main office entrance and collect from the school hall. On collection, parents will come into the school hall, collect their child and leave via the rear doors. Please take coats home with you as we don't have room for hundreds of coats in the hall.

Term will finish on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm. We will be holding our Church service on Friday 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 Tuesday 7th January** and to staff on Monday 6th January.

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

Best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki
Headteacher

Congratulations to our Golden Book winners

Squirrels - Numaan Ahmad for joining in the actions and Ginny Wood for singing so beautifully in our Squirrels Sing Christmas.

Ash - Lincoln Evans for excellent acting in the play.

Hazel - Abubakr-Ali for excellent independent writing and drawing.

Beech - Alexander Caulfield for excellent speaking in the play.

Oak - Clara Beasley for wonderful writing about Emperor penguins.

Chestnut - Archie Neumann for a beautiful stained glass window.

Hawthorn & Cedar - Everyone for being fantastic in our Christmas productions.

Maple - Amelia Caulfield for always putting 100% effort into her reading.

Elm - Ava Theodorou for working really hard with her writing.

Alder - Jake Jessop for a fantastic information poster about Henry VIII.

Larch - Eadie Chandler for working so hard on her brilliant Henry VIII homework.

Cherry - Daniel Sprangle for writing an effective poem about the cat from 'Way Home'.

Rowan - Isadora Rubie for some excellent work on the Arctic & Antarctic.

Willow - Eva Price for an excellent presentation to the class.

Laurel - Calum Badenoch for showing excellent investigative skills in our shadow investigation in Science.

Holly - Salsabeel Ahmed for working well in a group creating a great science shadow investigation.



JUNIOR DISCO

Thursday 19th 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 doors.

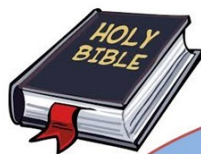
Parents to take their children's coats home.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS POST SERVICE

PLEASE ADDRESS
CAREFULLY WITH
NAME & CLASS

LAST POSTING
THURSDAY 19th at 9am



Week commencing: 16/12/19



In assembly this week,
we are thinking about
the events in
The Christmas story



The lunch menus for
next term will appear
shortly on the Scopay
site. **Please make sure**

**you book your child's meals before they return
on the 7th.**

For Squirrels parents booking online for the first
time, do contact the office if you require any
assistance.

Please ensure that **Breakfast Club** and **Treetops**
accounts are settled and bookings for next term
are made.

If you have paid a deposit for your child to attend
a **residential visit** and they no longer wish to
attend, you must inform the office by **Friday 20th
December**. Otherwise you will be liable for the
full charge.

Lost Property



Named lost property is regularly
sent up to classes. Unnamed
lost property will be put in the
entrance lobby every afternoon
next week. Anything not
claimed by Friday, will be
recycled / disposed of.



Pyrford C of E
Primary School



"My son LOVED
Squirrels. All the
teachers were wonder-
ful and it set him up
nicely for Reception"

Parent satisfaction and feedback
questionnaire 2018

Hot Lunches Available



Involvement in School Events



Applications OPEN for September 2020

Early Education for 2-4 year olds
Offering 6, 9, 15 and 30 hour places

FEET Funding, FEE funding and 30 hour funding available

Smooth Transition to School



Plenty of Outdoor Space



Email: squirrels@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

Tel: 01932 342693

Website: squirrels nurserypyrford.co.uk

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earn **REWARDS**
for your school



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£1 to YOUR school to spend on books.

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over £10

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Rock Hero Status has been awarded to

LKS2

1st Place: **Amelia Caulfield**

2nd Place: **Zayn Ali**

3rd Place: **Ava Theodorou**

UKS2

1st Place: **Serhan Ahmed**

2nd Place: **Rubens Bekker**

3rd Place: **Tryston Webster**



For the highest level of accuracy over the last week. Well done Rock Legends!

Come On Pyrford! We are **Number 7 in the Local League Tables**

1 New Monument Primary Academy

2 The Winston Churchill School

3 Cobham Free School

4 Maybury Primary School

5 Westfield Primary School

6 Sythwood Primary

7 Pyrford Primary School

Top Classes are

1st: Elm

2nd: Larch

3rd: Maple



So Willow Children didn't get their wish: they voted Green Party as they felt so passionately about climate change! They took it very seriously indeed. We even had our own polling station with someone checking them in. A lesson in democracy.

1st Green Party (23 votes)

2nd Liberal Democrats (4)

3rd Labour Party (1)

Conservative & Brexit Parties failed to gain any votes



Green Party

Help Raise Money for Our School!

This week you should have received a collection bag for you to fill with all your old clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels.

All items will be redistributed to people who need them and in return we get 40p for every kilo collected.

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 Wednesday 15th January, 2020. The perfect excuse to have a clear out after Christmas. Thank you !!



A message from the Pyrford Primary PTA...

Please think of us when you do 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](https://www.easyfundraising.com) and sign up to support our cause.



2. Shop

The Easy Fundraising toolbar will automatically collect your donations. Or, use the app to shop from your phone.



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!




[Click here to follow the link](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofpyrfordps)


SCHOOL DATES FOR 2019—2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

Description	Date	Time
Christmas Pause Day	Mon 16 December	
Squirrels Sing Christmas	Mon 16 December	14:45
KS2 Carol Concert at CoGS	Tue 17 December	18:30
KS1 Christmas Parties	Wed 18 December	
KS2 Carol Concert at CoGS	Thu 19 December	13:45
KS2 Disco	Thu 19 December	18:30 - 2000
School Christmas Service at CoGS	Fri 20 December	09:30
Last Day of Autumn Term	Fri 20 December	finish at 13:30
Christmas Holidays	21 December to 5 January	
INSET Day	Mon 6 January	
First Day of Spring Term	Tue 7 January	
Primary Admissions deadline	Wed 15 January	
Bag2School collection	Wed 15 January	
SEN Parents' Meetings	Wed 22 January	15:30—17:30
o2 Young Voices Concert	Fri 24 January	
Y5 Vikings Workshop	Tue 28 January	
Yr 1 to Windsor Castle	Wed 29 January	
Yr 4 to Synagogue	Thu 30 January	
Yr 3 class to Pizza Express	Tue 4 February	
Yr 3 class to Pizza Express	Wed 5 February	
Parent Workshops: English, Reading & Spelling	Wed 5 February	18:30
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Wed 5 February	16:00 / 18:00
School Nurse - Yr R Measurement Prog	Mon 10 - Tue 11 February	
Spring Half term	17 - 21 February	
Yr 6 Greek workshop	Wed 4 March	
Spring Parents' Meetings	Tue 10 March	15:30 - 17:30
Yr 2 to Brooklands Museum	Thu 12 March	
Spring Parents' Meetings	Thu 12 March	15:30 - 19:30
Y5 Mosque Visit	Thu 19 March	
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Thu 19 March	16:00 / 18:00
Assessment Week	w/c 23 March	
Easter Pause Day	Mon 30 March	
School Easter Service at CoGS	Fri 3 April	09:30
Last Day of Spring Term	Fri 3 April	finish at 13:30
Easter Holidays	4 - 19 April	
First Day of Summer Term	Mon 20 April	
Yr 4 Residential to Hindleap	Wed 22 - Fri 24 April	
Yr 3 Residential to High Ashurst	Thu 30 April - Fri 1 May	
Swimming starts	w/c 4 May	
Yr 5 Residential to West Dean	Tue 5 - Thu 7 May	
May Bank Holiday	Fri 8 May	
SATs Week	11 - 14 May	
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Wed 13 May	16:00 / 18:00
Reception to British Wildlife Centre	Mon 18 May	
Summer Half term	25 - 29 May	
INSET Day	Mon 1 June	
Yr 4 Tropical Zoo	Wed 3 June	
Yr 5 to Harry Potter Studios	Mon 8 June	

Description	Date	Time
Yr 6 Bikeability	Mon 8 - Fri 12 June	
Yr 2 to The Look Out Discovery Centre	Thu 11 June	
Yr 6 Residential to Osmington	Mon 15 - Fri 19 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Wed 17 June	
Yr 3 class to Henley Fort	Thu 18 June	
EYFS & KS1 Sports Day	Fri 19 June	am
Yr 4 to Wisley	Thu 25 June	
Yr 1 to Merrist Wood Animal Encounters	Fri 26 June	
KS2 Sports Day	Fri 26 June	am
Yr 4 Brass Concert at CoGS	Sat 27 June	evening
Assessment Week	w/c 29 June	
Secondary School induction days	Tue 30 June / Wed 1 July	
Yr 2 Pedals Course	Wed 1 July	
Governing Body & Trustee meetings	Thu 2 July	16:00 / 18:00
INSET Day	Fri 3 July	
Yr 5 Away Day at Fullbrook	Tue 7 July	
Yr 6 Production	Fri 17 July	
Yr 6 Leavers' Disco	Tue 21 July	18:30 - 20:00
Leavers' Service at CoGS	Wed 22 July	09:30
Last Day of Summer Term	Wed 22 July	finish at 13:30



THE CHOIR OF ST GEORGE'S CHAPEL, WINDSOR CASTLE



You are invited to apply to attend our

Chorister for a Day

event to be held on
Saturday 18 January 2020 from 12.30pm to 6.30pm
 at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, Windsor SL4 1NJ
 Please see overleaf for further details.

Advance booking is essential.
 Closing date for applications: Friday 10 January 2020

Please contact Francesca Alden
 Tel 01753 848797 Email cfad@stgeorges-windsor.org

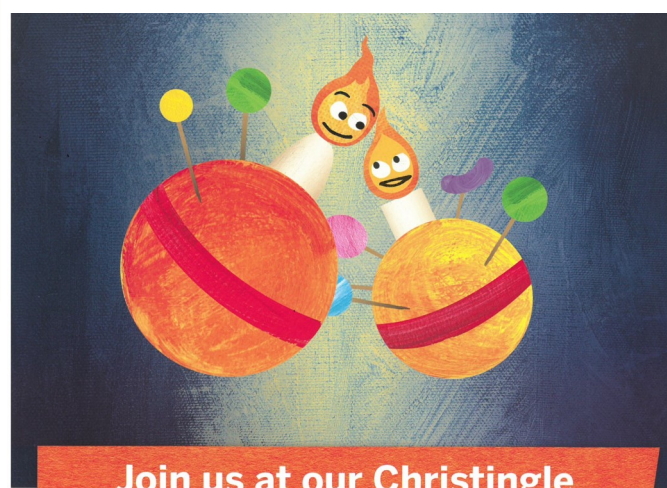
Chorister for a Day is a wonderful opportunity for boys aged 6-8 (Yrs 2-3 at school) and their parents to experience a day as a chorister in our world-famous choir of boys and professional adult singers. Designed to help potential choristership applicants find out more about life as a chorister ahead of choristership auditions in February, the programme of events will include various activities, ending with the Chorister for a Day participants taking part in Choral Evensong with the Choir of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle.

Choristers at St George's rehearse every weekday morning and sing services on four weekdays and on a Sunday (Saturdays are mostly commitment free). This schedule develops not only their musical talents, but nurtures key skills such as leadership, team work, and time management. The choristers all receive singing lessons from one of the UK's finest teachers of young voices. The choir was founded in 1348 and sings regularly in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal family. In 2018, this included singing at both Royal Weddings in St George's Chapel: for TRH The Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May, and for HRH Princess Eugenie and Mr Jack Brooksbank in October. In recent years the choir has performed overseas on many occasions, and broadcast live on BBC Radio 3 and Classic FM.

It is important to note that we are not looking for musical stars at this stage – we are looking for boys between the ages of six and eight who have the potential to develop their fledgling musical talent, who would like to consider the opportunity of applying for a choristership, and above all who would enjoy this sort of event.

www.stgeorges-windsor.org

www.stgwindsor.co.uk



Join us at our Christingle

Share the light with the Christingles

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

Date: **15th DECEMBER** Time: **4 PM**

Location: **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Please contact: **GAY CLOTHIER**

07 808 584 417



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