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# Newsletter

The Kite Academy Trust  
Flying high  
Together

Dear parents and carers,

I can't quite believe we have already been back at school for two weeks this half-term! The Christmas events will be upon us very soon, so we have shared some important details about these in this newsletter.

Please read on...

## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE TICKETS

Parents are now able to request tickets through Scopay for the following events

- KS1 Christmas Performance
- KS2 Christmas Performance.

Parents are able to request up to 2 tickets per family for KS1 and KS2. Please complete the form on Scopay which is linked to the account of the oldest sibling in KS1 and in KS2. The deadline to complete the form is **Tuesday 21st November**. This will enable us to confirm numbers.

If you have any issues completing this form or other considerations, such as separated parents, please [email the school office](#) including your child's name and class with an explanation so that the admin team can action.

No physical paper tickets will be provided. An email confirmation of allocated numbers will be sent out after the booking deadline. You will be asked to register when you arrive for the performance.

Reception parents do not need to book tickets for their Nativity at St Marks Church, however due to space limitations, we ask that only 2 members of each family attend.



## DATES COMING UP

[School Calendar](#)

### 17 Nov

Mufti Day—Sweet or Toy Jars

### 22 Nov

Y6 Henley Fort Trip

### 23 Nov

Y4 Ufton Court Greeks Trip

### 24 Nov

Y1 Robo Workshop

### 26 Nov

Christmas Lunch Deadline

### 4 Dec

Mufti Day—Bottles

Christmas Run for Phyllis Tuckwell

### 7 Dec

YR Nativity at St Marks

**All Afterschool Clubs finish on 8th December**

### 11 Dec

Dress rehearsals (Children only)

### 12 & 13 Dec

KS1 and KS2 Performances

### 15 Dec

**End of Term 1.30pm**

## READING FOR PLEASURE

The children are loving our daily reading for pleasure sessions which happen after lunch each day!



## PHYLLIS TUCKWELL CHRISTMAS RUN—MONDAY 4th DECEMBER

We launched the sponsorship campaign in assembly today. Lauren from Phyllis Tuckwell charity lead a very informative assembly telling the children about how they help and support about 250 people everyday in the local area. We learnt that they need to fundraise £25,000 per day to keep the charity doing the valuable work they do.

Your child has been given a letter and sponsorship envelope. Please look out for these in their book bag.

It would be wonderful if we could collectively raise funds for this very well-while cause.



## FARNHAM PARK CROSS-COUNTRY

42 of our children participated in the brilliant inter-school cross country event at Farnham Park in October. There was a huge field of 359 boys and 275 girls competing.

All of our children showed real determination and perseverance competing in the challenging course.

A huge well done to all our children who competed. We are very proud of their amazing efforts!

We'd also like to give a special well done to the first Wyke girl across the line: Elisa , who came 8th overall and to the first Wyke boy across the line: Zac, who came 5th overall.



## ATTENDANCE UPDATE

We are going to be sharing our whole school attendance figures with you in each newsletter.

**Last week our attendance was 97.75% and we had 15 lates**

The number of lates is increasing. Please try to arrive at school on time. The table below shows the impact of missing valuable time in school.

| If your child misses.....                  | That equals.....         | Which is....       | Over 13 years of schooling that is.... |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 10 minutes a day                           | 50 minutes a week        | 1.5 weeks a year   | Nearly 1/2 a year of lost learning     |
| 20 minutes a day<br>(unauthorised absence) | 1 hour 40 minutes a week | 2.5 weeks per year | Nearly 1 year of lost learning         |
| 30 minutes a day                           | 1/2 a day a week         | 4 weeks per year   | Nearly 1.5years of lost learning       |
| 1 hour a day                               | 1 day a week             | 8 weeks per year   | Nearly 2.5 years of lost learning      |

A reminder that parents should contact the school office by **8.30am** each day if their child is not going to be at school or will be arriving late.

This generally applies to any unplanned absences such as illness or transport issues. The updated timings will ensure we are able to close our registers promptly and carry out our statutory attendance and safeguarding checks.

The Attendance Policy is available on our [website](#) .

## EARLY OR CHANGE OF COLLECTION

Where possible, please schedule medical appointments outside of school time.

If you have a last minute appointment, please call the office with as much notice as possible. You will be asked to complete an exceptional circumstance absence form on arrival at the school. Please allow additional time to complete this.

If someone else is collecting your child, please let the office know in the morning after dropping off your child or telephone the office on: **01483 811197** and speak to a member of staff.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY - WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

This year we will enjoy our special Christmas lunch on Wednesday 6th December, after our pantomime performance.

**Christmas lunch must be booked in advance through Scopay by Sunday 26th November** using the dinner calendar

**Red Option:** Roast British Turkey with Chipolata Sausage

**Green Option:** Quorn Fillet with Meat Free Chipolata Sausage

Served with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing, Broccoli, Baby Carrots and Gravy, and a festive biscuit.

Special diets will be catered for.

A guide to booking meals on Scopay is available on our website at [www.wyke.kite.academy/parents/help-and-how-to-guides/](http://www.wyke.kite.academy/parents/help-and-how-to-guides/)



Children are welcome to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper to make it a special festive occasion.



### DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE SLEEP DIFFICULTIES?

Sleep is essential for children's growth and development, and important for our mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing.

If your child or young person is struggling to sleep it can be exhausting for them and for the whole family.

Children and Family Health Surrey has launched new videos and webpages to support toddlers, children and teenagers across Surrey with sleep. A series of four videos has been produced for parents and carers featuring NHS nurses and sleep experts.

Find out more at [childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/sleep](http://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/services/sleep)

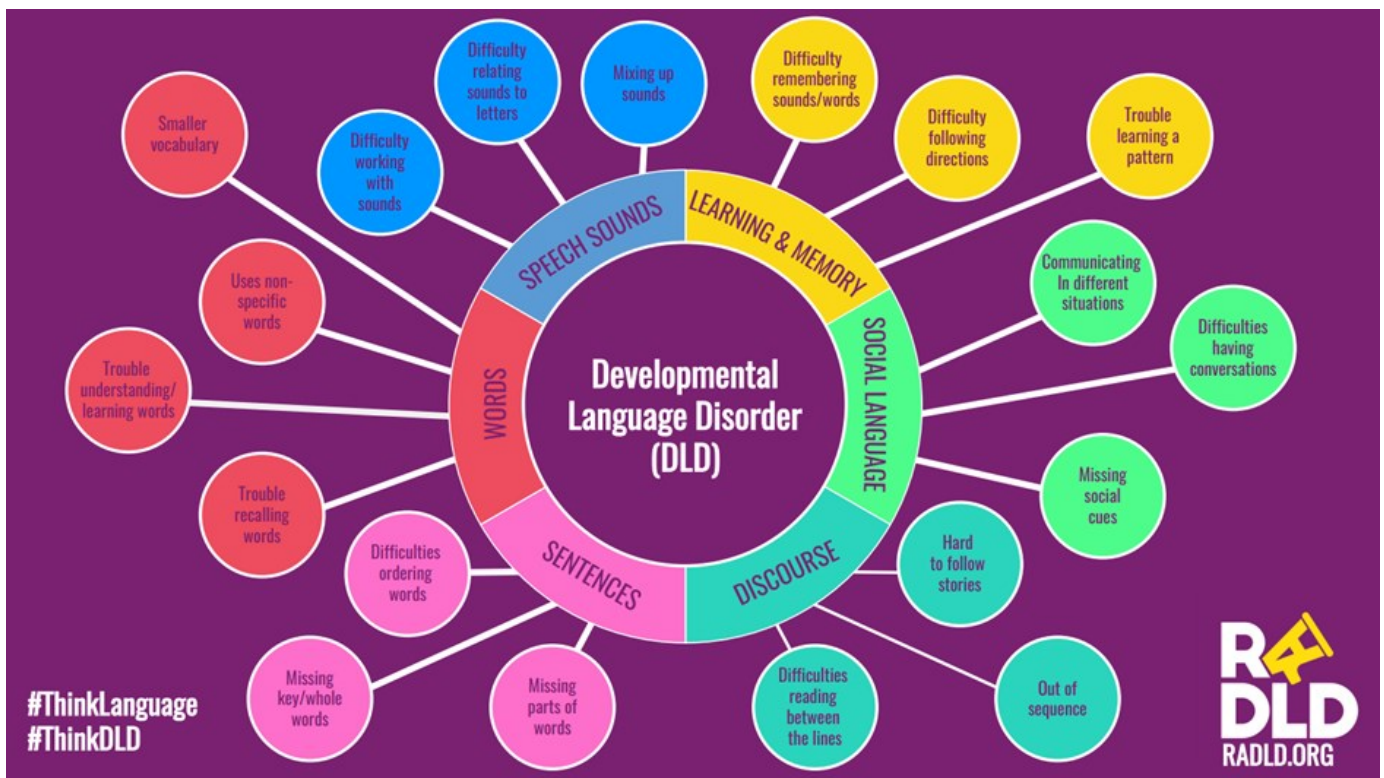
## SEND UPDATE

Developmental Language Disorder Delay Day took place on October 20th. Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) is a hidden but common disability that affects 1 in 14 people causing difficulties in understanding and using language for no known reason. DLD affects around 2 children in every classroom.

This short video shares some further information on what DLD is and how it can affect people.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ-s02HWLb0>

Further information can be found on the [DLD factsheet](#) and via [www.radld.org](http://www.radld.org).



## SAFEGUARDING

Wyke Primary is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is:

- Tammie Wisnia

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding leads (DDSL) are:

- Suzie Andrews
- Deb Cooper
- Di Newman

[Find our more](#)



## *Christmas 2023* *at Wyke Primary Academy*

### **November**

- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>      Mufti Day – Bring Toys for Fair  
Cauliflower Cards ordering deadline (FOW)
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup>      Mufti Day – Sweet or Toy Jars for Fair

### **December**

- Mon 4<sup>th</sup>      Mufti Day – Bring a Bottle for Fair  
Phyllis Tuckwell Santa Run – Wear your own Christmas headgear!
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup>      FOW Christmas Fair 5pm
- Weds 6<sup>th</sup>      Pantomime for all children  
Christmas Lunch
- Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>      Reception Class Nativity at St Marks Church at 10am
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup>      All afterschool clubs finish
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup>      Dress Rehearsals (children only)
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup>      KS2 Performance at 10am (book through Scopay)  
KS1 Performances 1.45pm (book through Scopay)
- Weds 12<sup>th</sup>      KS1 Performance at 10am (book through Scopay)  
KS2 Performances 1.45pm (book through Scopay)
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup>      End of Term 1.30pm

*Season's Greetings*

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# Christmas Mufti Days

Friday 3rd November - Toys

{ New and unopened toys only please }

Friday 17th November - Jolly Jars

{ Fill a jar and decorate! More info below }

Monday 4th December - Bottles

{ In date bottles of alcohol or soft drinks only }

### What's a Jolly Jar?

A Jolly Jar is a glass jar filled with sweets or small toys and then decorated to look festive! Ideas for fillings could be: wrapped sweets, toys, stationery, accessories, etc. Any size jar permitted.



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# Christmas Fair

Tuesday 5th December 5pm - 6:30pm

Santa's Grotto

Christmas Crafts

Raffle and Tombola

Festive Games

BBQ, Mulled Wine and Cakes

50p tokens for use on all stalls available in advance and on the night. Cash and card will only be accepted on the day for extra tokens, bar, BBQ and cake stall. Santa's Grotto pre-booked slots, raffle tickets, paper chains and pre-paid tokens available via the FOW website.  
<https://friends-of-wyke.square.site/>



After School Clubs with Boogie Pumps

## Wyke Primary School

Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15

Autumn Term - £26

### WHAT WE DO

Boogie Pumps offers upbeat, energetic and exciting after school clubs where your child can learn street dance in a safe environment, grow in confidence and make new friends.

We pride ourselves on celebrating individuality and developing skills whether they are complete beginners or part of our elite group. We encourage your children to be their best, not the best.

Our bright and bubbly, hand selected teachers deliver your child's weekly dose of fun through our dance classes. Each class consists of a warm up, tricks, skills, dance related games and the best bit of all learning a new routine every few weeks.

### HOW TO BOOK

Bookings can only be made through our website, please visit:  
[www.boogiepumps.co.uk/farnham](http://www.boogiepumps.co.uk/farnham)

### WHAT TO BRING

A change of comfortable clothes along with a healthy snack and water bottle. Dancing is thirsty work!

### BP MERCHANDISE

A wide variety of items are available to purchase via our website.



NEED HELP?

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W: [www.boogiepumps.co.uk/farnham](http://www.boogiepumps.co.uk/farnham)

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# Festive Family Fun Day

Guildford Town Centre  
Sunday 19 November  
11am to 4pm



Come and celebrate the launch of Christmas in Guildford. A fun-filled, free day out for the whole family.

Find out more at [experienceguildford.com/christmas](http://experienceguildford.com/christmas)  
Use #GfdXmas23 to share this fun day out with us!

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