

11 December 2020

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

A taste of KS1 Nativity more on the website...



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## Headteacher's Letter

Well what a year!!!

I don't think any of us could have predicted what 2020 was to bring us. I know everyone in the school community is hanging on for the final stretch to Christmas, in the hope of meeting up with your bubble of 3 households.

Whilst it has undoubtedly been a challenging time for us all, there have been so many fond and uplifting memories that I will take with me for the rest of my life. I reflected this week on the dark day 'March 20<sup>th</sup>' – forever etched in my brain. I clearly remember calling our 82 staff to a final briefing, where we stood distanced in the long corridor after we'd closed the doors to the children. As I gave my talk to the staff, there wasn't a dry eye from any of us. For me, that was the moment I knew life would not be the 'normal' we had known.

From that day on though, we had a purpose, a job to do. We fondly became a lockdown school family. Staff volunteered their time in school to look after children and to cook and clean for us. No one moaned about working contracts or the fact that they'd given up their weekends, school holidays and bank holidays - together we did it for the children. They rallied as a true team. Parents sent supportive messages which helped us get through those uncertain times. We knew you were all struggling too with the changes to your life and the novelty of home educating soon wearing off. However as a community, we all learnt how to communicate using new technology. We learned the importance of family and friends and perhaps re-evaluated what was important to us in our lives. Our children learned new skills, to be a little more self-sufficient and to have amazing IT skills which we would never have had the time to cover in the curriculum.

No-one wrote the manual or the training programme for 'leading and managing in a pandemic'. However, I think as a school community we've done our best. We know we haven't been able to keep everyone happy all of the time, but please be assured that your children are happy at school. They have readily adapted to all of our new routines without question.

I am hopeful that with a vaccine now within our grasp, we will all learn from our experiences and use the best things to make a better future for ourselves and our children.

I would like to thank you all for your unwavering support of the school this year. Every single one of you returned after the lockdown in September which is testament to your faith in us. I have been astounded by the support which has been offered by individuals and groups of you who want to help in different ways. THANK YOU.



We have made it to the final stretch of a term like no other. This week we have had four lots of Christmas lunches, an elf visit and filming of various performances, whilst still carrying out assessments, teaching and learning.

You will no doubt have seen this week's announcement from the DfE regarding schools having Thursday next week as the last day of teaching (no issues for us as term was due to finish on that day anyway). However I do need to make you aware of the track and trace procedures in place. Schools are responsible for track and trace until 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

### Ordering School Lunches for Next Term

The new menu will go 'live' on Monday. Please remember to make your selections before the children return to school next term.

### Christmas Jumper Day donations

Thank you to everyone who has made their donation. This remains open on Scopay for any further donations (see under 'Trips').

**WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE**  
(the following procedure should also be followed by staff)

**Between 17<sup>th</sup> December and 23rd December**

Please email [head@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk) and [info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

We will get back to you and will work with PHE and Surrey CC to identify pupils/staff who will then need to isolate and the period of time isolation is required.

We will contact those of you who need to isolate via text message and email with the relevant information.

**After 23rd December**

NHS Track and Trace will support you and will identify close contacts.

We hope that everyone keeps safe and well over the festive period. Next week in school will be critical in trying to keep everyone safe. Please may I ask that if your child has any illness, you keep them at home. I know children don't want to miss out on end of term plans but numbers of cases have rapidly increased locally amongst children, so we really need to be cautious. Many local schools are struggling to keep open at all and positive cases next week will inevitably have an impact on our school community and your Christmas plans.

**WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK?**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Pause Day** The whole school will focus on the Christian element of Christmas. All children will participate in workshop and prayer led activities, as well as arts and craft activities focussing on the nativity story and the birth of Jesus.

**PTA Secret Santa stall** for children wishing to participate. Children may bring up to £2 in change and a piece of wrapping paper. They can then choose up to 3 items to buy and wrap for family members. They will wrap these and make labels ready to bring home before the end of term. We are running a Covid-safe market stall with timed shopping slots!

**Gaming and Quiz evening for Yrs 5&6**, 3.15-6.00pm run by TreeTops (places limited, please book via Scopay).

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Golden Book** via Zoom to classrooms.

**Chocolate raffle** for all classes - your child will bring home their prize. Please check full ingredients for allergies - particularly those with nut allergies where chocolate may have been in a factory where nuts are used.

**Christmas productions** shared on the school website. This will be on a secure area of the website and you will be emailed the password to access this. Please be mindful that we all have a duty to safeguard the children and so we ask you not to download the productions or put them onto any social media platforms. We have done everything we can to keep our children safe. Children will have the opportunity to watch siblings from the screen in their classrooms before the end of term.

**DIARY DATES**

**Tue 15 Dec:** Flu immunisations for Year 1

**Thu 17 Dec:** Last day of term

**Fri 18 Dec - 3 Jan:** Christmas Holiday

**Mon 4 Jan:** INSET Day

**Tue 9 Feb:** Y6 Greeks Day

**13 - 21 Feb:** HALF TERM

**Thu 1 Apr:** Last day of term

**2 - 18 Apr:** Easter Holiday

**Tue 11 May:** Y5 Vikings Day

**29 May - 6 Jun:** HALF TERM

**Mon 7 Jun:** INSET Day

**Tue 22 Jun:** Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

**Wed 21 Jul:** Last day of term

## Thursday 17th

**End of term church service** - this will take place for the children virtually this year, along the same lines that collective worship has been operating this term. Our sincere thanks for the wonderful support we receive from our church family.

### **Last day of term collection arrangements.**

This year we need to build in staggered pick up times to reduce the risk of Covid spread. We have tried to do these in 10 minute slots so that parents are not hanging around the school site for extended periods of time. Usual pick up procedures will be in place.

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Nursery</b>     | <b>12.20pm</b> |
| <b>Reception</b>   | <b>12.05pm</b> |
| <b>Yrs 1&amp;2</b> | <b>12.00pm</b> |
| <b>Yrs 3&amp;4</b> | <b>12.10pm</b> |
| <b>Yrs 5&amp;6</b> | <b>12.20pm</b> |

Children will not eat in school on this day. Children entitled to free school meals or universal infant free school meals will be sent home with a takeaway packed lunch to have at home. No one needs to bring a packed lunch to school on this day. We would really appreciate parents picking up at the allocated times. As always, please remember to wear a face covering and to socially distance.

Reports will be winging their way to you via email at various points next week, so please keep a look out.

At the end of this term we will sadly be saying goodbye to Mrs Carroll who has worked in our school for a number of years now, both as a teaching assistant and running TreeTops. Mrs Carroll is now caring for her youngest child who you will remember was born prematurely last year.

We would like to wish Miss Ali all the very best as she leaves us to take maternity leave before the birth of her child in the spring. I will update you next year with her news.

And finally.... I'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Whilst it will be different for many, I hope you enjoy spending some quality time together and very much look forward to welcoming children back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Very best wishes

Kathryn Krynicki  
Headteacher



## Supporting vulnerable families

With 2020 coming to an end, members of the school community are organising gifts for families to ensure that every child can have a great Christmas and holiday season.

This year has been a crazy time for all of us, but for some the struggles have gone beyond restricted social lives and dealing with home learning. If you are able to contribute towards a fund to raise money for these gifts then please visit <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8uRwDjSm5T>

If your family, or someone you know within the school, has had a particularly difficult year then please email Mrs Krynicki [head@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)

All contact will be treated with the highest confidence.

Thank you so much for your support.



House Captains were selected earlier this term. They had to write a letter of application and then be interviewed by Mrs Little via Zoom. The successful candidates are:

| House   | House Captain  | Vice Captain     |
|---------|----------------|------------------|
| Ashdown | Zara Patel     | Bethany Zone     |
| Atholl  | Celianne Lorvo | Kelsey Freeman   |
| Brecon  | Leo Snelgrove  | Imogen Reynell   |
| Kielder | Samuel Platts  | Amelia Theodorou |



The school has taken delivery of a hornbeam tree and various hedge plants, part of a Surrey County Council scheme for schools to assist with their Climate Change Strategy.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Robinson who advised us where would be best to plant it and assisted with planting, and thank you to Stephanie Broadley for alerting us to the scheme.

The tree has been planted along the edge of the field to provide much needed shade in the summer and the hedges have been planted in the environmental garden.

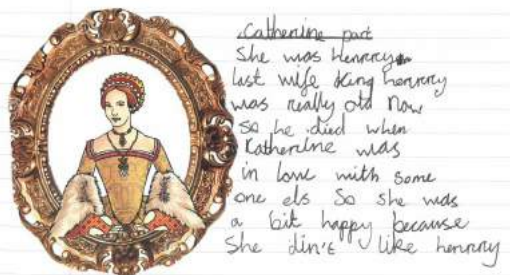


# GOLDEN BOOK

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK



|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>N SQUIRRELS</b><br>Oscar Hills for great participation in our Christmas singing and for playing so nicely with his friends.  | <b>4 ALDER</b><br>Ted Cormie for working so hard this week and using lovely, descriptive language in English.   |
| <b>R BEECH</b><br>Tom Kloke for being a very enthusiastic shepherd in the school play! (see previous page)  | <b>4 LARCH</b><br>Juliette Merrells for excellent work in History, learning about King Henry VIII (see below).  |
| <b>R HAZEL</b><br>Abdul-Qaadir Shafique for being a very enthusiastic shepherd in the school play! (see previous page)  | <b>5 CHERRY</b><br>William Burnett for an excellent letter in English from Hare to Bear. All about why Christmas is special.  |
| <b>YEAR 1</b><br>The whole year for so hard at home during their isolation.   | <b>5 WILLOW</b><br>All of Willow class. They are looking at a TV ad which shows the importance of sharing, caring and friendship, especially at Christmas. They wrote in role as the giver of a special gift - from the hare to the bear! |
| <b>2 HAWTHORN</b><br>James Poole for fantastic effort and progress with his reading. James has worked really hard on his reading both at school and at home, and his hard work has paid off! Well done! | <b>6 SYCAMORE</b><br>Scout Westen for some lovely work in RE - the story of Rama & Sita and a very informative diagram showing 'Puja' - Hindu worship in the home.  |
| <b>2 CEDAR</b><br>Edward Allen for doing a fantastic job on his sewing so far. It isn't finished yet (see below).   | <b>6 HOLLY</b><br>Robyn Irvine for a fantastic piece of artwork in the style of Keith Haring (see below).   |
| <b>3 ELM</b><br>Sophie Richardson for writing a fantastic diary entry.  | <b>6 LAUREL</b><br>Joshie Johnson for working really hard in Science and writing a good investigation.  |
| <b>3 MAPLE</b><br>Caleb Hennessy for working so hard on joining up his handwriting and making his work neater.  |   |



Juliette Merrells

Robyn Irvine



Edward Allen



# PTA Secret Santa Event

The PTA are running a Secret Santa present buying event for the children in school.

There are 3 gifts for children to choose from. Two gifts cost 50p each and the third gift costs £1.

## **What you need to do!**

If your child would like to participate by buying a gift(s) send them in to school on **Monday 14th December** with **up to £2** in change and a small amount of wrapping paper (measuring no more than 50cmx50cm).

The staff will run the market stall for children to purchase their gifts throughout the day on Monday during timed slots, they will then return to class where they will wrap gifts and make labels ready to bring home to put under the tree before the end of term.



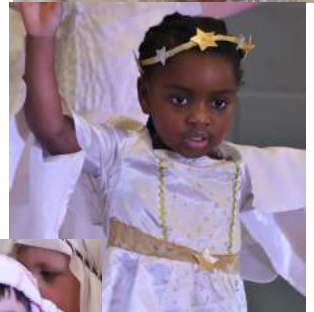
**Purchase  
gifts on  
Monday 14th  
December**







RECEPTION NATIVITY





## Times Tables Rock Stars Awards!

Rock Hero Status has been awarded to:



|     | Lower KS2           | Upper KS2       |
|-----|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1st | Amina Azeem         | Aila Zaman      |
| 2nd | Annie Whyman-Taylor | Harrison Barnes |
| 3rd | Eshal Abdullah      | William Gerrard |

And top of the Classes Leader Board are

1st Place: Larch Class - 2nd Place: Alder Class - 3rd Place: Elm Class

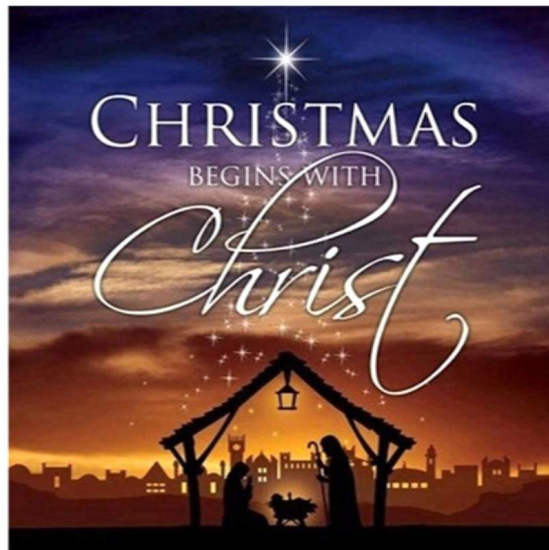
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/ttrs/online>



## Christmas Pause Day Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December

On Monday we will be forgetting all the hustle and bustle of the season to pause and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas.

A day of activities and crafts to remember what the Bible says about Christmas and what it means for us.





## Christmas Raffle



We are delighted to let you know that **all** the children will be getting an extra treat this Christmas - a movie afternoon with popcorn

We have now sold a whopping **2854 tickets**

Remember that if we sell 3000 tickets then Mrs Krynicki will dress as a **BANANA** at one drop off/pick up during the last week of term!!!! **We have just 24 hours left to reach this target. The raffle closes at 4pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

A full list of our 50+ prizes are outlined below

Access the raffle by clicking the link: <https://raffall.com/140973/enter-raffle-to-win-pyrford-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-aisha-hutchinson>

You will need to quickly sign up, answer a question (the answer is the M25!) **and then you can buy as many tickets as you like (£1 each).**

**Automatic draw 4pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December – we will be in touch with all the winners about picking up their prizes from school – good luck everyone**

***Thank You!***

## Silent Auction

***The Pyrford Silent Auction is back and now open!!!***

*There are some great items and a wide range to suit different budgets & interests including:*

***Have a child's bedroom professionally decorated***

***One week in a Spanish apartment***

***Passes to Lords cricket***

***Lawn treatments***

***Personal training, Gym passes***

***Haircuts, Massages***

***Family days out, Children's activities & classes***

***Babysitting, Dog walks***

***Plus many more items...***

*Bidding is easy, you just need to create an account which takes seconds. Then place your bid and you will be notified if you have been outbid so you can increase your amount. You can also place a maximum bid.*

***Start bidding: <https://www.32auctions.com/PyrfordSchoolAuction2020>***

***Closing date: Sat 12th Dec 4:00pm***

*A Big thank you to all the parents and organisations that have donated items or services for free*

***All proceeds go to the school so get bidding...***





### Please think of us when you use Amazon!

The PTA are registered charity with Amazon Smile so we would really appreciate parents shopping through the 'Amazon Smile' portal when making Amazon purchases - it's the same products, same prices, same services as the Amazon we know, but Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase (excluding VAT and shipping fees) for eligible purchases to a charity of choice.

When shopping through Amazon Smile, you just need to select your chosen charity, we are registered as 'Friends of Pyrford Primary School'. Anyone can select us a charity so even grandparents and friends can also select 'Friends of Pyrford Primary' as their chosen charity.



Once you are registered, you can now also link your Amazon Smile account to the Amazon app on your phone, just look for the "Amazon Smile" heading in your settings.



[Click Here!](#)

**Thank you!**

**Christmas is coming...**

Please help us to raise money for the school while you do your online Christmas shopping!

Simply download the app or desktop browser tool and click the link to each retailer before you check out. It couldn't be easier.

We have raised nearly £4000 this way so far!

You shop, 4,300 sites will donate to us for free.

|          |             |       |         |            |             |
|----------|-------------|-------|---------|------------|-------------|
| ebay     | ASDA        | M&S   | GROUPON | Boots      | Booking.com |
| buyagift | Sainsbury's | Argos | Argos   | red letter | WAITROSE    |
| Iceland  | moonpig     | Cargo | ASOS    | GAME       |             |

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### CHRISTMAS PUDDING ORDERS

**We are expecting delivery next week and will get them to class as soon as possible**

**Now Open!**

We are excited to be launching our *Virtual Christmas Fayre*, featuring a whole host of *local* artisan businesses ranging from food and drink, jewellery, arts, gifts, and more.

All enquiries to [fppsevents@gmail.com](mailto:fppsevents@gmail.com)

**Pyrford C of E Primary School's Virtual CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

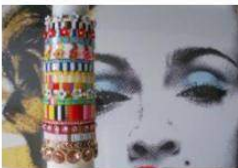
Food - Drinks - Jewellery - Art  
Gifts - Home and much more

<https://sites.google.com/view/pyrfordprimaryvirtualchristmas>

Promo code: **PYRFORD10**

*Thank you for your continued support*





Over 20 Stalls!

Now Open!

We are excited to be launching our *Virtual Christmas Fayre*, featuring a whole host of *local* artisan businesses ranging from food and drink, jewellery, arts, gifts, and more. All enquiries to [fppsevents@gmail.com](mailto:fppsevents@gmail.com)

Pyrford C of E Primary School's Virtual

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** 2020

Food - Drinks - Jewellery - Art  
Gifts - Home and much more

<https://sites.google.com/view/pyrfordprimaryvirtualchristmas>

Promo code: **PYRFORD10**  
*Thank you for your continued support*





# Christmas Raffle



## Top Raffle Prizes

**Lego Creative** Toolbox building (worth £129)  
**Chocolatier's Table'** chocolate box from Hotel Chocolat (worth £105)  
**Amazon Fire 7 Kids** Edition Tablet | 7" Display, 16 GB, Kid-Proof Case  
**Topiary Plant** (worth £100) from Flourish Plants Ltd  
**Sony** MDR-XB950B1 EXTRA BASS™ Wireless Headphones (Blue)  
**Sony** SRS-XB21 Portable Wireless Waterproof Speaker  
**Luxury Hamper** including 2 bottles of Champagne  
**Village Vintners** / Cook Meal Vouchers (£50)  
Amazon **Echo Dot** (3rd Generation) White  
**Jules2u** Hair cut & blowdry  
Hamper from **Waitrose**  
**Village Vintners** Voucher (£30)  
**Red Lion**, Horsell, Voucher (£30)  
**Graham Turner Family Butchers** Meat voucher (£25)  
**Ripley Curry Garden** Voucher (£20)

## Plus loads more prizes including...

Wine Hamper  
Bottles of Single Malt Whisky  
Silent Pool Gin  
Champagne  
Wine glasses & wine  
Gin selection sets  
Bottles of Vermouth  
Boxes of Chocolates  
Home DIY bundle

Toiletries Sets  
Christmas Cake  
Tropic Range Gifts  
Buckaroo Game  
Two Walkie-talkies  
Creator 3 in 1 Lego Set  
World's Worst Children Books 1 & 2  
Children's games

**A huge thanks to the following organisations and also to all the parents who have generously donated prizes for the raffle.**

**VILLAGE VINTNERS**

**Waitrose**

**Jules2u** Hairdressing

**SONY**

**GRAHAM TURNER** *Perfect Meats*

**Pyrford Electrical Ltd**



## Thank You!

<https://raffall.com/140973/enter-raffle-to-win-pyrford-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-aisha-hutchinson>



## Is your child starting school in September 2021?

If your child was born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **02 November 2020** and **15 January 2021**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.



Apply online  
between  
02 November 2020  
and 15 January 2021



If you have any queries regarding admissions, please contact Mrs Anderson  
[c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Pyrford Rainbows needs your help!

We need new helpers and leaders to continue offering Rainbows to girls aged 5-7 in an around Pyrford.

Rainbows is all about developing self-confidence, building friendships and learning new things. Although the current restrictions mean we can't have face to face meetings, there is still an opportunity to have fun and create an exciting experience just for girls.

In order for these girls to have an opportunity to be part of Rainbows we need volunteers for our Rainbows unit in Pyrford from January 2021 as the current leaders are stepping down.

If your child is on the Rainbows waiting list and you volunteer to help run meetings your daughter will automatically be able to join the Pyrford unit.

If you would like to become involved in Girlguiding in Pyrford or have any questions about how by becoming a unit leader or unit helper please contact:

Lisa Anderson- [lisaanderson023@gmail.com](mailto:lisaanderson023@gmail.com) or Jo Povey - [Joannaedwards@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Joannaedwards@yahoo.co.uk)



## SPORT4KIDS

We have decided to bring the Christmas PARTY to CAMPS! Yes...that's right fun on top of more fun. Festive activities, Christmas tunes, party games, festive crafts, biscuit decorating...We really are bringing the PARTY to camps this year to help spread the Christmas cheer.

### MEET OLAF

Just like our Christmas party last year, children will get to meet OLAF and have some cheeky fun with him in a S4K Snowball fight! He will have pictures with the children and if we are lucky he will put a good word in with Santa and ask him nicely to come and join in the fun.

We unfortunately cannot provide a full spread of food for the children at camps but can safely give them some Christmas treats to take home at the end of the day. We are so thankful that we are able to offer this opportunity in a safe way in these unprecedented times.

COVID-19 has taken away so many opportunities for us all this year, let's not let it take away this one.

SPACES ARE NEARLY GONE- BOOK NOW

[www.sport4kids.biz/camps/](http://www.sport4kids.biz/camps/)