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Pyrford C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Year 4 getting into character as Anglo Saxons!



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Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents,

As I look forward to my first visit to our church for Harvest Festival, I am reminded of one of the key reasons I was drawn to this school: the strong partnership between the school and the church. I'm excited to deepen this connection, especially with the arrival of our new Rector next month. The Harvest Festival is such a meaningful tradition and one that holds significance for children across the country. It not only teaches them about the importance of the harvest and food scarcity, but also fosters gratitude and awareness of global issues. I have fond memories of celebrating it during my own school years and I'm sure many of you do as well.

It has been an eventful week here. On Monday, I had the pleasure of visiting Fullbrook with a few local headteachers, where we celebrated the achievements of former pupils. It was wonderful to see how our Year 7 students have settled in, and I was thoroughly impressed by the calm, focused learning environment. It had been over a decade since my last visit and I was pleased to note not just the positive atmosphere, but also the absence of those infamous brown blazers!

As I've spent much of this half-term building relationships with staff and students, I realise I haven't had as much opportunity to meet with you, the parents. I'm eager to change that. On 24th October, I will be holding informal drop-in sessions, where we can chat about what you love about our school and where there may be room for improvement. I'd really value your thoughts. The sessions will take place at the following times and locations:

- **8:30 AM** – School Hall (please enter via the playground)
- **2:30 PM** – Practical Room (please enter via the alleyway gate)
- **6:00 PM** – School Hall (please enter via the hall door)

Another highlight was taking a small group from the choir to perform at a local care home on Monday afternoon. It was heartwarming to see how much joy the children brought to the residents and I'm grateful to everyone who helped organise this special visit. We plan to continue these performances throughout the year, spreading even more joy within the community.

Looking ahead, don't forget that next Friday is our much-anticipated PTA Quiz Night! Be sure to brush up on your general knowledge this weekend. I also hope you were able to enjoy the stunning night skies recently.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Warm regards.

Mr. D

Gavin Dutton
Headteacher

FOOTNOTES

Car Park Please can parents ensure that children are safe when walking through the school car park. There is a path and we do expect parents to ensure that children follow this - it is good road safety to teach children to use the space safely and to stick to the paths. I have seen many parents and families including some very young children wandering all over the car park and it does concern me that an accident could occur.

Car Parking

Once again, it seems that parents are a little confused by the Highway Code - so just to be really clear - you may not park on double yellow lines. These spaces are deemed vital for safety - the safety of our children - and it is unacceptable that parents continue to float these rules. In each incidence when we are contacted by locals we direct them to report the issue directly to the traffic police.

Watches & Phones This is just a polite reminder, especially as we move towards Christmas and gift giving, that children are not permitted to wear smart watches to school. Anything that tracks physical activity is fine, but phones that message, take pictures or even have the capacity for call are not permitted. Overall, I would remind all parents that these are often expensive items and really do not have any place in school. We will remove inappropriate watches from children and return them to you - we will also remove watches if they are proving to be a distraction to learning and again, request they do not come to school.

Finally, I would like to point all parents attention to the BBC article (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cn7y8yvdr5o>) about empowering parents to resist the urge to provide Primary aged children with smart phones. I understand in this day and age that parents may feel safer with children having access to a mobile phone, but so called 'brick' phones provide the security without the access to the internet - just another way of ensuring children can take a break from being online.



If you have any toy hammers or shopping trolleys that are cluttering up your toybox, Reception would love to relieve you of them!



Is your child starting school in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place between **4 November 2024** and **15 January 2025**.

Is your child in year 2?

If your child attends an infant school you will need to apply for a place at a junior school or a primary school with a year 3 intake.

Apply online
between
04 November 2024
and 15 January 2025



Tours of the School for Prospective Parents Wednesday 27th November

Do you have a child due to start in Reception next September?
Come and hear what we can offer your child and see the school in action.

Tours at 10am, 2pm & 7pm

No need to book - just come along at the time that suits you best

Squirrels Nursery

We will be holding small group tours of the Nursery.
Please email Mrs Anderson to register your interest
c.anderson@pyrford.surrey.sch.uk

Golden Book Awards



N SQUIRRELS - Toby Igboebisi Toby has really enjoyed learning about our senses. He was very keen to make a telescope to look through and a shaker to listen to. Well done Toby!

R BEECH - Elsie Ratcliff for writing a lovely Harvest prayer to thank God for all her favourite foods. She drew the food and wrote the first sound she could hear in the word. Great job Elsie!

R HAZEL - Isla Hall Isla had a brilliant time exploring words that can be made from the letters we've learnt in phonics. She was proud of what she'd achieved and called Mrs Freeman over excitedly a few times to show her. Well done Isla!

1 OAK - Zack Ellen Russell In Maths we have been learning how to use the more than, less than and equal symbols when comparing amounts. Zack worked incredibly hard to identify the stem sentence and used teddy bears to represent this. Miss Daly is so proud of him. Well done Zack!

1 PINE - Huxley Schifano for playing and exploring brilliantly. Huxley wanted to build a castle outside to match his costume. He persevered until he found a way to connect the crates and make the wood balance. He then shared his creation with his friends, showing love and wisdom.

2 CEDAR - Amaliia Shulha for working hard in our Maths lessons. She was a superstar at working out the related addition factors, using the base 10 to help. Mrs Goree and Mrs Shardlow and so proud of her positive attitude to learning - well done Amaliia!

2 HAWTHORN - Noah O'Brien for independently writing a fantastic Harvest acrostic poem. He was extremely proud of his work and read it to the class. Well done Noah!

3 ELM - Nuriyah Ahmed We have been working on addition and subtraction in Maths. Nuriyah completed some tricky calculations adding 10s to 3-digit numbers, including with exchange. Great job Nuriyah!

3 MAPLE - Luca Cheney-Hackman for his excellent work in Maths. Mrs Brockway was very impressed with how quickly he learnt to 'exchange' when adding.

4 ALDER - Imaan Mehran In History Year 4 have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. They found out about an interesting discovery archaeologists made at Sutton Hoo. Imaan listened really carefully and produced an excellent information sheet about the ship and treasure found at Sutton Hoo.

4 LARCH - Waaris Aslam Waaris always impresses Mrs Steen with his enthusiastic attitude to all his learning. His history report on Sutton Hoo was a joy to read and shows how interested he is in what he has learnt.

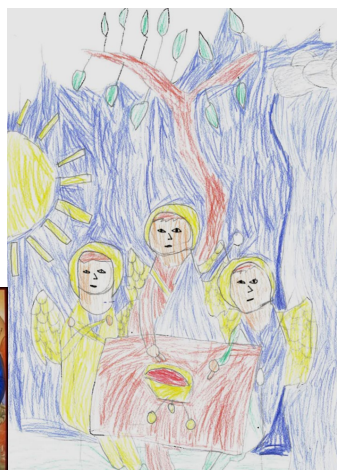
5 CHERRY Hattie Broadley In Geography, she listened attentively and presented her work on mountain formations beautifully. Well done Hattie!

5 ROWAN - Elif Altun for working really hard in all subjects, which does not come easily to her as English is not her first language. Elif enjoys Geography and produced some fantastic work about the three different types of mountains. Well done Elif. Keep up the good work!

5 WILLOW - Mia Sinclair for her fabulous work in Spanish. She listened carefully to the pronunciations of the words, remembering key difference between Spanish and English phonemes. She also produced a well-presented piece of work to support her in remembering how to say the different colours in Spanish. She showed excellent effort in this lesson. Well done Mia!

6 HOLLY - Arthur Tucker In our Holy Trinity unit in RE, we have been looking at Rublev's Icon - a famous painting of the Trinity. Arthur created his own version of this artwork, adding his own interpretation to the figures and images behind them in the background. Mrs Bull particularly liked the small details in the figures and the symbolism of the tree behind the Son. Well done Arthur!

6 LAUREL - Amelie Regueiro-Russell for creating a fabulous information poster on Stonehenge in our History topic 'The Stone Age'. Amelie worked hard to present her work clearly and concisely; she always takes care in the presentation of her work. Well done Amelie, keep up the great work!





CHRISTMAS DATES

Fri 6 Dec @ 10:30am **ENGAGE assembly**

Tue 10 Dec @ 2:30pm
Squirrels Sing Christmas

Wed 11 Dec @ 10am **EYFS Play**

Wed 11 Dec @ 1:30pm **KS1 Play**

Thu 12 Dec @ 1:30 pm **KS2 Carol Concert**

Fri 13 Dec **Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day**

Fri 13 Dec @ 2:30pm
Squirrels Sing Christmas

Tue 17 Dec a.m. **EYFS Elf Visit**

Tue 17 Dec p.m. **Christmas Film
Afternoon**

Wed 18 Dec **Christmas
Pause Day**

Fri 20 Dec @ 9am
Christmas Service @ CoGS

AUTUMN TERM DATES		
Mon 14 Oct		Y4 Netball Team to Tournament @ Halstead
Mon 14 Oct	15:45-17:15	Hockey Tournament (selected children) @ Charterhouse School
Tue 15 Oct	20:00	Friends of Pyrford Primary School AGM
Wed 16 Oct		Y6 Netball Team to Tournament @ Greenfield
Thu 17 Oct		Y3 to Butser Farm
Fri 18 Oct	19:30-22:00	PTA Quiz Night
Wed 23 Oct		Y5 Wonderdome Visit
Thu 24 Oct	08:30 14:30 18:00	Parent Drop-In Sessions with Mr Dutton
Thu 24 Oct		Y3 Romans & Celts Day
Fri 25 Oct		INSET DAY
Mon 28 Oct - Fri 1 Nov		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Mon 4 Nov	13:40-16:00	Y4 Football Team Tournament @ Halstead
Tue 12 Nov		Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov		Individual Pupil Photos
Wed 13 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y6 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 15 Nov		Y5 Birds of Prey Visit
Wed 20 Nov		Flu Vaccinations
Thu 21 Nov		Y2 Fire of London Workshop
Wed 27 Nov	10:00, 14:00 & 19:00	Tours for Prospective Parents
Wed 27 Nov	15:30-17:30	SEN Parents Meetings
Thu 28 Nov	13:15-16:15	Y4 Boys Football Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Thu 5 Dec		Y4 Netball Team Tournament @ Greenfield
Fri 6 Dec	10:30	ENGAGE Christmas Assembly
Sat 7 Dec		PTA Christmas Fair
Tue 10 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Wed 11 Dec	10:00	EYFS Christmas Play
Wed 11 Dec	13:30	KS1 Christmas Play
Thu 12 Dec	13:30	KS2 Carol Concert
Fri 13 Dec		Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 13 Dec	14:30	Squirrels Sing Christmas
Tue 17 Dec	am	EYFS Elf Visit
Tue 17 Dec	pm	Christmas Film Afternoon
Wed 18 Dec		Christmas Pause Day
Fri 20 Dec	09:00	Christmas Service @ CoGS
Fri 20 Dec	12:00	Last Day of Autumn Term
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan		CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

SPRING TERM DATES		
Mon 6 Jan		First Day of Spring Term
Thu 23 Jan		Y1 to Windsor Castle
Wed 29 Jan		INSET DAY
Thu 13 Feb		Y6 Greeks Workshop
Mon 17 - Fri 21 Feb		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Wed 5 Mar		Y5 Vikings Workshop
Wed 12 - Fri 14 Mar		Y4 Hindleap Warren Residential
Thu 13 Mar		Y2 to Brooklands Museum
Wed 19 Mar		YN & YR Little City Visit
Fri 4 Apr	12:00	Last Day of Spring Term
Mon 7 - Mon 21 Apr		EASTER HOLIDAY

SUMMER TERM DATES		
Tue 22 Apr		First Day of Summer Term
Fri 25 Apr		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 2 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Fri 9 May		YR to Godstone Farm
Fri 16 May		Y5 Tudor Workshop @ RGS (1 class)
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May		HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Thu 12 Jun		Y2 to The Lookout Discovery Centre
Tue 17 Jun		Y6 Leavers' Service @ Cathedral
Fri 20 Jun		Y4 Chinese Dragon Workshop
Tue 24 Jun		Y6 Lego Stem Workshop
Fri 27 Jun		Y5 to Wildwood
Mon 30 Jun		INSET DAY
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Jul		Forest School - 1 class per day
Fri 4 Jul		Y3 Outdoor Learning Activity Day
Mon 7 - Fri 11 Jul		Y6 Marchants Hill Residential
Fri 18 Jul	12:00	Last Day of Summer Term



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Do you want to make a difference by preparing and serving healthy, tasty, nutritious lunches for the children at this lovely village school?

If you are enthusiastic, enjoy cooking and communicate well with children, then your friendly nature will get every opportunity to shine here at this delightful school.

We have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant on 25 hrs per week term time only, also vacancies in local schools. Please follow the link or scan the QR code to apply via the SCC website

Apply @
www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs
and search 'Catering'
or scan QR code







Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2024**. 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 2024



NOTICE OF FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL (FPPS) AGM

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Friends of Pyrford Primary School (FPPS) will be held **this Tuesday** 15th October 2024 at 8pm (with welcome drinks from 7:30pm).

The meeting will be held in person at Pyrford Primary School. The matters to be discussed include election of committee members, updating the constitution, FPPS finances, forthcoming fundraising events and any requests for funding received from the school.

All parents / carers of children currently attending Pyrford Primary School and all staff are welcome to attend.

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- 1 Open your Asda rewards app
- 2 Tap 'Cashpot for Schools'
- 3 Search for and select 'Pyrford Church of England Primary School'



SCHOOL UNIFORM

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Good quality pre-loved uniform items available in a range of sizes

The PTA are now running the uniform shop

- Email: pyrforduniform@gmail.com with your request
- Collections/donations: meet at the portacabin (back playground) on Fridays at 3pm
- Cash or card accepted - proceeds go to the school!

EMAIL: PYRFORDUNIFORM@GMAIL.COM

FRIENDS OF PYRFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENT

AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT

*Early birds!
Sign up before
1 Oct to get a
free bottle for
your table!*

Friday 18 October
7.30 – 10pm School Hall

£10 PER PERSON

TEAMS OF MAXIMUM 8 PEOPLE

**No team? Email us (pyrfordptaevents@gmail.com)
and we'll find you one!**

Scan the QR Code and get booking!
Pizza can also be ordered in advance

Drinks and snacks will be available to buy
Please bring your own drinking glasses
Card only payments please





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 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 20th September 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

OCTOBER
Friday 4th October 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd
Friday 18th October 6:20pm-8:00pm
TRIP OUT BOWLING~ GUILDFORD SPECTRUM

NOVEMBER
Friday 15th November 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd
Friday 29th November 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

DECEMBER
Friday 13th December 6:30pm-7:45pm
@ the church of the good shepherd

The Light Fantastic

Thursday 31st October
6pm-7:30pm

Music, Food, Fun, Worship,
Prayer, Craft, Fireworks, Jesus
@The Church of the Good
Shepherd, Coldharbour Road,
GU22 8SP

6:00pm Together in Church
6:30pm Food & Fun in Hall & Church
7:00pm Fireworks watch from the School Field

Tots Praise!

Tuesday Mornings,
10 to 11:30am

@ the Church of the Good Shepherd,
Coldharbour Road, Pyrford GU22 8SP

Songs, puppets, story, cake, coffee, juice,
We'd love to see you.

Any enquiries Suzanne at the Parish Office 01932 356166
Suzanne@wisleywithpyrford.org

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

PYRFORD TOTS STAY & PLAY

Wednesdays
(Term Time)
10:35am – 12noon

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

£2 donation per family

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

- 9:00am to 11:00am. Hall and play area in Church are open.
- 9:00am-10:30am. Cooked Breakfasts served.