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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Year 3 @ Butser Ancient Farm



Making mosaics and jewellery and spinning wool



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Head's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been - particularly for Year 6, who have been enjoying their bikes on and around the school site as well as screen printing with a local artist, Sarah Pimenta. Some Year 6 children have also had interviews with me as part of their House Captain selection process. I would like to thank all of the children who applied. We are so lucky to have such kind and responsible children at the top of the school! Assuming that all of the remaining interviewees are in today, I would hope to announce the successful candidates next Tuesday.

Next week, we will be welcoming the author Mel Taylor-Bessent to the school to meet with Key Stage 2 (Years 3 -6) and share her experiences and knowledge of being a writer of children's books. She will also be doing a book signing, should your KS2 child purchase one or more of her books, which you can do via Scopy.

On Friday 13th October, Reception and Years 1 & 2 will be opening up the doors, after school, to their parents and carers for our first "Friendly Friday" of the year - an opportunity to see some of your child's learning from the term so far. It's also a great opportunity for you to ask your child questions about what they have been doing in class, without them saying... "Nothing"!

Other Friday fun activities are a Year 6 boys, and a Year 6 girls football tournament, flu immunisations(!), and the PTA's Quiz Night.

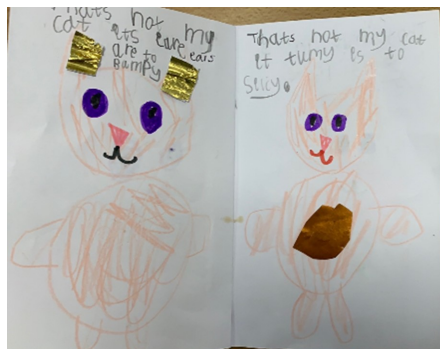
I hope you can get outside to enjoy the mid-twenty-degree weather we're being promised...!

Best wishes,

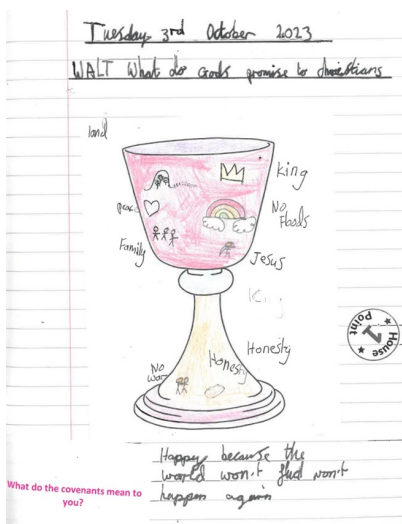
Pete

Pete Wright

Head of School



Belle Comiskey



Nicole Gelsthorpe



Olivia Harburn

THE CHRISTMAS CARROLS

Author Visit with
Mel Taylor-Bessent



Mel Taylor-Bessent is visiting our school to talk about **THE CHRISTMAS CARROLS** series! Meet the world's most Christmassy family in these funny, festive books about the power of spreading cheer.

Buy the books via **SCOPay** and Mel will sign them on the day!

Date **Monday 9th October**
Time **9am**
Where **Pyrford CofE Primary School**





Golden Book Awards

N SQUIRRELS

Phoenix Gymer. Phoenix showed great interest in the clipboards and drawing materials outside. He drew a picture of a rainbow and talked about the colours he had used. Well done Phoenix!

R BEECH

Olivia Harburn. Last week we went on a school trip to the Church of the Good Shepherd. When we returned, Olivia drew a lovely picture of all the things we saw on our visit. Excellent work Olivia!

R HAZEL

Joe de Goede for his quiet confidence. He's always busy, quietly getting on with something that interests him. Joe is able to confidently tell us about what he's doing or making and does a brilliant job of tidying up too. Well done Joe!

1 OAK

Belle Comiskey. We have been learning all about our sense of touch. Belle independently made a fabulous "That's not my" book and described the different materials.

1 PINE

Maisy Hennessy for a brilliant "That's not my" picture, using her senses to describe the windows!

2 CEDAR

Amal Maricar for her wonderful attitude towards reading. She has practised hard both in school and at home and is always improving in her fluency and confidence. Well done Amal, you should be so proud of yourself!

2 HAWTHORN

Harry Purton. In Maths, we have been counting in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's. Harry set his work out neatly, counted accurately and noticed the pattern in the numbers. Well done Harry!

3 ELM & MAPLE

Everyone for their simply fantastic behaviour at Butser Farm last week. They all listened so brilliantly, joined in with all the activities with great enthusiasm and impressed everyone with their knowledge of Romans and Iron Age Britons. We were all very proud of you!

4 ALDER

William Wheatley for working so hard in the classroom. We are so pleased with how much he is putting up his hand, sharing his knowledge and the work he is producing. You're fantastic William!

4 BIRCH

Imogen Bulmer for her fantastic understanding of addition that she demonstrated in Maths. She has worked incredibly hard to use her brilliant understanding of number to add without regrouping. Imogen was well engaged with this particular lesson and tried very hard. She also impressed us with how neat her work was presented. She should be very proud of herself - well done Imogen!

4 LARCH

Nicole Gelsthorpe for her brilliant work in RE. The chalice she designed beautifully showed her understanding of all of God's promises and covenants that we have been learning about. Well done Nicole!

5 ROWAN

Poppy Newman. In our Geography lesson this week we focused on the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We discussed the climate you would expect here and talked about the rainforest. Poppy produced an amazing poster explaining this, included lots of interesting information and finished it with a lovely illustration. Well done Poppy!

5 WILLOW

Evie Collomosse for a fantastic piece of writing that will support anyone wanting to learn more about the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, the range of tropical forests and grasslands found near the equator and the differences between their climates. It is both informative and beautifully illustrated. Well done Evie!

6 HOLLY

Bella Tubasei for her amazing account in History of Skara Brae. She has presented the information so well, using sub-headings and bullet points, and her facts and information about the Neolithic village are written very well and thought out. Super work Bella - well done!

6 LAUREL

Ollie Burnett for writing a fabulous report about Charles Darwin in our Science topic 'Evolution and Inheritance'. Ollie has worked hard to include plenty of interesting facts and colourful illustrations, explaining who Charles Darwin was and also highlighting the importance of his work and discoveries. Well done Ollie, keep up the great work!

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Mon 9 Oct		KS2 Author Visit
Mon 9 Oct	14:00-16:00	Y4 Netball Tournament @ Halstead
Tue 10 Oct		Y4 Renewable Energy Workshops
Fri 13 Oct		Flu Immunisations
Fri 13 Oct	am	Y6 Boys Football Tournament @ Kingfield
Fri 13 Oct	pm	Y6 Girls Football Tournament @ Kingfield
Fri 13 Oct	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Fri 13 Oct		PTA Quiz Night
Wed 18 Oct		Y5 Wonderdome Planetarium
Fri 20 Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Tue 31 Oct		Y4 Saxon Workshop
Fri 3 Nov	09:00	Bag2School Collection
Fri 3 Nov	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Tue 7 Nov	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Wed 8 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Thu 9 Nov	15:30-19:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Fri 10 Nov	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Mon 13 Nov	10:00/13:30/19:00	Talk & Tours for Prospective Parents
Mon 13 - Tue 14 Nov		Life Bus
Wed 15 Nov		Photographer - Individuals & Siblings
Mon 20 Nov		Photographer - Individuals & Siblings
Mon 20 - Thu 23 Nov		Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 22 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Workshop
Wed 22 Nov	pm	Y6 Football Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 24 Nov		Flu Immunisations
Fri 1 Dec		Y6 Antarctic Explorer Workshop
Sat 2 Dec	10:00-12:00	PTA Christmas Tree Sale
Sat 2 Dec	13:00-15:00	PTA Christmas Fair
Mon 4 Dec		Pantomime
Wed 6 Dec	10:00-11:00	EYFS Nativity @ CoGS
Wed 6 Dec	14:00-15:00	KS1 The Christmas Story @ CoGS
Thu 7 Dec	13:45-15:00	KS2 Christmas Carol Service @ CoGS
Mon 11 Dec	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards
Wed 13 Dec	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards
Thu 14 Dec	19:00	PTA Panto Outing
Fri 15 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 15 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 18 Dec - Tue 2 Jan		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2023**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

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.



Apply online
apply on time by
31 October 2023



THE PARENTING PUZZLE



This tried and tested programme can help you deal with challenges so you have a calmer, family life.

The course covers:

- Recognising feelings behind behaviours
- Different approaches to discipline
- Co-operation and self-discipline
- The importance of looking after ourselves.



For further information, visit www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport
Register your interest with us on email familycentres@woking.gov.uk or call 01483 743 812



JOIN OUR TEAM

Looking for a secure, local, Term-time only position with great work/life balance and benefits?

Twelve15 has been delivering high quality and nutritious school meals for over 70 years. It has a range of permanent and flexible job opportunities for Chef Managers and Chef Assistants.

Visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs and search 'Twelve15' to find out more and apply.

**Including a role at
Pyrford Primary**

SPRING TERM DATES		
Wed 3 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Fri 12 Jan	15:15- 5:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Mon 15 Jan		Young Voices at The O2
Fri 19 Jan	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Thu 25 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle
Fri 26 Jan	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Mon 12 - Fri 16 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 19 Feb		INSET DAY
Wed 21 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Fri 23 Feb	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Fri 1 Mar	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Mon 4 Mar		World Music Workshops
Tue 5 Mar		World Music Workshops
Tue 5 Mar	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Thu 7 Mar	15:30-17:30	Parents Evening Meetings
Fri 8 Mar	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Thu 14 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Mon 18 Mar	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards
Wed 20 Mar	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards
Wed 20 Mar		Little City visit EYFS
Thu 21 Mar		Y5 Viking Workshop
Tue 26 Mar	09:00	Easter Service @ CoGS
Tue 26 Mar	15:10 / 15:15	Last Day of Spring Term
Wed 27 Mar		INSET DAY
Thu 28 Mar		INSET DAY
Fri 29 Mar - Fri 12 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY



BOOKING NOW OPEN - THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

Booking is on a first come first served basis (270 already sold - only 42 left in the stalls and 80 left in the upper circle) but will close on Friday 20th October 2023 if not sold out so that we can reconcile payments.

Book on this link <https://forms.gle/DrmMaQkjU8xCBnRUA>

SAVE THE DATE!
Christmas Fayre & tree sale
SAT 2ND DECEMBER 1-3PM (TREE SALE AM)

STALLS:
 If your child is a budding entrepreneur and would like to have a stall at the Fayre, please let us know

SANTA:
 We're also on the hunt for a willing Santa to join us at the Fayre - can you help?

Please email:
l.vymetal@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

MINI PHOTO SESSIONS
 At Pyrford Christmas Fayre
 Saturday 2nd December 2023

£35
 Please book through the Slottlr link provided by the school

15 Minute Slots available
3 Digital images included

www.katyphotography.co.uk

MINI PHOTO SESSIONS AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Katy Photography will be back this year holding 15 minute photo sessions on a white backdrop, this can be of the whole family or just the children. Feel free to dress up in fun outfits and bring props! Sessions are £35 and include 3 digital images and you can book through the school slotlr link - to be sent soon. A percentage of sales will be given to the Schools PTA.

For all sessions please arrive on time so as not to delay other families booking slots and if you can't make it on the day please call or text Katy on 07714 701 292. Look forward to seeing you all at the Fayre!

Recycle 4 Charity

Ink Cartridge Collection

You can help us raise funds by recycling your ink cartridges.

Please bring to the school office. We cannot take toner and laser cartridges.

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT

AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 13th October
7.30 – 10pm School Hall

TEAMS OF MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE
NO TEAM? EMAIL US (pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com)
AND WE'LL FIND YOU ONE!

£10 PER PERSON
PAYMENT IN ADVANCE
SEE BOOKING FORM FOR DETAILS

DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKING GLASSES
CASH & CARD ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT

QUIZ BOOKING FORM

Friday 13th October 7.30-10PM

PLEASE POST COMPLETED FORM IN THE
'FPPS' BOX IN RECEPTION BY TUES 10th OCT



Team Name: _____

Team Leader name: _____

Team Members (max 8):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

£10 per team member

**Please arrange a transfer to the FPPS Account
(details below) with your Team Name as a reference:**

Account name: FPPS

Sort Code: 40-46-48

Account number: 51432591

**DRINKS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BUY
PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN DRINKING GLASSES
CASH & CARD ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT**

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Mon 15 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Wed 17 - Fri 19 Apr		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Fri 26 Apr	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Fri 3 May	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Mon 6 May		BANK HOLIDAY
Wed 8 May		Y4 Rainforest Workshop
Fri 10 May	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Mon 13 - Thu 16 May		KS2 SATS
Mon 27 - Fri 31 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Fri 14 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Fri 14 Jun	15:15-15:45	YR, Y1 & Y2 Friendly Friday
Tue 18 June		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Wed 19 Jun		EYFS Minibeast Workshop
Wed 19 Jun		Y6 Lego STEM Workshop
Fri 21 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Fri 21 Jun	15:15-15:45	Y3 & Y4 Friendly Friday
Fri 28 Jun	15:15-15:45	Y5 & Y6 Friendly Friday
Mon 1 Jul	08:45-09:30	EYFS/KS1 Termly Awards
Tue 2 Jul (prov)	09:00-12:00	KS2 Sports Day
Wed 3 Jul	08:45-09:30	KS2 Termly Awards
Thu 4 Jul (prov)	09:00-12:00	EYFS / KS1 Sports Day
Mon 8 - Fri 12 Jul		Y6 Osmington Bay Residential
Tue 23 Jul	09:00	Leavers' Service @ CoGS
Tue 23 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term

For Carers and little ones:
Toys, Refreshments, Craft, Chat.

**PYRFORD TOTS
STAY & PLAY**

Wednesdays
(Term Time)
10:30am – 12noon

At the Church of the Good Shepherd Hall, Pyrford GU22 8SP

£2 donation per family



THE BandleMics
with guest singer
Kyle Newman
BIG BAND

JAZZ Café

FROM BUDDY & BASIE
TO BUBLÉ & BOND



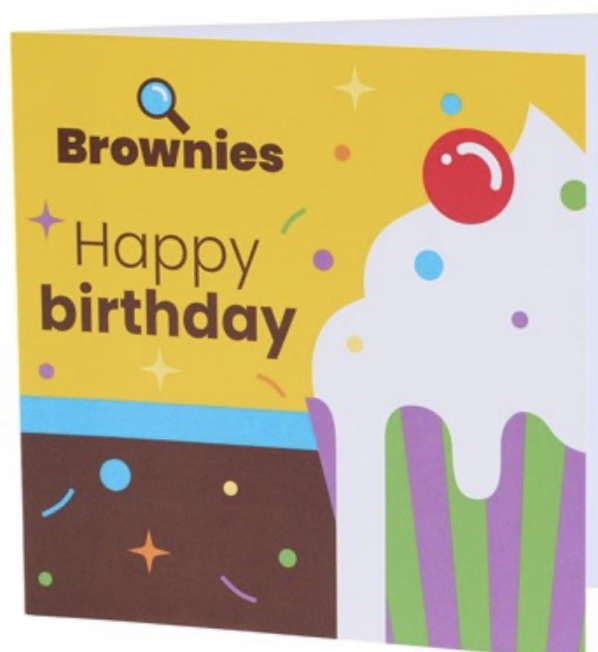
£10 TICKET

BAR RAFFLE
Bring nibbles

Church of the Good Shepherd | Saturday 28th October | 7.30pm
Contact Ali Nightingale: ali@jazzabelles.co.uk | 07973 211217

Have a listen!

In support of:

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.



2nd Pyrford Brownies are celebrating their 60th birthday on Thursday 7 December. We'd be delighted for any former Pyrford Brownies, especially from the 1960s and 1970s, would like to join us at the Arbor Centre to celebrate. Please get in touch with janerobinson.ladybird@gmail.com