

4 November 2022

# Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

  
THE NEWARK TRUST



## Social Media Highlights



*Year 4 excitedly found a magical vault full of 'artefacts of great power and rarity, collected over thousands of years from every corner of the globe' by Professor Brownstone, a character in our new book, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope', by Joe Todd-Stanton.*



*Year 2 were extremely excited to have Nelly the tortoise visit as part of their Science topic about animals. They learnt what a tortoise needs to survive and how to look after it. Thank you Mrs Wright for bringing Nelly in!*



*Year 6 have been designing their own Ploughman's Lunch with a twist in our DT lesson this week. They tasted different cheeses, bread and pickles to inspire our menu choice - some of the class loved the pickles and some not at all! They then presented their new creations to find out the popular and not-so-popular choices.*

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## Head's Letter

Good morning.

I hope that you all had a wonderful half term break, even if it does already seem a distant memory! It's been a lovely week here at school with the children settling straight back into the swing of things.

This week Year 6 found out who the house and vice house captains are. It was very special to see how the whole year group were so happy and encouraging to those who were chosen, giving a huge round of applause and lots of whooping. They will be formally announced during assembly on Monday.

The Nursery children took part in an adorable sponsored obstacle course to raise much needed funds for their outdoor area plans - see the photos below. If anyone would still like to donate, please see a member of the office team.

Time at school passes very quickly and soon it will be Christmas! I know, we are probably not ready to hear this quite yet. We are looking forward to holding our Christmas performances in the church and to seeing you there. We have a super line up of Christmas events and they all start with the PTA Christmas Fayre on Saturday 3rd December.

In preparation for the event, here are a couple of dates for your diary. On Friday 25th November the PTA would like donations of teddy bears and cuddly toys. Children will also be asked to bring in a favourite cuddly and we will be holding a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' in each class where biscuits and squash will be provided.

On Friday 2nd December it is Christmas Fayre donation day, when the children can dress in mufti clothes and bring in an item such as chocolate, bottles and Jolly Jars.

On behalf of the PTA I would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our fundraising.

Have a lovely weekend.

Rachel Clement

Head of School



### PARENTS' EVENING MEETINGS 8TH & 10TH NOVEMBER

Please make sure that you have booked your parents' evening meeting. A letter giving full instructions was emailed before half term.

Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any queries, either by phone or [office@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:office@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk)



# Poppy Appeal



Zip Pull

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Reflector

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Silicon Wristband

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Snap Band

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.50

Thank you for your support of the Poppy Appeal this week.

Poppy goods will be on sale again next week as follows:

Monday: Years 5 & 6

Tuesday: Years 3 & 4

Wednesday: Years 1 & 2

Thursday: Early Years

If parents wish to purchase poppy products, including the paper poppies (20p suggested donation), please call by the office.

## TRIPS & VISITS

### New on Scopyay

Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop

### Reminders

- Contributions still outstanding for Y4 Saxon workshop, Y4 Brass & Y5 Wonderdome Planetarium - prompt settlement much appreciated
- Y6 Juniper Hall - contribution and consents by 7th November please
- Flu immunisations for all pupils, except Squirrels, on 21st & 22nd November, where parents have consented

## CHRISTMAS CHOIR



Mrs Gill is running a Christmas Choir leading up to a performance at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 3rd December. It is open to anyone in KS2. It will be on Mondays after school on 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November.

Please email [m.gill@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:m.gill@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk) if your child would like to attend.



## Diary Dates

**Mon 7 - Fri 11 Nov** Life Bus

**Tue 8 Nov** Parents Evening Meetings

**Thu 10 Nov** Parents Evening Meetings

**Mon 14 Nov** School Photographer

**Tue 15 Nov** Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop

**Tue 15 Nov** Y6 Team to Football Tournament

**Wed 16 Nov** School Photographer

**Mon 21 Nov 10:00, 14:00, 19:00** Prospective Parent Talks & Tours

**Mon 21 & Tue 22 Nov** Flu Immunisations

**Wed 23 Nov** Y5 Birds of Prey Workshop

**Wed 23 Nov** Y6 Team to Football Tournament

**Fri 25 Nov Christmas Fayre Bring a Bear and Donate a Bear / Gifts for Loved Ones**

**Fri 25 Nov** Y6 Juniper Hall Rivers Visit

**Tue 29 Nov** Y6 Measurement Programme

**Fri 2 Dec Christmas Fayre Donation Day and Jolly Jam Jars**

**Sat 3 Dec** PTA Christmas Fayre

**Mon 5 Dec** Pantomime Performance

**Tue 6 Dec** Y6 Antarctic Explorers Workshop

**Wed 7 Dec 10:30** Reception & Nursery Nativity

**Wed 7 Dec 14:00** Y1 & Y2 *The Christmas Story*

**Thu 8 Dec 14:00** KS2 Carols (led by Y5)

**Thu 8 Dec** Friends' Panto Outing

**Thu 15 Dec 09:00** School Christmas Service

**Thu 15 Dec 12:00** Term Ends

**Tue 3 Jan INSET DAY**

**Wed 4 Jan** Term Starts for Children

**Fri 27 Jan** Y1 Trip to Windsor Castle

**Tue 31 Jan** Y6 Greek Workshop

**Wed 8 Feb** Fantastic Fred Experience for Mental Health Week

**Mon 13 - Fri 17 Feb** HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Key Date:  
25<sup>th</sup> November

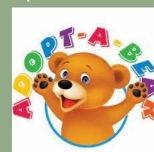
### ❖ Gift for loved ones

One of our most popular stalls is the one where children can buy a gift for a loved one and the teachers help them wrap it. Please donate any gifts that you would like to receive

### ❖ Bring a Bear and Donate a Bear

Please send your child in with their favourite cuddly toy for a Teddy Bears' Picnic with their class and also a cuddly toy that they would like to donate to the Adopt a Bear stall – *thank you!*

*Thank you!!*



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Key Date:  
2<sup>nd</sup> December

### ❖ Donation Day and Jolly Jam Jars!

Please send your child in with donations of:

- ❖ Bottles for the **Bottle Tombola** stall and/or
- ❖ Chocolate for the **Chocolate Tombola** stall

Finally, remember to send your child in with their decorated and filled **Jolly Jam Jars!**

Jolly Jam Jars can be filled with sweeties and chocolates (no nuts please) and decorated in a jolly Christmas theme.

*Thank you!!*

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## Diary Dates (contd)

**Wed 1 & Thu 2 Mar** YN-Y2 Perform Drama Workshops

**Wed 15 Mar** Y2 Trip to Brooklands

**Mon 20 Mar** Y5 Vikings Workshop

**Fri 31 Mar** Term Ends

**Mon 17 Apr** Term Starts

**Wed 19 - Fri 21 Apr** Y4 Residential to Hindleap Warren

**Wed 26 April 16:00-20:00** Primary Music Festival (KS2 choir)

**Mon 1 May** BANK HOLIDAY

**Tue 16 May** Y4 Rainforest Workshop

**Fri 19 May** Y5 to Hampton Court

**Mon 29 May - Fri 2 Jun** HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**MON 5 Jun** INSET DAY

**Tue 13 Jun** Leavers' Service at Guildford Cathedral

**Tue 13 Jun** YN/YR Minibeam Workshop

**Thu 15 Jun** Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre

**Wed 21 Jun** Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop

**Wed 21 Jun** Y6 Lego Robotics Workshop

**Thu 29 Jun** Y3 Activity Day - 2 classes tbc

**Fri 30 Jun** Y3 Activity Day - 1 class tbc

**Fri 30 Jun** Y5 Trip to Wildwood

**Mon 10 - Fri 14 Jul** Y6 Residential to Osmington Bay

**Fri 21 Jul** Term Ends

## PTA Year End Update



### Who are

We are a registered charity who, with your help, **raise money to provide the extras which are not provided** for by the government and, which the school would otherwise not be able to afford.

The committee comprises of both teachers & parents

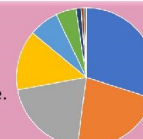
### How much did we raise last year (2021-2022)?

Thanks to the continued support of our school community - we raised a total net revenue of **£19,504** last academic year!



### What did we spend it on?

We continued to support the school with recurring annual costs such as the minibus, brass lessons, ducklings and more. And we invested significantly in Chromebooks to help facilitate access to education across our school community



Thank you

### Coming up!

We continue to fundraise, and this academic year have raised over £7k thanks to the Autumn Festival and Panto tickets!

We have committed to purchasing three new sensory pods and have created a sub-committee to look at investment options for sports at the school, either through clubs, equipment or subsidies



Do you want to get involved in the fundraising for our school?

Perhaps you would like to join the conversation around priority spending?

If so, join us! Reach out to the office who will put you in contact.



In accordance with the School Admissions Code, Hoe Valley School is formally consulting on proposed changes to the school's admissions arrangements for September 2024.

The change being consulted on within our main school Admissions Policy is the inclusion of the following statement to provide clarity over sibling places with the opening of our Sixth Form;

*'Where a sibling is in Year 11 or Year 12 at Hoe Valley School at the time of application for a younger child to start Year 7, they will be deemed as being in the school at the time of admission, unless the parent/carer has specifically expressed that they will not be continuing in the following academic year.'*

The consultation will run from Thursday 3rd November until **6pm on Thursday 15th December 2022**. Anyone wishing to submit their views should email the school, marking their email subject as Admissions Consultation, to [office@hoevalleyschool.org](mailto:office@hoevalleyschool.org). Alternatively, responses can be made in writing and posted to Hoe Valley School, Egley Road, Woking, GU22 0NH. In any response, please include your full name, title, and contact details, and indicate whether you have a student at Hoe Valley School.

Full details of the consultation are published on our website [HERE](#). After the closing date, responses will be collated and presented to the Full Governing Body of the School for decision making and ratification.



# TALKING TEENS



**A free course for parents or carers of teenagers and pre-teens (8 years plus), looking for advice.**

Sessions will focus on relationships within the family, communication, negotiation, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict.

The group aims to develop:

- relationships between teenagers and parents/carers
- a calmer home life
- confidence when talking about difficult issues
- an understanding of teenage needs and development.



For more information, visit  
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Register your interest with us on  
[familysupport@woking.gov.uk](mailto:familysupport@woking.gov.uk) or call  
**01483 743 812**

 **FAMILY LINKS**



## Church News

**When?**  
Tuesday Afternoons  
1:00pm-2:45pm  
Starting 18<sup>th</sup> October  
& one Saturday tbc

**Coffee, Cake,  
Video, Discussion**

**Where?**  
Trinity Room,  
Church of the Good Shepherd,  
Pyrford GU22 8SP

Contact [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org)/07713768629 to sign up

**The Alpha Course.  
You're invited.**



See [www.wisleywithpyrford.org](http://www.wisleywithpyrford.org) or  
"Good Shepherd Pyrford" facebook  
page for more info.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE

For all ages,  
families &  
friends. ☺☺



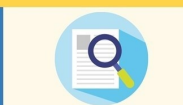
Join us to learn about  
different stories from the  
Bible with activities, crafts,  
songs and snacks.

Mondays after school

3:15pm to 4:15pm

In the Main Church

Term Time Only  
(not on inset days or in  
holidays.)



The Church of the  
Good Shepherd

**YOUTH CLUB JNR**

FOR SCHOOL YEARS 4/5 AND 6

50% ENTRANCE FEE

TUCK SHOP :-)

6.30 - 7.45 PM

@ CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear PARENTS:- We need four parents per night to have the appropriate adult to child ratio in our Church Safeguarding policy. So, if you have not already volunteered this year, **PLEASE LOOK and SEE** if you might be free once this term, that would be WONDERFUL!

If free, you can email [suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org](mailto:suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org) or fill in this slip and return it at Youth Club Jnr. Many thanks.

Name & contact no./email \_\_\_\_\_

I would be available to help on Friday \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

### SEPTEMBER

Friday 16th September 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

Friday 30th September 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

### OCTOBER

Friday 14th October 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

### NOVEMBER

Friday 11th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

TRIP OUT BOWLING~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

Friday 25th November 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

### DECEMBER

Friday 16th December 6:30pm-7:45pm

@ the church of the good shepherd

We'd love to see you at the  
**Coffee Shop**  
Friday Mornings (term time)  
At the Church of the Good Shepherd, Pyrford

- 8:30am. Self service tea, coffee, squash in the church area. (Play area and toys here also.)
- 9:00am to 11:00am. All areas open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.