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Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy fortnight in school! Our first class trips of the year have taken place this week for Y4 and Y6 and learning has been further enriched with brilliant workshops for Y1 and Y2. More details of these experiences can be found later in the newsletter (Y1's workshop will be in the next newsletter).

At the end of all of these activities, involving external providers, we were given incredibly positive feedback about our children's wonderful behaviour and positive attitudes to the activities they were taking part in. All providers commented on how much they had enjoyed working with our children!

Thank you to parents and carers who have returned their data sheet to the school office. If you haven't returned yours, please do so as soon as possible. If you need a further copy please contact the office.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES AND LUNCH BOOKING

An email confirmation of allocated numbers has been sent to parents. No physical paper tickets will be provided. You will be asked to register when you arrive for the performance.

Due to the capacity of the school hall, no additional tickets are available. Please do not attend with more people than tickets you have been allocated.

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.



Christmas Lunch must be booked in advance on Scopay for ALL pupils by **Sunday 26th November.**



DATES COMING UP

[School Calendar](#)

26 Nov

CHRISTMAS LUNCH BOOKING DEADLINE FOR ALL PUPILS

4 Dec

Mufti Day—Bottles

Christmas Run for Phyllis Tuckwell

6 Dec

Christmas Lunch for pre-booked children

Christmas Jumper Day

7 Dec

YR Nativity at St Marks

ALL CLUBS FINISH ON 8TH DECEMBER

11 Dec

Dress rehearsals (Children only)

12 & 13 Dec

KS1 and KS2 Performances

15 Dec

Deadline for Y6 Residential deposit payment

End of Term 1.30pm

2 Jan

Spring Term starts for all

STAFFING NEWS

Mrs. Newlister, one of our Year 3 teacher's, is expecting a baby! We are so pleased and happy for Nicole and her family. Her maternity leave is planned to begin in late February and we will recruit to cover her absence during this period. Rest assured there will be a thorough handover process in preparation and Mrs Ahmed will of course work closely with her replacement. We will update you on who will be covering her maternity leave in due course.

Miss Cooper, learning support assistant, will be leaving Wyke at the end of the first week in January. Steph is leaving Wyke to pursue a fabulous opportunity of working within a law firm. It's really sad news for us, but very exciting news for Steph! We are currently recruiting. If you know of anyone interested in an LSA role, please let them know of the vacancy.

QUESTIONS REGARDING TRANSITION TO SOUTH FARNHAM EDUCATION TRUST (SFET)

An email address has been set-up for parents/carers to submit questions regarding the transition to the new Academy Trust - wykequestions@wyke.kite.academy

Questions received will be collated by the school office and passed to the Governors who will answer questions.

A new page on the [Academy website](#) has been created where questions and answers will be published.

A link to this page will be given in subsequent fortnightly newsletters. Every attempt will be made to answer all questions within a two weeks, but please bear in mind that some information may not yet be available due to the stage of transition.

Please note, the email address is not for questions about individual children or current school matters. These questions should be directed through the usual channels. We are aware of a number of questions on parents' minds and have included some questions with answers on the [new page](#) today.

PHYLLIS TUCKWELL CHRISTMAS RUN—MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

Please be reminded that the Christmas run is on the afternoon of Monday 4th December. You are invited to come along and watch. Further details will be shared next week.

It would be wonderful if we could collectively raise funds for this very well-while cause. Please hand any completed envelopes containing donations to the school office.



ECO COUNCIL UPDATE

Last Friday, during a gap in the rain, Eco Council took the opportunity to sow wildflower seed bombs and the seeds that we were sent to schools to celebrate the King's Coronation up on the bank near the Reception building.



We are all looking forward to seeing the seeds germinate in the spring and watching the flowers grow and bloom in the summer.

Thank you to the group of parents who gave up a Saturday to remove the turf and prepare the area for sowing. We really appreciate your support and hard-work!

CLUBS UPDATE

A reminder that Autumn Clubs finish on 8th December. There are no afterschool clubs the last week of term.

Choir will continue into the spring term and parents do not need to re-apply. Due to the Young Voices event, Choir will start with an extra practice on Thursday 4th January, then weekly from Wednesday 10th January.

We are currently putting together the clubs list for Spring Term and have some new external clubs starting. Booking for school-led clubs will open the first week of the new term, with clubs starting week commencing Tuesday 16th January (Monday 15th is an INSET day). Booking details will follow in the new year.

YEAR 6 TRIP—HENLEY FORT

Year 6 had an amazing time at Henley Fort for their **WW2 immersive day**. The trip started with an uphill climb to the fort which is the highest point in Guildford. The children wore authentic uniforms and took on the roles of both a Home Guard Volunteer and an Air Raid Warden.

The Air Raid Wardens experienced what it was like during an air raid in an Anderson Shelter. They learnt about gas masks, blackouts and how to fight fire.

The Home Guard hunted for sneaky spies, practiced drills and how to defeat the enemy.



YEAR 4 UFTON COURT TRIP

Year 4 went to Ufton Court this week to enrich their learning about Ancient Greece in history. They had the opportunity to become traders in Ancient Greece, compete in a mini-Olympics with the chance to be crowned victors for their city state and they got to be judge and jury to decide different crimes and punishments in Ancient Greece. They all had a fantastic day!



YEAR 2 VICTORIAN WORKSHOP

Year 2 enjoyed a visit from Mrs O's workshops where they experienced life in a Victorian School.

The girls were sat separate to boys, they wrote on a slate board, learnt about the three R's (reading, writing and arithmetic) and repeated by rote the 'Rules for Pupils'.



They experienced some Victorian era punishments: Two children were told to wear the Dunces Hat as they got a question wrong; one child was given the finger stocks to help him stop fidgeting; and some children even 'received' the cane for bringing a toy into the classroom.

The children loved experiencing what life was like for Victorian children and are now using this experience to write about the Victorian Era in History.

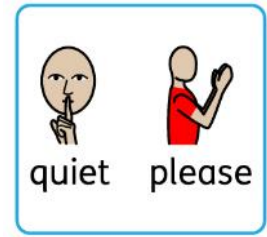


A huge thank you must go to the Friends of Wyke for part funding some of these enrichment experiences for the children. Contributions made, this year, to the cost of coach transport for one trip per class has allowed the overall trip cost to be lower.

Thank you everyone for your donations and participation in FOW events as the money raised really does go to supporting all of our children and providing great opportunities for them all.

SEND UPDATE

As Christmas is rapidly approaching this brings a lot of excitement for many children. However, for some children, this can be a tricky time and can increase anxiety. For example, adaptations to normal routines; familiar environments changing with the addition of decorations; increased levels of excitement and anticipation can all lead to children finding it harder to emotionally regulate.



Freemantles Outreach School have some great resources that can support children during this time. [Click here for details](#)

SURREY LOCAL AUTHORITY UPDATES

This week we have received two important updates from Surrey.

Education, Health and Care needs assessments process

Liz Mills (Surrey Director of Education and Lifelong Learning) has written an open letter to families regarding the current delays in the Education, Health and Care needs assessment process. The full letter is available on the [Surrey Local Offer website](#).

Mindworks Neurodiversity offer

(for children over 6 years who are not already under a neurodevelopment assessment pathway)

If your child is over 6 years old and you have discussed a possible neurodevelopment assessment with Mrs Andrews this term, you will be aware that the Mindworks referral process for this is currently closed to new applications. We have been advised that there is going to be a new form and screening pack for schools to complete for all new referrals to Mindworks. This is due to be shared with schools in November 2023 (we have not yet received this).

We are still expecting Mindworks referrals to reopen in December 2023 but a date for this has not been confirmed. As soon as we have the details of the new form and screening pack, Mrs Andrews will contact the relevant families to agree on the next steps for their children.

Further information is available on the [Mindworks website](#)

As a school, we appreciate how frustrating and challenging these delays are for our families. We work closely with all external services available to us. We will continue to keep you updated with general updates and specific ones for your children.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Last week our attendance was 95.98% and we had 29 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.

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.

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 (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

MEASLES RESURGENCE

Is your child up to date with both does of their measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine?

The South East is currently seeing a steady rise in the number of cases of Measles. More information is available at [MEASLES - Don't let your child catch it](#)

Measles symptoms include: high fever; sore, red, watery eyes; coughing; aching and feeling generally unwell; a blotchy red brown rash, which usually appears after the initial symptoms. More details are on the [NHS website](#).

If you have symptoms of measles, stay at home and phone your GP or NHS 111 for advice.



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL ENCOURAGES RESIDENTS TO OFFER SUPPORTED LODGINGS/FOSTER

Nationally, there are currently over 70,000 children living with carer families in the UK. However, there is still a significant shortage of Supported Lodgings and foster carers, with around 9,265 new carer families needed in the next year alone. In Surrey, there are over 1,000 children in care and Surrey County Council have just under 400 carer families.

If you have ever thought about fostering, or offering Supported Lodgings, now is the time to take that first step and find out more. The more people who consider caring, the greater the chance of finding loving, stable homes for children in Surrey who desperately need them.

You can contact Surrey County Council Fostering Service on 0300 123 1620 via email at supportedlodgings@surreycc.gov.uk or by visiting the website; www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering
You can watch 'Any of Us' via [Any of Us - YouTube](#) and connect with the Fostering Service on social media via @surreyfostering"

Friends of Wyke
Christmas Raffle
To be drawn at the Christmas fair on
Tuesday 5th December

STAR PRIZES TO BE WON:

- ★ £75 cash prize courtesy of Bridges
- ★ 2 x £25 cash prize courtesy of Bridges
- ★ Silent Pool Gin Distillery Tour for 2 people
- ★ 2 x guest passes for David Lloyd (Farnham) Spa Retreat
- ★ 2 x 14 day memberships to David Lloyd (Farnham) with a friend / family member
- ★ £50 Gift Voucher for The Cricketers on the Green Pirbright
- ★ Demeric School of Dance Christmas Dance Workshop worth £35 @ Farnham Maltings
- ★ 2 hour mixologist to your home for up to 6 people including all drink and glassware

OTHER FAB PRIZES INCLUDE:

- ★ 2 x tickets to Bocketts Farm
- ★ £50 gift voucher value to Chobham Adventure Park
- ★ 2 x Child Goes Free admission tickets to Fishers Farm valued at £35.50
- ★ 2 x £15 Gym Jams admission vouchers
- ★ Champo Luxury Hair Products Hamper to the value of £120
- ★ Gardening Hamper courtesy of Secrett Garden Landscapes
- ★ £20 Normandy Cafe voucher including
- ★ 3 x stackable Emma Bridgewater Cake Tins
- ★ £25 Riverford Veg voucher w/ wine
- ★ Karaoke Machine
- ★ TLC Christmas Stocking
- ★ Toy Hampers and more!.....

Wyke Primary Academy
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/>

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SCHOOL FAIR - 5TH DECEMBER

With the school fair fast approaching, there are some deadlines coming up to make you aware of.

- The last day to buy **raffle tickets** and **paper chains** is this Friday, 24 November. (However, these will be available to buy at the fair)
- The last day to buy **tokens** (needed for stalls) is Wednesday, 29 November.
- The last day to buy **grotto tickets** is Friday, 1 December.

Please buy from <https://friends-of-wyke.square.site>

DONATIONS NEEDED!

We are looking for donations of cake and mince pies for the cake stall. If you could buy or bake something, please bring in on the day of the fair itself (Tuesday 5th December) and hand in to the office.

VOLUNTEERS ALSO NEEDED!

Could you help us out at the Christmas Fair? We are looking for volunteers to:

- help set up the grotto from 1pm on Tuesday 5th December
- help doing a shift on the bar
- help with packing away after the event

Many thanks

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