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## Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

## Christmas is coming.....

















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#### Headteacher's Letter

Good morning, well certainly a colder end to the week than the beginning!

There have been many announcements this week from central government giving us guidance on the mixing of households over Christmas and yesterday announcing that Surrey will be in Tier 2 when lockdown lifts next week.

Now is the time more than ever, to protect the time we are planning to spend with family over Christmas. We must make a collective effort to keep safe and follow the rules. In school, staff are stepping up measures to keep ourselves and children safe. The very last thing that I would want to happen is for one of the school community to test positive for Covid in the last few days of the term or the first week in the holidays. As headteacher, I am responsible for track and trace both during term-time and school holidays. I really don't want to be the person ringing you, informing you that your child has to isolate for the entire Christmas period, therefore, making you change all of your plans for seeing family. I am making a plea for you to follow our school procedures as outlined below:

- All adults to wear a face mask at drop off and pick up
- Only one adult to drop/collect a child
- Parents to please avoid entering the school
- All children to be dropped and collected at their allocated time so children don't cross bubbles (this has lapsed recently with a few parents running late and dropping /collecting when it suits rather than at allocated times)
- Children in Years 2 and above to have hand sanitiser on them at all times (we do also have a plentiful supply but there is less circulation if children have it on their desk)
- Any child showing any of the Covid symptoms should remain at home and a test sought (these are now easy to book and results are coming through very quickly)

To our year one children and colleagues, we shall miss you whilst you are having to self-isolate. Please rest assured, when you come back, we will still put all the Christmas activities you are missing in place as much as we possibly can and we won't let you miss out on the chocolate raffle!

Next week sees the launch of our Christmas activities in school and the first of our PTA events. The online fayre starts next week, so please support local businesses and the school by having a look. The Christmas tree sale is also taking place on Saturday 5th December, so do feel free to pop down and see if there is one you like. A reminder that children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards from Tuesday next week should they wish. Tuesday is also mufti day for the children, in return for donating chocolate. We will have large collection containers by the doors for children to place their donations in, before they are whisked away to the Covid-safe grotto for sorting and quarantining! Our very own Elf on the Shelf is due to arrive on Tuesday, having been in quarantine for 14 days and he is looking forward to release

#### **Christmas Lunch**

If you have booked or are likely to book the school Christmas lunch for your child, please be advised that due to forward purchasing and operational costs incurred for Christmas lunch, the standard annual no refund policy for pre-ordered Christmas lunches will apply.

#### PE Kit

We have a good supply of second hand navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirts for sale. £1 each. Please email Mrs Alexander

s.alexander@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

when he will no doubt be up to his usual tricks! This week, our cook Vanessa has asked children to enter a competition to name him, so we will share the name and winner with you shortly. Full details of all events are included in the newsletter - please keep an eye out as so much is going on.

Treetops (school's own childcare provision) are running a movie night again tonight as this was hugely successful the other week. I know this has been very popular and we will try to run more of this type of event so that we can accommodate you all. Just to reassure anyone who has booked for their child, all Covid-safe measures are followed. Children are in bubbles just the same as during the school day. Rooms are well ventilated and full handwashing procedures are followed. As for anything, there is always risk. It is up to you as parents to judge that risk and balance that against your child's mental wellbeing. I think our children have done amazingly well considering they haven't been able to attend usual clubs or have play-dates and sleepovers during this period of lockdown. Most of this will still stand now we are in Tier 2. I am really hopeful that the spring will bring better news and we can start running other clubs again.

#### With best wishes.

Kathryn Krynicki Headteacher

#### **Busy Squirrels**





Huge thanks to Vanessa and our catering team for running this competition.

### NAME THE ELF COMPETION WIN XMAS HAMPER

#### 1 Entry per person

On blank paper write your name, Class & your Lif name clearly

Post your entry in the elf mail box placed in the hall

Entry closing date 4th December

#### GOOD LUCK FROM TWELVE15



#### DIARY DATES

**Tue 1 Dec:** Wizard of Oz pantomime (Yrs 1 - 6) - Mufti Day.

Chocolate Raffle donations.

Sat 5 Dec, 10am - 1pm: Christmas Tree Sale

Tue 8 - Fri 11 Dec: Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

- Tue: Yrs 1 & 2
- Wed: Yrs N & R
- Thu: Yrs 3 & 4
- Fri: Yrs 5 & 6

Fri 11 Dec: Y4 Victorian dress up day

Thu 17 Dec: School finishes at 1:30pm

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: School finishes at 1:30pm

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: School finishes at 1:30pm

# Pyrford's Great Christmas

## Chocolate Tombola Treatl

## Having had a really challenging year, we'd like to give all of our children a treat this year and we need your help.

We would like families to donate chocolate (no nuts though please!). We want to get enough chocolate treats so that we can raffle them off for free to every child at the end of term. We need to collect 520 lots of chocolate (they can be anything from a chocolate lolly, selection box, Christmas themed chocs, a chocolate bar - whatever you fancy).

We are asking everyone to donate chocolate in return for wearing mufti on **Tuesday 1st December**. We will collect all the chocolate in, put it in quarantine and then bundle up and stick on raffle tickets. We will draw the chocolate raffles in each class at the end of term, with every ticket a winner! You are welcome to donate as little or as much as you like.



#### GOLDEN BOOK

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN BOOK WINNERS THIS WEEK**

#### **N SQUIRRELS**

Harry Purton for showing great interest in Emily Clothier for beautifully presented Science different types of houses.

#### **R BEECH**

celebration - her birthday (see next page).

#### **R HAZEL**

Jocelyn Hunt for excellent writing about her Ahmed Najaf for an excellent piece of writing celebration. Her new baby sister was born this weekend! (see next page)

#### **1 CHESTNUT**

our penguin topic.

#### **1 OAK**

Radley Westen for being so enthusiastic to learn all about penguins and lots of writing all about them in the writing area.

#### **1 PINE**

below).

#### **2 HAWTHORN**

Iman Ahmad for wonderful work on addition Saaniya Zaman for excellent work in Maths and subtraction.

#### 2 CEDAR

William Bourne for fantastic writing about Orion and the Dark.

#### 3 FI M

Eloise Lawes for setting out her Science investigation neatly.

#### **3 MAPLE**

Muitaba Ahmed for always putting so much effort into his Maths and making it so neat.



**4 LARCH** 

work about how we hear sound.

Amy Stringfellow for excellent writing about her Aria Parsonage for excellent understanding and recall of the 12 times table.

#### **5 CHERRY**

on our class text "There's a Boy in the Girl's Bathroom".

#### **5 WILLOW**

Monty Sherlock for being so enthusiastic about William Atkins for an interesting and well presented fact file on volcanoes. Williams always listens well, tries his best to answer lots of questions and gets work finished on time.

#### **6 SYCAMORE**

Hadya Amer for a great storyboard telling the Hindu story about Rama and Sita (see next page).

#### **6 HOLLY**

Luca Colvin for fabulous penguin labelling (see Zaina Chaudhary for a well-written diary full of emotion, story-telling, and use of great punctuation - a dash, apostrophes and fronted adverbials. Well done Zaina.

#### **6 LAUREL**

she always tries her best and puts her hand up in class.

#### Emperor Penguins









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	EYFS/KS 1	Lower KS2	Upper KS2	Class
1st	Joseph Hughes	Amina Azeem	Emelia Parvin	<b>2 Hawthorn</b> 292,568,174
2nd	Iman Ahmad	Mylo Rubie	Henry Hope	5 Willow 212,814,196
3rd	Holly Hope	Amelia Neenan	Louie Lorch	5 Cherry 98,990,356

#### **Times Tables Rock Stars Awards!**

#### Rock Hero Status has been awarded to:



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



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



We need new helpers and leaders to continue offering Rainbows to girls aged 5-7 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 or

Jo Povey- Joannaledwards@yahoo.co.uk

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. We will share a link to the fayre on the *1st December*.

Pyrford C of E Primary School's Virtual





## 1 - 17th December

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



Promo code: PYRFORD10 Thank you for your continued support

## amazonsmile You shop. Amazon gives.

### 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'.

Christmas is coming so no doubt there will be lots of purchases via Amazon, and it would be appreciated if our school can benefit from those purchases. Anyone can select us a charity so even grandparents and friends can also select 'Friends of Pyrford Primary' as their chosen charity.



### Thank you!











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.



#### Is your child starting school in September 2021?

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pply online

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** 

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.



If you have any queries regarding admissions, please contact Mrs Anderson <u>c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk</u>



Each year Christingle services provide an opportunity to raise money for The Children's Society charity. This is no different this year, so if you are able to, please make a small donation online at: <u>https://thyg.uk/CUS041991</u>

Please join The Church of the Good Shepherd's online Christingle Service on Sunday 6th December at 4pm https://www.wisleywithpyrford.org/online-church





SPORT 4 KIDS





8am-6pm for kids aged 4-12years